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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
MAY 26 1968

FBI MEMPHIS Section 57
540 PM PDCENT 5-26-68 DNP

TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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MYRKLE.

SUMMARY.

RE SUSPECTS [redacted] AND [redacted]

IN RESPONSE TO BUREAU TEL MAY TWENTYFOUR LAST, THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS CALLED TO PAGES TWO, THREE, AND FOUR OF HOUSTON REPORT DATED MAY SEVENTEEN LAST; TO MEMPHIS TELETYPE MAY SEVENTEEN LAST, TO HOUSTON, KANSAS CITY AND SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION TO ELIMINATE THESE SUSPECTS; AND TO MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU MAY TWENTY LAST REQUESTING HANDWRITING COMPARISON IN CONNECTION WITH [redacted] AND [redacted]

RE [redacted] (LNU), LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT.

RECORDS OF SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, CONTAIN NOTHING TO INDICATE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE TO PALLEGLADE, FLORIDA, ON PERTINENT DATES. 4061

RE SUSPECT EVERETT SHANNON RAY. 12 JUN 4 1968

SUSPECT LOCATED MEMPHIS, EMPLOYED [redacted]

END PAGE ONE

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[redacted], MEMPHIS. SUSPECT INTERVIEWED AND ELIMINATED ON BASIS OF APPEARANCE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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606PM URGENT 5-26-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES.

RE INTERVIEWED. CONTINUED TO DENY ANY CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR ANY INFO AS TO WHEREABOUTS. NO REASON TO BELIEVE OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY AWARE OF WHEREABOUTS. FEELS SUBJECT PROBABLY DEAD OR WE WOULD HAVE FOUND HIM. VOLUNTEERED THAT BECAUSE OF PRESS INQUIRIES AT ALL HOURS AND RECEIPT OF ONE CRANK CALL, HE HAD TELEPHONE CHANGED TO UN-LISTED NUMBER.

RE CAROL PEPPER AND JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS REVEAL NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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711PM URGENT 5-27-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN. SUMMARY.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, IT IS REQUESTED BUREAU FURNISH INFORMATION RECEIVED TODAY FROM [redacted] TO LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, IN ORDER THAT IT CAN BE IMMEDIATELY DETERMINED WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT RAY MIGHT BE WORKING AT THE SADZIL HA HOTEL ON THE ISLA MUJERES.

REC 102

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU REQUEST LEGAT, OTTAWA, TO OBTAIN ORIGINAL RENTAL AGREEMENT LEASE SIGNED BY ERIC S. GALT ON JULY EIGHTEEN LAST, AND ANY OTHER HANDWRITING PREPARED IN CANADA NOT PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED, AND FORWARD SAME TO FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE HANDWRITING EXAMINATION.

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12 JUN 4 1968

IT IS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT BUREAU REQUEST LEGAT, MEXICO CITY, TO OBTAIN THE ORIGINAL REGISTRATION CARD FOR ERIC STARVO GALT AT THE TROPICANA HOTEL, PUERTO BALLARTA JALISCO, MEXICO, AND FORWARD SAME TO FBI LABORATORY FOR HANDWRITING EXAMINATION.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

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CC: [illegible]

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Date: 5/27/68

Transmit the following in AIR TEL
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Via AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, HONG KONG (44-1)(P)

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

ReBuairtel 5/7/68.

Information received from Bureau in this case has been promptly furnished to Hong Kong contacts. To date no results have been received by this office.

Legat will continue to follow with Hong Kong Police.

SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

5 - Bureau
(1-Foreign Liaison)
(2-Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Hong Kong
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Approved: 70 JUN 10 1968 Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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The attached communication is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the request made therein be complied with, if possible.

If you will advise me of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

.....
M.C.

.....District.

44-38861-4065

TRUE COPY

Bessie Okla 5/21/68

Rep. James Smith.

Dear Friend

I sent you a letter to-day & tried to Answer your questions, but I forgot this note, I am about to wright, Please check this & you may get a lot of feathers in your cap - you know what I mean -

This is about Martin Luther King, After he was shot, the Negro that was with him, Said (in a loud voice) Dr. King, then he was shot, the Negro that was with King, said his face lit up & he fell dead - Now you know, that if his face lit up, the Gun had to be at close range. So if the negro that was with King did not kill King, then M L King killed himself, Please have them run that reel again & you will see I am right .This is not the first case I have figured out.

Yours Very Respectfully

[redacted]

P S. Please let me hear from You

Beverly Hills 5/12/68

Ref- James Smith.

Dear Friend

I sent you a letter to-day + tried to answer a few questions but I forget this note, I am about to retire, Please check this + you may get a lot of feathers in your cap - if I know what I mean -

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Yours Very Respectfully

[redacted]

P.S. Please let me hear from you

June 3, 1968

REC-91 1 - 4065

Honorable James V. Smith
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

Your communication of May 27th, enclosing a copy of a letter from [redacted] has been received.

You may wish to advise your constituent that at the specific request of the Attorney General, the FBI has instituted an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the slaying of Martin Luther King. I can assure you this inquiry is being conducted in a most thorough and expeditious manner.

I am returning your enclosure as you requested.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 7
JUN 3 1968
COMM-FBI

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
NOTE: Congressman Smith is serving his first term in Congress. When contacted on 2-27-67, he expressed admiration for the Director and offered to be of any possible assistance. Our contacts with him have been cordial and have dealt with constituent matters. Bufiles indicate prior correspondence with a [redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in March 1937 wherein [redacted] furnished his views regarding the Mattson kidnaping case. In March 1959 [redacted] of Battlecreek, Michigan, possibly identical with [redacted] mentioned above, again

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Honorable James V. Smith

NOTE: corresponded with the Bureau regarding a matter not identifiable in Bufiles. Oklahoma City Office determined that [redacted] is known [redacted] as an unreliable individual who has a detective complex and writes numerous letters which contain no information of value.

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FBI KAN CITY
635PM URGENT 5-27-68 DJB
TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) & MEMPHIS
FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

TELETYPE

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

[redacted] FORMER MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP) INMATE, INDICTED FOR [redacted] ON [redacted] LAST, AT KANSAS CITY, COULD FURNISH NO PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT.

A. C. JOHNSON, PAINT CONTRACTOR, MANHATTAN, KS., ASSIGNED TELEPHONE NO. [redacted] ADVISED CALLER FROM TEXAS UNEMPLOYED PAINTER.

MSP INMATES DO NOT REMEMBER RAY OWNING TRANSISTOR RADIO.

MSP COMMISSARY SOLD CHANNEL MASTER TRANSISTOR RADIOS, MODEL SIX FIVE ZERO TWO, FOR NINE DOLLARS SEVENTYFIVE CENTS DURING SIXTYSEVEN. SUBJECT BOUGHT A RADIO AT THE COMMISSARY ON APR. TWENTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN, COSTING NINE DOLLARS SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS. THIS IS REFLECTED ON RAY'S FINANCIAL RECORDS.

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RAY ESCAPED APR. TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN. WHEN RADIOS BOUGHT, THE INMATE'S NUMBER IS ETCHED ON IT. ETCHING TOOL BEING OBTAINED. COMMISSARY CLOSED THIS DATE. COMPLETE DETAILS FROM RECORDS WILL BE OBTAINED WHEN COMMISSARY REOPENS MAY TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

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May 28, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] previously advised that Edgar Eugene Bradley, called him on 5/17/68 and 5/23/68 telling him of his association with subject James Earl Ray. [redacted] described [redacted] as a mental case who tends to associate himself with criminal cases of National prominence.

Relatives of Bradley advise Bradley presently residing in North Hollywood, California, and they talked to him on 5/23/68 from North Hollywood.

In view of mental condition of [redacted] and fact Bradley involved in extradition matter by New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison, Los Angeles will be instructed not to interview Bradley at this time, but to account for his whereabouts on 5/17/68 and 5/23/68, since [redacted] claimed Bradley called him on these dates respectively from Tulsa, Oklahoma and Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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9-59 PM URGENT 5-27-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 LITTLE ROCK

FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574 (P) (ENCODE)

MURKIN.

RE LITTLE ROCK TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES DATED MAY TWENTY FOUR LAST, LOS ANGELES AIRTEL DATED MAY TWENTY FOUR LAST CAPTIONED "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER.TWENTY TWO SIXTY THREE, DALLAS, TEXAS, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, BUFILE SIX TWO DASH ONE ZERO NINE ZERO SIX ZERO."

RE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [redacted] DENVER, COLORADO---

4067

REC 102

REFERENCED LOS ANGELES AIRTEL RECORDS INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE J. JENSEN, ATTORNEY REPRESENTING EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY ON AN EXTRADITION MATTER INITIATED BY JAMES GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY. JENSEN [redacted]

JUN 4 1968

[redacted] FEELS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND PARTICULARLY FBI SHOULD

BECOME INVOLVED IN FIGHTING THE EXTRADITION OF BRADLEY TO NEW ORLEANS. JENSEN HAS STATED HE INTENDS TO USE EXCERPTS FROM THE DIRECTOR'S TESTIMONY AT PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, FEELING DIRECTOR'S REPUTATION ALONE WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUS BEARING ON WHETHER THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WOULD PERMIT THE EXTRADITION.

DURING INTERVIEW ON MAY TWENTY THREE LAST JENSEN INDICATED BRADLEY WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR FBI INTERVIEW IF DESIRED.

JENSEN WAS ADVISED IF BRADLEY HAD ANYTHING OF INTEREST TO FURNISH THE FBI CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, THE FBI WAS READY TO ACCEPT IT.

IF BRADLEY IS INTERVIEWED REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION, HE WILL ALSO BE INTERVIEWED REGARDING MURKIN.

BECAUSE OF JENSEN'S ATTITUDE REGARDING USE OF FBI AS MEANS OF INFLUENCING THE EXTRADITION DECISION OF HIS CLIENT, BRADLEY [redacted] BEING DESCRIBED BY RELATIVES AS A MENTAL CASE, AND BRADLEY'S UNCLE HAVING SPOKEN TELEPHONICALLY WITH BRADLEY AT HIS NORTH HOLLYWOOD RESIDENCE ON MAY TWENTY THREE

LAST, IT IS NOT DEEMED ADVISABLE TO INTERVIEW BRADLEY AT THIS TIME.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO DENVER, MEMPHIS, BIRMINGHAM.

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RM FBI WASH DC

5/29/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) —4067

MURKIN REC 102

ReLAtel 5/27/68.

Los Angeles should not interview Edgar Eugene Bradley at this time; however, his whereabouts on 5/17/68 and 5/23/68, should be fully accounted for. You should bear in mind that although [redacted] is described as a mental case [redacted] it is entirely possible that subject Ray could have been with Bradley on the above dates.

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1 - Denver (157-203)
1 - Little Rock (157-1215)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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FBI KAN CITY

546PM URGENT 5-28-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 1P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

ONE SEVEN SIX ORIGINAL APPLICATIONS FOR BELSAW LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE, KANSAS CITY, MO., FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY THIS DATE FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISONS.

RECORDS MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY COMMISSARY REVEAL CHANNEL MASTER TRANSISTOR RADIO, MODEL SIX FIVE ZERO TWO, ONLY RADIO EVER SOLD THERE FOR NINE DOLLARS SEVENTYFIVE CENTS. ETCHING SAMPLES OF THE FIVE INDIVIDUALS PUTTING INMATES NUMBERS ON RADIOS BEING OBTAINED FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES WITH NUMBERS ON TRANSISTOR Q-THIRTYTWO FOUND IN MEMPHIS.

LOCAL LEADS CONTINUE TO BE HANDLED IMMEDIATELY.

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CC: Mr. Conrad

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4:41 P.M. 5-28-68 URGENT TH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, DENVER, AND OKLAHOMA CITY 44-686

FROM OMAHA 44-310 2P

MURKIN.

RE TELCALL FROM [redacted] BUREAU SUPERVISOR, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, TO OKLAHOMA CITY, MAY THREE LAST; OKLAHOMA CITY TEL TO BUREAU, MAY FOUR LAST; AND OKLAHOMA CITY AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY TWO FOUR LAST.

FOR INFO OF DENVER OFFICE, INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] INDICATED [redacted] ASSOCIATE OF RAY AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, TOLD HER THAT EX GUARD HAD OBTAINED UNIFORM USED BY RAY IN ESCAPE; AND INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] NAMED EX GUARD [redacted] AS PERSON SUPPLYING AMPHETAMINES TO RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. [redacted] REQUESTED IMMEDIATE DETERMINATION BE MADE WHETHER ABOVE-MENTIONED GUARDS IDENTICAL AND IF NOT EFFORTS TO BE MADE TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN GUARD AND RESULTS FURNISHED BUREAU.

EX-115 REC-38 4071

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[redacted] ADVISED OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE [redacted] DID NOT MENTION NAME OF GUARD AND DID NOT MENTION EX GUARD

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cc Long

SUPPLYING AMPHETAMINES TO RAY OR OTHER INMATES. EFFORTS TO LOCATE [redacted] NEGATIVE AT WAVERLY, IOWA.

ON INSTANT DATE [redacted] BREMER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WAVERLY, IOWA, ADVISED HE WAS IN RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATION FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE SHERIDAN , WYOMING INDICATING THAT [redacted] IN CUSTODY AT SHERIDAN AND BEING HELD UNDER A CHARGE OF [redacted]

DENVER AT SHERIDAN, WYOMING, WILL INTERVIEW [redacted] TO DETERMINE IDENTITY OF ABOVE-MENTIONED GUARDS.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 5/28/68

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Via AIR TEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN

OO - Memphis

Re Bureau Radiogram, 5/22/68.

On 5/23/68 [redacted] Records Section, Indiana Drivers License, advised all records are recorded alphabetically. No separate record is maintained on new licenses. No applications are retained.

She further advised that race is no longer listed on the driver's license.

[redacted] Indiana State Police, advised his records revealed there are over 3,174,000 registered drivers' licenses on file. It would take 10 Agents, 20 days of review in order to check all licenses.

In view of fact license records previously checked for subject RAY and known aliases, it is not believed feasible to review over three million licenses in file, and Bureau is requested to advise if they desire this be done.

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1 - Memphis
2 - Indianapolis

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

EX-115

TO: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) REC 5 4072

MURKIN

REIPAIRTEL FIVE TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INFORMATION DESIRED, YOU SHOULD DETERMINE IF INDIANA PLACES DRIVER'S LICENSE DATA IN COMPUTER SYSTEM AND IF SUCH INFORMATION IS RETRIEVABLE THROUGH PROGRAMING SYSTEM. IT IS POSSIBLE COMPUTER CAN BE PROGRAMED TO IDENTIFY ALL NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT ACCORDING TO DATE OF BIRTH. ADVISE BUREAU IF REVIEW OF RECORDS INVOLVES ANY UNDUE PROBLEM OR WILL INVOLVE EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION OF PERSONNEL.

AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

NOTE:

The Bureau by radiogram dated 5/21/68, to All SACs instructed each field division covering state capitals to cause a check for all driver's license applications by review for the months of April and May, 1968, as subject may have obtained a driver's license in a state using a name not known to this Bureau.

Indianapolis advises that all driver's licenses for Indiana are recorded alphabetically. No separate record obtained on new licenses. Review of records indicates there are over three million registered driver's licenses on file and would take ten Agents twenty days to review all licenses. Indianapolis being requested to obtain further data regarding driver's licenses as it is possible that this information is recorded in a computer system.

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FBI ATLANTA

11 PAGES COMING

940PM URGENT 5-28-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, DALLAS, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT.

RE KNOXVILLE TEL TO INDIANAPOLIS MAY EIGHTEEN LAST AND KNOXVILLE TELS TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY LAST.

RE [redacted] AND TELEPHONE CALL MADE JUNE SIXTYSEVEN FROM TELEPHONE OF [redacted] LOS ANGELES, CALIF., TO [redacted] AND [redacted]

RE KNOXVILLE TEL MAY EIGHTEEN LAST INCLUDES FOLLOWING INFO RE [redacted] AND LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT [redacted] (LNU):

REC 5 4073

EX-115

WILLIAM THOMAS, CITY EDITOR, LOS ANGELES TIMES, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC LOS ANGELES TODAY AND ADVISED PAPER HAD INFORMATION WHICH THEY FELT MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE TO FBI IN THIS MATTER. SAC WESLEY G. GRAPP AND SUPERVISOR [redacted] CONTACTED MR. THOMAS AND REPORTER JERRY COHEN AT LOS ANGELES TIMES OFFICE. THEY ADVISED EARLY IN THE WEEK, MONDAY OR TUESDAY, THE PAPER

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HAD BEEN TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO SAID HE HAD INFORMATION CONCERNING WHAT ACTUALLY HAD TAKEN PLACE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THOMAS ADVISED THERE WERE THREE OR FOUR TELEPHONE CALLS, AND HE MADE NOTES DURING THE CALLS, AND ON THE EVENING OF MAY SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, HE AND JERRY COHEN MET THIS INDIVIDUAL AT A BAR. HE ADVISED THE INDIVIDUAL GAVE THE NAME QUOTE [redacted] UNQUOTE, NO LAST NAME, DESCRIBED AS IN MIDDLE THIRTIES, DECENT LOOKING FELLOW, AND APPARENTLY HAD BEEN IN SEVERAL PENITENTIARIES, AS HE KNEW THE LANGUAGE VERY WELL. THOMAS ADVISED THE PAPER HAD TAKEN NO OVERT STEPS IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY THE STORY BUT DID HAVE REPORTERS IN KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, HUNTSVILLE, MIAMI AND BIRMINGHAM, AND HE HAD INSTRUCTED THE REPORTERS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL FBI OFFICE AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION, AS SET FORTH IN HIS NOTES, AVAILABLE. HE ADVISED FURTHER HE CONTEMPLATED MAKING THIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK. HE ADVISED HIS SOLE PURPOSE WAS TO GET A STORY OUT OF THE MATERIAL, BUT DID NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY FBI INVESTIGATION.

HE ADVISED DURING HIS MEETING WITH QUOTE [redacted] UNQUOTE HE GOT FROM [redacted] A BUS TICKET DATED APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, ON A GREYHOUND BUS FROM KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, TO LOS ANGELES,

END PAGE TWO

CALIFORNIA, WHICH TICKET WAS ISSUED BY SOUTHERN GREYHOUND AT KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT AND HAD THE NUMBERS THREE SPACE ZERO ZERO ZERO EIGHT TWO TWO TWO NINE SPACE FOUR TWO. TRANSPORTATION WAS FROM KNOXVILLE TO MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS TO EL PASO, THEN TO LOS ANGELES. HE ADVISED HE HAD GIVEN QUOTE [redacted] UNQUOTE ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE TICKET AND THIS INFORMATION AND DID NOT EXPECT TO HEAR FROM HIM AGAIN, AS QUOTE [redacted] UNQUOTE SAID HE NEEDED THE MONEY TO LEAVE TOWN.

SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION OF RECEIVING OFFICES ARE THE NOTES AS TYPED UP BY THOMAS CONCERNING HIS INTERVIEW OF [redacted].

PAGE ONE

ONE. THE DAY BEFORE THE SHOOTING, RAY WAS PICKED UP IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, AND WAS TAKEN TO MEMPHIS.

TWO. HE REGISTERED IN ROOMING HOUSE. ANOTHER MAN REGISTERED AS [redacted] PAREN [redacted] WAS SUPPOSED TO BE BACKUP MAN, KILL KING AT RALLY THAT NIGHT IF RAY MISSED HIS CHANCE ON THE BALCONY. PAREN.

THREE. AFTER SHOOTING KING, RAY WALKED TWO OR THREE BLOCKS TO THE GETAWAY CAR, ACCOMPANIED BY A GIRL AND A GUY. THE CAR IS A NEW BLUE BUICK, WITH ALABAMA PLATES. FIRST DIGITS ARE BELIEVED TO BE [redacted] CAR IS OWNED AND WAS DRIVEN BY [redacted] OF HUNTSVILLE, ALA. IT IS EQUIPPED WITH A POLICE

RADIO. PAREN SECOND MAN STAYED OVERNIGHT, TOOK EARLY BUS TO KNOXVILLE. PAREN.

FOUR. RAY, TWO GIRLS AND A CHILD WERE DRIVEN OUT OF MEMPHIS BY [redacted] IN THE BLUE BUICK. WENT TO KANSAS CITY. TRIP TOOK SIX AND ONE HALF HOURS. GIRLS, CHILD, [redacted] ALL FROM HUNTSVILLE.

FIVE. IN KANSAS CITY, RAY STAYED OVERNIGHT AT A HOME. IT IS A SMALL, GRAY, SHINGLED, ONE-BEDROOM HOUSE ABOUT THREE MILES FROM CENTRAL KANSAS CITY. PAREN WE HAVE ROUGH LOCATION. PAREN.

SIX. AT DUSK THE NEXT DAY PAREN APRIL FIVE PAREN RAY WAS FLOWN TO BELLE GLADE, FLORIDA, IN A PRIVATE PLANE. TOOK OFF FROM PRIVATE FIELD, ALSO USED AS TRAINING FIELD FOR MILITARY. RAY ARRIVED EARLY APRIX SIX.

SEVEN. PLANE IN WHICH RAY WAS FLOWN IN OWNED BY A [redacted]: NOT KNOWN WHETHER [redacted] FLEW THE PLANE. [redacted] SAID

END PAGE FOUR

TO BE KKK MEMBER.

EIGHT. THEORY: RAY STAYED IN MOTEL OR IN COTTAGE. MAY BE STILL THERE OR IN CUBA.

NINE. ON APRIL ELEVEN, RAY GOT ON YACHT PAREN PROBABLY CHARTER BOAT PAREN IN KEY WEST. BOAT OWNED BY [redacted]

[redacted]

ONE. [redacted] OFTEN FLIES OWN PRIVATE PLANE TO NEW ORLEANS. SAID TO KNOW DA JIM GARRISON. ALSO MIGHT CHECK POSSIBLE FLIGHTS IN DIRECTION OF CUBA.

TWO. [redacted] AND [redacted] SAID TO BE RELATED.

THREE. LEAD TO [redacted] MIGHT BE [redacted] IN HUNTSVILLE,

[redacted]

FOUR. RIFLE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN LEFT IN FURNACE OF MEMPHIS ROOMING HOUSE, AND IS BELIEVED STILL THERE. MUST REFER TO BACKUP MAN'S WEAPON.

FIVE. RAY NOW WEARING BIFOCALS.

SIX. WHITE MUSTANG BELONGING TO RAY WAS NOT IN MEMPHIS ON DAY OF KING SLAYING, AND HE DID NOT ESCAPE IN IT. PRESUMABLY IT NEVER LEFT GEORGIA IN APRIL.

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SEVEN. ON THE DAY OF THE KILLING PAREN APRIL FOUR PAREN RAY MADE PHONE CALLS FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE. CALLS BELIEVED TO BE MADE FROM A BUS STATION.

EIGHT. IN THE WEEKS BEFORE THE KILLING, RAY STAYED SOMEWHERE IN BELLE GLADE.

NINE. STORY OF PAYOFFS VERY COMPLICATED. [redacted] SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN PAID OFF IN RENO. NIGHT BEFORE KILLING, SOMEBODY HIT A KENO TICKET FOR TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CAL-NEVA LODGE OF [redacted], RENO, [redacted] THEN THERE IS [redacted] PAREN OR [redacted] PAREN [redacted] OF ST. LOUIS, WHO USED TO WORK BAR ON SECOND STREET, RENO. CAME INTO MONEY. ANOTHER QUOTE CONTACT UNQUOTE.

PAGE THREE - LOS ANGELES

ONE. RAY SOMEBODY STAYED IN CLARK HOTEL, ROOM [redacted] ON APRIL SEVENTEEN DASH EIGHTEEN.

TWO. [redacted] WHO WORKS FOR [redacted] IN LOS ANGELES. HAS SENT MONEY TO LOUISIANA. BOUGHT TWO PISTOLS UNDER HIS NAME. THEY REALLY WENT TO [redacted] OF CHATTANOOGA,

TENN., WHO WAS IN PRISON WITH RAY. [redacted] SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.

THREE. HAROLD'S CAFE PAREN FIVE FIVE FIVE SOUTH MAIN PAREN. RAY BARTENDER THERE FOR WEEK OR SO. QUEER BAR. GUY NAMED CONNIE KNOWS HIM THERE.

[redacted] ONCE WORKED [redacted] RAY SUPPOSEDLY MARRIED TO HER ONCE. SHE FROM MISSOURI, NOW LIVES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. HAS MONEY, MOTHER MARRIED, LIVES IN COMPTON, DRIVES A PURPLE PONTIAC CONVERTIBLE. NOW LIVES AT [redacted] LOS ANGELES, WITH MAN WHO OWNS A BAR. SHE IS BLOND, ABOUT THIRTYEIGHT.

PAGE FOUR - MORE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA:

ONE. TELEPHONE CREDIT CARD SUPPOSEDLY USED BY RAY WAS ISSUED TO [redacted] DETROIT. EITHER IN NAME OF [redacted] PAREN NO FIRST NAME PAREN OR A [redacted] REPORTER LIVES IN HARPER WOODS, MICH. CALLS ON CARD REPORTED MADE FROM MEMPHIS TO BELLE GLADE, FLA., AMONG OTHERS.

TWO. [redacted] SECOND MAN IN ROOMING HOUSE, DISCHARGED NINETEEN SIXTY THREE FROM MILAN, MICH. ALSO SERVED TIME IN CHILLICOTHE AND TERRE HAUTE. PAREN WARDEN AT MILAN SAYS NO

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RECORD OF [redacted] PAREN.

THREE. [redacted] TOOK BUS TO LOS ANGELES FROM KNOXVILLE ON APRIL SEVEN. CAME THROUGH MEMPHIS AND EL PASO.

THOMAS ADVISED THAT IN RELATION TO ITEM FIVE, PAGE ONE, OF HIS NOTES, THIS HOUSE IS LOCATED OFF A MAIN STREET STARTING FROM DOWNTOWN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, DIRECTION UNKNOWN, AND FROM THE MAIN STREET A SMALLER STREET GOES TO THE LEFT, WHICH STREET HAS A WESTERN UNION BUILDING LOCATED ON IT AND GOES OFF FROM THE MAIN STREET IN THE FORM OF A STEEP HILL. TWO TO THREE MILES UP THE HILL ON THE LEFT ARE LOCATED NICE LOOKING APARTMENTS, BROWNISH IN COLOR, WHERE STUDENTS FROM [redacted] SCHOOL LIVE, AND JUST PRIOR TO THIS ON THE RIGHT IS THE LOCATION OF A MOVING COMPANY, NO NAME KNOWN, AND A GROCERY STORE IS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE MOVING COMPANY ON THE SAME SIDE. ABOUT TWO BLOCKS BEYOND THE GROCERY STORE THERE IS A NARROW STREET WITH RAMSHACKLE HOUSES ON ONE SIDE AND VACANT LOTS ON THE OTHER. TURNING RIGHT ON THIS STREET, [redacted] WOULD BE THE CORRECT HOUSE INVOLVED, [redacted] UNQUOTE. [redacted]

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[redacted]

THOMAS ADVISED FROM THE STORY RECEIVED, IT IS A POSSIBILITY QUOTE [redacted] UNQUOTE IS THE SAME AS THE [redacted] MENTIONED IN HIS NOTES.

ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT INSTANT, [redacted] GA., ADVISED HIS SON, [redacted], WAS IN [redacted] GA., FOR WINTER MONTHS AND RETURNED TO DALLAS, TEX., ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO, AS HE IS EMPLOYED AS [redacted] WITH UNKNOWN [redacted]. ADVISES SON DOES NOT CORRESPOND AT ALL AND CANNOT FURNISH ANY MORE DEFINITE INFO RE HIS WHEREABOUTS IN DALLAS. ADVISED HAS DIVORCED DAUGHTER, [redacted] WHO RESIDES WICHITA FALLS, TEX., AND EMPLOYED IN [redacted] AT WICHITA FALLS. ALSO HAS DAUGHTER [redacted] HUSBAND [redacted] WHO IS WITH AIR FORCE ASSIGNED WICHITA FALLS BASE. ADVISES [redacted] VISITS WITH BOTH DAUGHTERS FREQUENTLY AND THEY COULD PROBABLY FURNISH INFO RE HIS EXACT WHEREABOUTS IN DALLAS.

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[redacted] GA., ALSO [redacted] DAUGHTER, RECALLS RESIDING ACROSS FROM MOTHER-IN-LAW, [redacted] CHATTANOOGA, TENN., AND UTILIZING THEIR PHONE, BUT CANNOT RECALL ANY SPECIFIC CALLS FROM BROTHER [redacted] DURING JUNE SIXTYSEVEN. SHE COULD FURNISH NO INFO RE [redacted] WHEREABOUTS.

[redacted] ADVISED KNOWS NO ONE NAMED [redacted] AND DOES NOT RECALL RECEIVING LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL FROM LOS ANGELES FROM A [redacted] IN JUNE SIXTYSEVEN.

FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF DALLAS, THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION OF [redacted] WAS FURNISHED BY INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION FROM RECORDS USP TERRA HAUTE, INDIANA:

W/M/A, DOB [redacted] AT [redacted] FIVE FT. SEVEN IN., ONE FORTYSIX LBS., BROWN HAIR AND EYES, TWO IN. SCAR ABOVE LEFT EYE, SENTENCED [redacted] LATER ARRESTED AS [redacted] CONVICTED [redacted] RECEIVED [redacted] FOR [redacted]

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[redacted]RELEASED [redacted] NO SUPERVISION.
[redacted]HAS EXCESSIVE DRINKING HABITS, IS SOPHISTICATED, AND
HOSTILE TOWARDS QUESTIONING. PRIOR RECORD INCLUDES [redacted]
AND [redacted]

DALLAS, AT WICHITA FALLS. LOCATE [redacted]
THROUGH SISTERS [redacted] AND [redacted] AND INTERVIEW TO
DETERMINE IS HE IS IDENTICAL WITH [redacted](LNU).

LOS ANGELES ADVISE INTERESTED OFFICES WHETHER EDITOR
THOMAS, LOS ANGELES TIMES, IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF [redacted] AS
[redacted](LNU).

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Date: 5/28/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Bureau, 5/22/68.

Search of current directories, city and telephone, on 5/24/68 disclosed [redacted] and [redacted] reside [redacted] Whitehall (Columbus), Ohio. Employment is recorded as [redacted], Columbus, Ohio.

[redacted] disclose residence of [redacted] to be [redacted] He is listed as employed as [redacted] since 5/65.

Neighborhood inquiry and investigation at [redacted] 5/24/68 disclosed [redacted] no longer employed there and he was not at his residence all day. Whereabouts was not ascertained on 5/24/68.

[redacted] was located and interviewed 5/27/68. He is employed [redacted] Columbus, Ohio. He claims not to know current whereabouts of his nephew, [redacted] and has not seen him for more than one year. About four months ago [redacted] said he had heard [redacted] was living at Del Ray Beach, Florida, then about three weeks ago he was allegedly living near his mother, [redacted] or [redacted] at Boca Raton, Florida. He said the family is not close knit [redacted]

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6:01PM URGENT 5-28-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS (44-1987), SEATTLE, PORTLAND, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65), SACRAMENTO, BUTTE, SALT LAKE CITY, LAS VEGAS, PHOENIX, ALBUQUERQUE, EL PASO (157-186), AND SAN DIEGO (44-387)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

CANCEL NCIC Done 5/29/68

RE [redacted]

RE SAN DIEGO TEL MAY SIXTEEN LAST.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT COVINA, CALIFORNIA, PD ADVISED RECOVERY OF SIXTY SEVEN PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO, WHICH CAR REPORTED STOLEN CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA. CAR RECOVERED TODAY NINE HUNDRED BLOCK WEST SAN BERNARDINO ROAD, COVINA, CALIFORNIA, IN PARKING LOT OF MARKET BASKET SUPERMARKET APPARENTLY ABANDONED FOR LAST SEVERAL DAYS. COVINA PD ADVISED ALLEN KRAUSE, [redacted] AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, HAD MADE REPORT ABOVE CAR INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT WITH HIM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST AND DRIVER HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [redacted] AND HAD GIVEN CHECK TO REIMBURSE FOR DAMAGES, WHICH CHECK WAS FOUND TO HAVE BEEN STOLEN AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

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ALLEN KRAUSE INTERVIEWED BY SPECIAL AGENT TODAY AND SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY. ADVISED DRIVER OF CAR WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH PHOTOS OF SUBJECT.

OFFICES PLACING STOPS PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF SAN DIEGO TEL SHOULD CANCEL.

IT IS NOTED SAN DIEGO TEL ALSO REQUESTED BUREAU ENTER CAR IN NCIC. SAN DIEGO SHOULD CANCEL NCIC IF ENTERED.

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URGENT 5-28-68

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO 255

MURKIN.

REMYCAB MAY TWO THREE LAST AND BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL MAY TWO SEVEN INSTANT.

RE ANONYMOUS LETTERS FROM HAMILTON, ONTARIO:

[redacted] HAS COMPLETED DETAILED SEARCH OF ENTIRE AREA SURROUNDING SPOT MARKED BY "X" ON MAP. SEARCH CONDUCTED ON FOOT AND MAP REPRESENTS FAIRLY ACCURATE REPRODUCTION OF ROADS AND LANDMARKS IN VICINITY [redacted] THIS AREA CONSISTS OF PAVED PARKING LOTS, SEVERAL BUILDINGS INCLUDING APARTMENTS AND OPEN SPACES WHICH ARE NOTHING MORE THAN HARD SURFACE OF LAVA AND ROCK FORMATION.

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PRECISE SPOT WHERE "X" APPEARS ON MAP IS COVERED WITH LAVA CRUST SOME TWENTY TO THIRTY FEET THICK WHICH COULD NOT BE PENETRATED TO BURY ANYTHING WITHOUT DYNAMITE, PICK AXES OR PNEUMATIC HAMMERS. NO SIGN OF THIS ACTIVITY. IN A SMALL LOT VERY NEAR TO THIS SPOT, HOWEVER, THERE WAS A MOUND OF TRASH AND DEBRIS OF SUFFICIENT PROPORTIONS TO SECRETE A HUMAN TORSO. [redacted] AND AGENT OF THIS OFFICE SYSTEMATICALLY REMOVED ALL THIS DEBRIS TO ESTABLISH THAT NO HUMAN REMAINS THEREIN AND NO DISTURBANCE OF THICK LAVA SURFACE UNDERNEATH.

NEW SUSPECT IN STATE OF OAXACA:

SUNDAY EDITIONS OF SOME LOCAL NEWSPAPERS STATED MAN RESEMBLING SUBJECT HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN STATE OF OAXACA. ON MAY TWO SIX LAST, STATE JUDICIAL POLICE CHIEF OF OAXACA, CARLOS SANTIBANEZ, WAS CONTACTED AND OFFERED FULL COOPERATION, BUT HAD NO DETAILS AT THAT TIME. HE SENT AGENTS TO VILLAGE OF TLAXIACO, ABOUT ONE HUNDRED MILES TO THE WEST, TO DETERMINE FULL FACTS.

SANTIBANEZ REPORTED BACK THE SAME DATE THAT INDIVIDUAL IN CUSTODY GAVE NAME AS ARTURO LLLORENTE GONZALEZ, AKA., ARTURO PARRA, DESCRIBED AS TWO SIX YEAR OLD AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO CLAIMS TO BE OF ITALIAN DESCENT AND IS BEING HELD FOR LACK OF PROPER IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS. THE POLICE AGENTS STATE THAT HE IN NO WAY RESEMBLES SUBJECT. DESPITE THIS, HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING FORWARDED TO MEXICAN IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS AND, THROUGH LIAISON, WILL BE OBTAINED FOR REVIEW AT BUREAU.

ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT EMPLOYED AT BAR IN MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:

MONTERREY RESIDENT AGENCY REPORTS THAT [redacted] HAS ALREADY CHECKED THE ONLY BAR CLOSELY FITTING DESCRIPTION IN THIS ALLEGATION. IT IS BAR KNOWN AS "EL RANCHO," LOCATED ABOUT THREE ZERO YARDS FROM CHEVROLET DEALERSHIP CALLED AUTOMOTORES, S.A., WHICH IS ON CORNER OF PINO SUAREZ AND ESPINOZA IN MONTERREY.

[redacted] DID COMPLETE CANVASS OF MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEES ON AFTERNOON OF MAY TWO SEVEN INSTANT AND DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE NO NORTH AMERICANS EMPLOYED THERE IN ANY CAPACITY, AND NO EMPLOYEE RESEMBLING DESCRIPTION OR PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT. [redacted] CONTINUING INVESTIGATION IN NEARBY RESTAURANTS WHERE BAR SERVICE AVAILABLE BUT MOST OF THESE ONLY OPEN DURING EVENING HOURS AND RESULTS OF HIS OTHER INVESTIGATION WILL BE FURNISHED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT WORKING ON ISLA DE MUJERES, QUINTANA ROO:

AGENT OF THIS OFFICE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AT THIS ISOLATED RESORT AREA, LOCATED IN GULF OF MEXICO OFF YUCATAN PENINSULA, ON MAY TWO EIGHT NEXT. FIRST STOP WILL BE MERIDA, YUCATAN [redacted] NECESSARY SUPPORT FROM OFFICIAL AGENCIES WILL BE ARRANGED.

EXPEDITE HANDLING ON CONTINUING BASIS BEING AFFORDED ALL OUTSTANDING LEADS.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, dated 5/20/68.

On 5/27/68, a review of the Criss-Cross Index for telephone listings in the St. Albans, W. Va., area disclosed telephone # [redacted] is listed to HOWARD PAGE, [redacted] St. Albans, W. Va. On 5/27/68, results of attempts to contact Mr. PAGE were negative.

On 5/27/68, Mrs. HOWARD PAGE, [redacted] advised as follows:

Her son, Sergeant HERMAN GEORGE PAGE, is assigned to the Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, as a member of the U. S. Air Force. Sergeant PAGE arrived home for a visit around 12/1/67, and she is certain he did not telephonically contact her residence on 12/17/67, but it is possible a friend of his from Lackland Air Force Base might have called him. Mrs. PAGE stated she does not know anyone who would call her residence from Texas, except her son or possibly one of his friends.

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SAN ANTONIO

AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Will contact Sergeant HERMAN GEORGE PAGE, [redacted] Lackland Air Force Base, and interview as instructed in reairtel to determine identity of the person who called the residence of his father, HOWARD PAGE, telephone [redacted] St. Albans, W. Va., on 12/17/67, from a public telephone booth in San Antonio Division, public telephone #432-9595.

Armed and Dangerous

Cleveland Ohio
May 22, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir.

It is approximately one month that I sent you a letter. In this letter I enclosed pictures of James Earl Ray, a diagram of where I saw him + all the information I had about this killer. Still there is no trace of him, no information on no suspects. I can't understand how this man could disappear in thin air as the agency goes. But I'm positive of what I saw and who I saw. I definitely saw James Earl Ray on the day I said I saw him. Also I'm not satisfied with the way my information was investigated. Why? When I called the F.B.I here in Cleveland and told them what I saw and also requested that the F.B.I come out to see me they didn't come out to see me until you called

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I think its the [illegible]
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I did it was exactly 8:30 P.M. I put the phone
down we always look at the clock.
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said "Hello [redacted] how are you?" I said
alright, who is this? The voice said.
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in a second or two heard the click. Now
Where this male got my phone number
is a mystery. I am not listed in the
phone directory and the phone at my home
here is not listed on my name. I dont
buy on credit, I have no Car, I have no
job. So where did this man get my phone
... to and my first name only. I have

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all of my male acquaintences (about 5) here in Cleveland call know my last name and I would recognize their voices. And of the 5 men I would consider only 2 friends. The other three I haven't talked to or heard from in over three years. I've told my story to other people & they believe me. I am thinking seriously of going to the news media with my story because I'm not satisfied the way my information was investigated. Again I say I positively saw James Earl Ray on the day I said I saw him. The FBI since has come out with 2 more pictures of James Earl Ray and I have yet to see them or dont they show the pictures to people who have given information about a suspect? I'm not scared, the phone call by this mysterious person did not scare me I can take care of myself. I have in the past (illegible) 2 prowlers all by myself so you see I'm not scared I trust in God always.

Hope to hear from you

[redacted]

Cleveland Ohio 1/11/74

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It is approximately one month that I sent you a letter. In this letter I enclosed pictures of James Earl Ray, a diagram of where I saw him & all the infornation I had about this killer. Still there is no trace of him, no information on no suspects. I can't understand how this man could disappear in thin air as the saying goes. But I'm positive of wh at I saw and who I saw. I definitely saw James Earl Ray on the day I said I saw him. Also I'm not satisfied with the way my information was investigated. Why? When I called the FBI here in Cleveland and told them what I saw and also requested that the FBI come out to see me they didn't come out to see me until you called them and told them to come to see me. When they (the 2 agents from the FBI came to see me) one told me that on Tuesday when I called and told them of what I saw he told me that on that same day there was two cars posted at the shopping center, then why didn't they come to see me that same day as I live only a "stones throw from the shopping center." Why? I'm of the impression that the FBI investigates all material no matter how small. Yet I requested them to come to my home and they didn't. Also what I'm about to write worries me the most. The FBI from Cleveland was here at my home on Friday April 26th in the evening. Then the next evening Saturday April 27th at 8:30 P.M. I received this mysterious phone call. The conversation went as follows. My friend answered the phone & said to me '[redacted]its for you." I said "Who is it." She put her hand on the mouth piece of the phone and said"I think its the F. B. I. I looked at the clock it was exactly 8:30 P. M. Its a habit in our home when the phone rings we always look at the clock. I went to the phone and said "Hello." A nice male voice on the other end said "Hello [redacted]how are you?" I said alright, who is this?" The voice said This is your friend." I said "I still dont know who you are." The voice said "You dont know who this is?" I said "No, but keep on talking maybe it will come to me." Then the voice said "What is your last name?" Then I said "If your not going to tell me who you are then I'm gonna hang up." I gave the phone to my friend, she put it to her ears & in a second or two heard the click. Now where this male got my phone number is a mystery. I'm not listed in the phone directery and the phone at my home here is not listed on my name. I dont buy on credit, I have no car, I have no job. So

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where did this man get my phone number and my first name only? I have not heard this voice ever in my life. All of my male acquaintences (about 5) here in Cleveland all know my last name and I would recognize their voices. And of the 5 men I would consider only 2 friends. The other three I havent talked to or heard from in over three years. Ive told my story to other people & they believe me. I am thinking seriously of going to the news media with my story because I'm not satisfied the way my information was investigated. Again I say I positively saw James Earl Ray on the day I said I saw him. The FBI since has come out with 2 more pictures of James Earl Ray and I have yet to see them or dont they show the pictures to people who have given information about a suspect?
I'm not scared, this phone call by this mysterous person did not scare me I can take care of myself. I have in the past caught 2 prowlers all by myself so you see I'm not scare I trust in God always. Hope to hear from you.

[redacted]
Cleveland Ohio 44144

Phone [redacted]

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: May 28, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Hudson

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This is the case involving the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, wherein she states she furnished information to the Bureau over a month ago indicating she had seen the subject James Earl Ray. She states she is not satisfied with the way her information was handled and is generally critical.

On 4-23-68 [redacted] advised the Cleveland Office she observed an individual resembling subject Ray the previous day parked in a shopping center in Cleveland. At the time of the call she was excited and could not remember the number of the apartment where she lived. She stated she had no other information to furnish and did not indicate any desire to see an Agent. Cleveland conducted investigation in the area of the shopping center but located nothing of significance with respect to Ray.

[redacted] directed a letter to the Bureau dated 4-25-68 in which she stated she had contacted the Cleveland Office but no one had called upon her. Cleveland was instructed to interview her for any additional details she might have in her possession. She furnished conflicting information at that time concerning the color of the automobile the person was driving as well as conflicting information concerning the license plate. She also told the Agents that her reason for writing was that she had never met an FBI Agent before and really wanted to talk to one. She said she was very disappointed when an Agent did not come out [redacted] house right after she called [redacted]

[redacted]

In her current letter she refers to receiving a mysterious phone call from an unknown male and can't understand how he obtained her telephone number.

FJH:jlh

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

In view of the above, it is recommended that her current letter not be acknowledged and that future correspondence from [redacted] not be acknowledged unless good reason dictates.

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FBI

Date: 5/28/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657)-P-

MURKIN

RE UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED:

Re Bureau airtel to all offices dated 5/9/68.

Dr. GEOFFREY T. MANN, Chief Medical Examiner, state of Va., Richmond, Va., has advised that to date there is only one (1) unidentified deceased in the Richmond territory of Va., that could possibly be identical with subject RAY. He advised that this body was discovered burned to death in a fire in Alexandria, Va., on 5/1/68, and that although the unidentified deceased appears to be that of a male Negro, the conclusion could not be positive.

Dr. MANN advised that a dental chart of the unidentified deceased is available and that a positive identification or elimination could be made if the dental charts for subject RAY could be made available.

The Bureau is requested to furnish Richmond with dental charts for subject RAY, suitable for identification or elimination purposes, if such charts are available. Richmond will upon receipt of RAY's dental charts, have a comparison made with unknown deceased mentioned above, to determine if identical.

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2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Richmond
REB: prj
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Approved: T. E. Bishop Sent M Per

May 31, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

Airtel

To: SAC, Richmond (44-657)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 4080

MURKIN

Re Airtel to Bureau dated 5/28/68.

Enclosed for Richmond is a photograph indicating dentures of subject Ray, as well as a photograph showing skull cavities of Ray.

These should be afforded to Dr. Geoffrey T. Mann, Chief Medical Examiner, and returned to the Bureau upon comparision with deceased.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Memphis

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NOTE:

Richmond by airtel, advised us that Dr. Mann, Chief Medical Examiner, state of Virginia, has advised that to date there is only one unidentified deceased in the Richmond territory that this body was discovered burned to death in a fire in Alexandria, Virginia on 5/1/68, and that although the unidentified deceased appears to be that of a male Negro, the conclusion should not be positive.

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Dr. Mann advised that a dental chart of the unidentified deceased is available and that a positive identification or elimination could be made if the dental chart for subject Ray could be made available. Richmond being forwarded photographs of dentures of subject Ray as well as skull cavaties of Ray as furnished by Missouri State Penitentiary.

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FBI

Date: 5/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re my telephone call to the Bureau, 5/27/68, and my tel to the Bureau and Memphis on 5/27/68, relating to the information furnished in this airtel.

On 5/27/68, [redacted] Yucatan, Republic of Mexico, contacted SRA [redacted], at Brownsville, Texas. He said that he had mentioned the subject he wanted to discuss with Inspector [redacted] of INS in Brownsville and that [redacted] had referred him to SA [redacted]

[redacted] said that on the Isla Mujeres, an island off the Gulf Coast of the Yucatan Peninsula and in the Territory of Quintana Roo and about a 20-minute flight from Merida, there is a hotel called the Sadzil Ha. This is a first-class hotel owned and operated by a man named LIMA. [redacted]

About four days prior to 5/27/68, [redacted] said that LIMA's son, first name unknown, was heard to say that JAMES EARL RAY is working in the kitchen of the Sadzil Ha Hotel on the Isla Mijeres.

The following information regarding the source, [redacted] was obtained by SA [redacted] from observation and interview. [redacted]

3-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
2-SA
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C.C. - Eisenberg

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[redacted] He flew to Brownsville, from Mexico City via Aeronaves from Mexico to Matamoros [redacted] said that he is staying at the Ft. Brown Motor Hotel but thinks that he will move to the Valley Inn and Country Club and expects to be in Brownsville four or five days. [redacted]

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FBI

Date: 5/29/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769) (P)

SUBJ: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to Jacksonville, 5/7/68, and Philadelphia letter to the Bureau, 5/9/68; Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/22/68.

RE: [redacted] Pennsylvania
Complainant

Information copies are furnished to Philadelphia and Memphis due to their interest in this matter.

On 5/17/68, [redacted], Oklawaha, Fla., advised that she has been married to [redacted] for 12 years and that she knew him 3 years prior to their marriage in Pennsylvania. [redacted] was advised of the nature of this investigation and she stated that to her knowledge her husband has never been active as a member of any hate group and she does not know him to be a racist of any kind.

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[redacted] advised that her husband used to be known by the name of [redacted] and that he has a sister

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (Info)
1 - Philadelphia (Info)
2 - Jacksonville
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C.C. - Bishop

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named [redacted] who residing in Verona, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was her husband's original name and he changed this to the name of his step-father, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that her husband works for [redacted] out of North Miami Beach, Fla., [redacted] for this company. She advised that he is expected home soon from one of these trips.

She stated that she does not know of anyone by the name of [redacted] and that to her knowledge neither she nor her husband have ever been in Coudersport, Pa.

[redacted] advised that she has been married previously and her husband has been married 3 times previous to their current marriage. She stated that they each have relatives in Pa., [redacted]

[redacted] was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen an individual bearing a resemblance to these photographs.

On 5/27/68, [redacted] voluntarily appeared at the Ocala, Fla., RA, FBI, and advised that he currently resides at [redacted] Oklawaha, Fla., with his wife, [redacted]. [redacted] advised that he has been married three times before and that he has been married to his current wife for twelve years. He advised that he has resided in the Oklawaha, Fla., area for six years and that he changed his name from [redacted] to [redacted] to assume the name of his stepfather when he was a child.

[redacted]

JK 44-769

Name	[redacted], aka
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	155 lbs.
Eyes	Gray
Hair	Black
DOB	[redacted]
Other DOBs used	[redacted]

[redacted] presented Florida Driver's License Chauffeur's License [redacted] which expires in 1969. He advised that prior to residing in Oklawaha, Fla., he resided in Miami, Fla. [redacted] advised that he travels throughout the Southeastern United States [redacted] for [redacted] which has its home offices in North Miami Beach, Fla. [redacted] stated that his travels have not taken him into Tennessee, but that he does go to Louisiana, Texas, and through Alabama in his normal run.

[redacted] advised that he was well aware of the FBI's interest in locating the slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and that he would assist is all ways possible if he could offer any positive information. He had no idea who might have offered any information that he was in any way connected with such a crime.

[redacted] was furnished photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he advised that he did not recognize these photographs as being identical to anyone he has met or known in the past.

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FBI

Date: 5/29/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/23/68, captioned "MURKIN."

[redacted] San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised he recalled opening a checking account for a person using the name [redacted] on April 22, 1968. He advised the following information was furnished by [redacted] on the signature card for account Number [redacted]

Name [redacted]
Social Security Number
Residence (no city shown)
Business or Occupation
Employer
Place of Birth
Mother's Maiden Name

C. C. - Bishop

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta (RM)
(1 - 44-2386)
(1 - 26-43489)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
1 - Jacksonville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
1 - Knoxville (INFO)(AM)(RM)
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Enc. 1)(AM)(RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(INFO)(AM)(RM)
1 - Tampa (INFO)(AM)(RM)
2 - San Francisco (1 - 173-65)(1 - 87-29695)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted] stated [redacted] opened a checking account on April 22, 1968, with a deposit of $5 and stated he expected to receive at this branch of the [redacted] a wire of transfer of funds from Chicago, Illinois. He exhibited to [redacted] as means of identification Eastern Airlines Credit Card and Millionaire Club Credit Card. [redacted] stated he did not obtain the numbers of these cards. [redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, 5'7", 130 pounds, dark hair neatly trimmed, neatly dressed, shirt and tie, dark coat, no hat, 25 to 30 years of age. [redacted] indicated he was staying at the Holiday Inn in South San Francisco, California.

[redacted] advised he had one check dated April 24, 1968, paid to the order of the Holiday Inn in the amount of $10, signed [redacted] On the back of this check was the following identification information:

"Room [redacted], Eastern Airlines Number [redacted] Illinois DL [redacted] Paid to the order of [redacted] a Holiday Inn, Appolo Beach, Acct [redacted] for deposit only."

[redacted] advised his file indicates [redacted] passed checks in the amounts listed below and he has no additional data as these checks have been returned:

$15.00, $24.32, $45.22, $100.00 to National Car Rental;

$20.00, $25.00, $10.00, $20.00, $25.00 to Holiday Inn;

$12.55 to Travelodge;

$15.00 to Jacksonville Travelodge;

$15.00 to Jewish Family Service.

[redacted] Holiday Inn, 245 South Airport, South San Francisco, California, on May 28, 1968, advised his records indicate one [redacted] checked into this motel on April 20, 1968, and skipped out sometime on April 22, 1968, owing a bill of $60.48. The registration card gave his residence address as [redacted] Los Angeles, California, and firm as [redacted] at [redacted] Los Angeles, California, automobile license [redacted] (California).

[redacted] furnished a description of [redacted] which is the same as that furnished by [redacted]

SF 173-65
PJJ/sms

The Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, telephonically advised that California license [redacted] is registered for a 1968 Ford sedan, VIN [redacted] to Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California.

An ITSP investigation has been initiated concerning a $100 check given to National Car Rental; therefore, leads to further identify checks passed by [redacted] are not being set out.

The city and telephone directories of the San Francisco Bay Area were reviewed without locating any listing for [redacted]

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to [redacted] and [redacted] and both advised that although there was some similarity they did not believe [redacted] could be identical with RAY as he was shorter and several years younger.

Enclosed for the assistance of the Los Angeles Office is a xeroxed copy of referenced Atlanta airtel.

LEAD

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Conduct appropriate investigation at Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, concerning possible rental of 1968 Ford bearing California license [redacted].

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-103

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memoranaum

TO : [redacted]

DATE: [illegible]

FROM : [redacted]

SUBJECT: [illegible]

[illegible] telegram [illegible] American Consulate, [illegible] (Ref. A-554) dated May 20, 1968:

"An individual in [illegible] hand observed individual resembling [illegible] picture. Hand not seen since. No one matching [illegible] subject now or [illegible] entered or left United States [illegible] period [illegible]."

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The [illegible] information was furnished in response to [illegible] dated May 15, 1968.

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[redacted]

FBI

Date: 5/29/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Charlotte 5/22/68, re [redacted] and CE airtel to Bureau 5/28/68.

On 5/28/68, [redacted] Stovall, N. C., advised that he and [redacted] operate [redacted] in the Stovall Community, of Granville County, N. C. [redacted] stated that he cannot recall any conversation in which he was alleged to have participated on 4/3/68, concerning the announced candidacy of BOBBY KENNEDY nor could he recall making any statement to the effect that "That man won't live to carry out what he aims to do, we have a man on the way to get him." [redacted] advised that he often discusses current events with customers and that he would be unable to even guess the identity of the farmer with whom he was speaking on 4/3/68. [redacted] advised that the statement as described above, does not sound familiar to him and that he could not imagine any conversation where he would have made or even recall hearing such a statement.

(3) - Bureau
1 - Memphis (Info.) (44-1987)
1 - Charlotte

JJR:jmh
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date:

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Via _____ _____
(Priority)

CE 44-1365

[redacted] stated that the only group that he is a member of is the Stovall Baptist Church. He stated he had no further information which could shed any light on the conversations in referenced Bureau airtel.

On 5/28/68, [redacted] Bullock, N. C., advised he is acquainted with [redacted] who own and operate [redacted] advised that [redacted] have operated [redacted] since 2/68; to the best of his knowledge are law-abiding citizens. He advised he believes there are [redacted] and [redacted] advised that [redacted] reside in Granville County, N. C.

On 5/28/68, [redacted] was contacted at his place of employment [redacted] Bullock, N. C., and he advised that he and [redacted] have been operating the garage since early in 1968, and that he is [redacted] is employed by [redacted] in Durham, N.C., and [redacted] is [redacted] in Granville County, N.C.

[redacted] advised he does not nor ever has owned a Mustang of any color; however, he was driving a red Camaro, Chevrolet, around the beginning of April, 1968, for a couple of days. He advised that he did not leave Granville County, N. C., during April, 1968, until [redacted] 4/5/68 [redacted]

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

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Special Agent in Charge

5-22-64)

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Date:

Transmit the following in _____
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Via _____ _____
(Priority)

CE 44-1365

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	[redacted]
POB	[redacted]
Height	5'9"
Weight	180 lbs.
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Sandy blond
Build	Husky
Marital Status	Married
Occupation	[redacted]

In view of the foregoing information, the Charlotte Division is conducting no further investigation regarding this matter.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 29, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] has advised our Denver Office that about a year ago [redacted] one [redacted] claims to be involved in a conspiracy to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. She said she would not have furnished this information except [redacted] who is a heavy drinker, recently told her he was going to marry another woman.

In about October of 1967, [redacted] began telling her he was in some type of organized crime syndicate but never was specific as to members or activities. He claimed to have killed many men, but she was never sure that the killings were while he was in the Armed Forces or in connection with a syndicate.

[redacted] spent a lot of time out of town and on 5/14/68, he was at her place and was "very drunk." Before they retired for the evening, she told him she was scared and asked him if he had a hand in King's death. He replied "What do you think? Of course." She then asked [redacted] if James Earl Ray did the shooting and he replied asking her what made her think Ray did it. She indicated that Ray was probably dead and [redacted] said he was not.

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On 5/22/68, [redacted] who had been representing [redacted] telephoned [redacted] and asked her to locate [redacted] as it was an emergency. She was to tell [redacted] the following message: "Emergency Tea Cup" and [redacted] would know what it meant. JUN 4 1968 Later on [redacted] called at which time she gave him the message and he had her repeat it three times, swore and commented "I wonder if mine will be as big as the other." This message frightened her and she has not heard or seen from him since.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Although the information as related by [redacted] appears to be rambling and highly imaginative and she appears to be the victim of a love affair, we are attempting to locate and interview [redacted] to completely determine the veracity of the facts as related.

Our Dallas Office advised that a potential criminal informant of their office had been in contact with a former gambler, whose identity the informant would not disclose, who had just returned from Monterrey, Mexico. According to the informant this gambler made the statement that James Earl Ray is currently working as a bartender in a bar located near the Chevrolet dealership near Monterrey, Mexico. Legat, Mexico City has advised that [redacted] has checked the only bar closely fitting the description in this allegation. It is the bar known as "El Rancho" located about thirty yards from the Chevrolet dealership in Monterrey, Mexico. [redacted] completed a canvass of management personnel and employees of the bar and determined that there are no North Americans employed there in any capacity and no employee resembling description of photograph of subject. Investigation is continuing in nearby restaurants where bar service is available and this is being afforded most expeditious attention.

A person by the name of [redacted] contacted our Brownsville, Texas, Resident Agency and advised that he had received information that about four days ago James Earl Ray was working in a kitchen of a hotel located on Isla Mujeres, off the coast of the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico, [redacted] gave his permanent address as Yucatan, Mexico. His source of information is the son of the man who owns the hotel. This is presently being checked out.

The Taipel, Taiwan, newspaper is carrying a story of the possibility of James Earl Ray en route to Taiwan. Although there is no apparent basis for this allegation and it appears that Korea National Police, Seoul, Korea, gave a press release asking all to be alert for subject in event he travels to Korea, this matter is being checked out.

ACTION: We are affording this case top priority attention.

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
MAY 29 1968

FBI MEMPHIS

1250PM URGENT 5-29-68 MCP TELETYPE

Mr. Bishop
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Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND DALLAS

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

RE LATEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTYTWO LAST AND ATTEL TO BUREAU AND DALLAS MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

RE LA TIMES INFORMANT [redacted] (LNU).

RELATEL RELATES THAT INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY LOS ANGELES REVEALS THAT [redacted] IS UNDOUBTEDLY [redacted] FBI [redacted] AND NOT [redacted] AS PREVIOUSLY SUSPECTED. OTHER THAN SHOWING PHOTO TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN MASSENA, N. Y., LOS ANGELES SUGGESTED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED RE [redacted] (LNU).

REC-28 44-38861-4087

IN VIEW OF FACT INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED THAT STORY FURNISHED LA TIMES BY [redacted] (LNU) WAS COMPLETELY FABRICATED, OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TEL ARE REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION RE LA TIMES INFORMANT ASPECT IN THIS CASE, UACB.

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AM COPIES TO ATLANTA AND LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

P. END.

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FBI WASH DC

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5/31/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

To: SACs, Atlanta (44-2386)
Dallas (44-2649)
Los Angeles (44-1574)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 4087

MURKIN REC-28

ReMEtel 5/29/68.

Reasonable efforts should be continued to locate and interview [redacted] and [redacted] to completely resolve this matter.

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FBI WASH DC

1204PM URGENT 5-29-68 FGC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386),

LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 5P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE [redacted]

[redacted] SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, NEW ORLEANS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE RECORDS OF HIS COMPANY CONTAIN NO LISTING FOR A NEW ORLEANS SUBSCRIBER UNDER THE NAMES OF [redacted] OR [redacted]

A REVIEW OF THE NEW ORLEANS CITY AND SUBURBAN DIRECTORIES FOR THE YEARS OF SIXTYSIX, SIXTYSEVEN AND SIXTYEIGHT FAILED TO REVEAL A LISTING FOR ANYONE BY THE NAME OF [redacted] OR [redacted]

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RECORDS OF NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTAIN NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION WITH [redacted] OR [redacted]

[redacted] RECORDS REVEAL ONE [redacted] WIFE [redacted] WERE RESIDING AT [redacted] HUNTSVILLE ALA., AS OF NOVEMBER SEVENTEEN, SIXTYFIVE. PREVIOUS ADDRESS LISTED AS [redacted] NEW ORLEANS. [redacted] EMPLOYMENT LISTED AS [redacted] WITH PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT WITH [redacted]

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NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF [redacted].

INDICES REVEALED REFERENCE FOR ON [redacted] NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, NO FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWENTY. THIS CASE CAPTIONED DESEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI; RM OOJ, AFO, CONSPIRACY. THIS REFERENCE COULD NOT BE REVIEWED AS INTIRE FILE SENT JACKSON IN AUGUST, SITYFOUR, AT TIME JACKSON OFFICE OPENED.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAINS REFERENCE FOR THE NAME [redacted] WHICH WAS AN ALIAS USED BY [redacted] BUFILE [redacted] NEW ORLEANS [redacted] THIS WAS AN ITSP INVESTIGATION IN WHICH MEMPHIS WAS ORIGIN, MEMPHIS FILE [redacted] IN [redacted] WAS ARRESTED AT PEARSALL, TEXAS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY SENTENCED IN LOCAL COURT ON

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[redacted]CHARGES; DESCRIBED AS WMA, BORN [redacted]

[redacted]AT [redacted]HEIGHT SIX FEET, WEIGHT ONE

HUNDRED SIXTY, SLENDER BUILD, GRADUATED [redacted]

HIGH SCHOOL FORTYFOUR, U.S. NAVY FOUR FOUR - FORTYEIGHT,

SN [redacted] TATTOOS, SCROLL

ON RIGHT FOREARM, TWO INTERLOCKED HEARTS AND SCROLL ON CHEST.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE ON ONE [redacted]

[redacted] NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED [redacted]

[redacted]

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JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE BEING ADVISED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION TO REVIEW INDICES RE [redacted] AND [redacted] RESPECTIVELY.

MEMPHIS REVIEW YOUR FILE [redacted] AND OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted] AND SENT PHOTO AND BACKGROUND INFO TO LOS ANGELES.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/23/68.

Investigation Richmond, Indiana through city directory, telephone directory, local post office, Police Department, Sheriff's Office, fails to reveal address of [redacted] Richmond, Indiana,

Above records fail to reveal name [redacted]

LEAD:

KANSAS CITY

At Kansas City, Missouri

Ascertain correct address of [redacted] from Police Department records.

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR (MAIL), SAC'S, JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

TURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, AND NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT.

RE JAMES [redacted] HARDIN

FOR INFORMATION JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE, WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED COPIES OF RE TELETYPES, THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND SET FORTH:

REFERENCED LOS ANGELES TELETYPE ADVISED ACCORDING TO ALLAN C. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, HE HAD CONVERSATION WITH CAUCASIAN MALE, WHICH HE REFUSES TO IDENTIFY, WHICH PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF CERTAIN EVENTS AS CONCERNS JAMES EARL RAY NOT EARLIER RECALLED. THOMPSON

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND A CAUCASIAN MALE BY THE NAME OF [redacted] THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL APPROACHED HIM IN EFFORT TO QUOTE GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE REWARD MONEY. THOMPSON SAID THAT AS RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, HE NOW RECALLS DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST TO MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST HE RECEIVED CALL FOR ERIC GALT WHILE OPERATING HOTEL SWITCHBOARD. THOMPSON SAID WHEN HE ADVISED THE CALLER ERIC GALT HAD NO TELEPHONE IN HIS ROOM, THE MAN REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ERIC GALT TO CALL [redacted] COLLECT. THIS CALLER PROVIDED THE CITY AND OPERATOR NUMBER, AS WELL AS NAME [redacted] THOMPSON SAID HE RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO GALT. THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS QUITE SURE AS TO SPELLING OF NAME.

THOMPSON ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL THERE WAS ONE OTHER, POSSIBLY TWO, CALLS BY THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL. HE ADVISED THESE CALLS CAME FROM BOTH ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS.

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HE SAID SUBSEQUENT TO THESE TELEPHONE CALLS A PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [redacted] CAME TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SOMETIME DURING PERIOD OF MARCH ONE TO SEVENTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT RESIDE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS MALE CAUCASIAN, THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT IN HEIGHT, ONE FORTY TO ONE FIFTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR COMBED BACK, NEAT, EYES POSSIBLY DARK, SLENDER BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY ACNE SCARRED, SPOKE WITH SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BROUGHT [redacted] TO HIS ATTENTION DOES NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. HE SAID HE BELIEVES THIS INDIVIDUAL IS SUBJECT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR SOME UNKNOWN OFFENSE. THOMPSON WAS ADVISED OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER AND, FURTHER, THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY BE SUBPOENAED TO PROVIDE ABOVE INFORMATION. THOMPSON SAID HE MADE PROMISE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHICH HE FULLY INTENDS TO KEEP. HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE COURT ACTION TO INDUCT HIM TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE REFUSED TO IDENTIFY SAID HE SAT NEXT TO JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND [redacted] THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINED HE OVERHEARD GALT CALL THE OTHER [redacted]

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAINED NO RECORD OF ANYONE BY THE NAME OF [redacted]

INDICES REVEALED REFERENCE FOR ONE [redacted] NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, NO FILE. ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE, BUFFALO ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, JACKSON FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO ZERO. THIS CASE CAPTIONED DESEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI; RM, OOJ, AFO, CONSPIRACY. NO REFERENCE COULD NOT BE REVIEWED AS ENTIRE FILE SENT JACKSON IN AUGUST, SIXTYFOUR, AT TIME JACKSON OFFICE OPENED.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES ALSO CONTAIN REFERENCE ON [redacted]

[redacted]

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JACKSON SHOULD REVIEW INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH [redacted] OR [redacted] IN PARTICULAR, REVIEW REFERENCE CONTAINED IN YOUR FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO ZERO, RE [redacted] FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE, THE NEW ORLEANS REFERENCE FOR [redacted] IS ONE FIVE SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE - TWO ZERO THREE SIX, PAGE EIGHTYFOUR.

LOUISVILLE SHOULD REVIEW INDICES FOR ANY INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH [redacted] AND [redacted] AND, IN PARTICULAR, REVIEW THE REFERENCE ON [redacted]

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MENTIONED ABOVE, WHICH IS CONTAINED IN THE SCEF FILE. FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE OF LOUISVILLE, THE NEW ORLEANS REFERENCE IS ONE ZERO ZERO - SEVEN FIVE NINE - ONE B NINE.

JACKSON AND LOUISVILLE SHOULD ADVISE BUREAU AND APPROPRIATE OFFICES OF RESULTS OF THIS INVESTIGATION.

ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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Date: 5/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau dated 5/22/68, regarding alleged offer of $100,000.00 by White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (WKKKE), Jackson, Mississippi, to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for Little Rock is one copy each of Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 6/6/67; Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, 7/21/67; Dallas airtel to the Bureau, 5/1/68, and Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, 5/22/68, which are background information.

On 5/27/68, [redacted] Reno, Nevada, advised SA [redacted] he is a partner in [redacted] which recently moved to [redacted] Sparks, Nevada. He said [redacted] is unknown to him and has never been employed by that company which has only been in existance about one year.

[redacted] states his company manufactures [redacted] which is sold nationally. He said his company does not handle any of the sales of this product, noting all sales are handled exclusively by [redacted] Little Rock Arkansas. He said if [redacted] was selling this [redacted] he would be employed by [redacted] He suggested [redacted] manager, of that company be contacted.

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LITTLE ROCK

AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

Contact [redacted] Manager, [redacted]
in an effort to locate [redacted]

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11-06 AM URGENT 5-29-68 BID

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND KANSAS CITY

FROM DENVER (157-203) 3P

MURKIN

RE OMAHA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, DENVER AND OKLAHOMA CITY DATED MAY TWENTY-EIGHT, LAST.

[redacted] WHITE MALE, DOB [redacted] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT SHERIDAN COUNTY JAIL, SHERIDAN, WYOMING. ADVISES WAS IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY WITH RAY ON TWO OCCASIONS, FROM [redacted] TO [redacted] AND FROM [redacted] UNTIL RAY-S ESCAPE IN APRIL OF NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN.

HE STATED THAT EX-GUARD [redacted] SUPPLIED AMPHETAMINES FOR MANY OF THE CONVICTS [redacted] HE STATED [redacted] WAS FIRED [redacted]

[redacted] SAID THE RUMOR AT TIME OF RAY-S ESCAPE WAS THAT HE WALKED OUT THE FRONT GATE. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT KNOW IF THIS WAS

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SUPPOSEDLY IN A GUARD-S UNIFORM OR CIVILIAN CLOTHES. HE DOUBTS VERY SERIOUSLY IF [redacted] COULD HAVE PROVIDED A UNIFORM FOR RAY AS [redacted] WAS A GUARD AT THE HONOR FARM AND RAY WAS CONFINED IN PRISON PROPER. HE HAS NO IDEA WHO MIGHT HAVE SUPPLIED A UNIFORM FOR RAY BUT POINTED OUT THE PRISON LAUNDRY CONTAINS MANY UNIFORMS AND SUITS AND IS STAFFED ENTIRELY BY CONVICTS. HE SAID IT WOULD, THEREFORE, BE NO PROBLEM FOR A CONVICT TO OBTAIN A UNIFORM OR SUIT OF CLOTHES FROM THIS LAUNDRY. [redacted] STATED THAT ALTHOUGH HE DOES NOT FEEL [redacted] PROVIDED ANY ASSISTANCE IN RAY-S ACTUAL ESCAPE, THAT HE FELT CERTAIN RAY WOULD HAVE CONTACTED [redacted] FOR ASSISTANCE AFTER LEAVING THE PRISON.

[redacted] STATED THAT TWO FORMER CIVILIAN KITCHEN WORKERS AT THE MISSOURI STATE PEN ALSO RAN AMPHETAMINES FOR THE CONVICTS AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE BEEN WELL KNOWN BY RAY. THEY ARE FIRST NAME UNKNOWN [redacted] A NEGRO, AND FIRST NAME UNKNOWN [redacted]

[redacted] CONTINUED THAT RAY WAS A VERY QUIET MAN, DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH MANY INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT UNDOUBTEDLY HIS BEST FRIEND AT THE MISSOURI STATE PEN WAS [redacted] [redacted] BELIEVES [redacted] HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PEN BUT IS CURRENTLY

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IN THE COLE COUNTY JAIL AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, FIGHTING EXTRADITION TO TEXAS.

KANSAS CITY, AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] FNU [redacted], FNU [redacted] AND [redacted]

FD THREE ZERO TWO FOLLOWS.

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AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS, OKLAHOMA CITY AND OMAHA.

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5-20 PM URGENT 5-29-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, JACKSONVILLE, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY TWENTYNINE INSTANT.

[redacted] INTERVIEWED AT USP, ATLANTA, AT HIS REQUEST THIS DATE. STATED PERSON HE BELIEVED CLOSELY RESEMBLED SUBJECT IN ATLANTA SEPTEMBER DASH OCTOBER SIXTYSEVEN, AND SEEN AT REGENCY HYATT HOUSE BY [redacted] AND ONE [redacted] WHITE MALE, ABOUT THIRTY, NOW REPORTEDLY [redacted] IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. STATES ONE [redacted] (LNU) ATTEMPTED TO SELL THIS PERSON A RIFLE IN ATLANTA EARLY DECEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. COULD NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY [redacted] OTHER THAN DRIVES SIXTYSIX RED MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE, WHITE MALE, BLOND, VETERAN, TWENTY TO TWENTYONE YEARS, NO KNOWN EMPLOYMENT. FIXED TIME AS BEFORE HE, [redacted] WAS ARRESTED IN [redacted] VERIFIED FROM APD RECORDS AS [redacted] AND [redacted] ALSO STATED TWO HIPPIES [redacted] AND [redacted] WOULD KNOW [redacted] AND FURNISHED DIRECTIONS AS TO THEIR RESIDENCE. LANDLORD STATED TWO HIPPIES HAD RESIDED AT [redacted] ATLANTA FOR TWO WEEKS.

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LEAVING JAN. TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, GIVING NAMES AS MR. AND MRS. [redacted] THIS IS IN CONFLICT WITH DATES FURNISHED BY [redacted] AND IT IS NOTED MEMPHIS HAS ESTABLISHED SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES NOV. SEVENTEEN SIXTYSEVEN TO JAN. SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES P. THORNTON, CURRENTLY RESIDING ATLANTA WITH JERRY Q. DUTTON, INTERVIEWED AND STATED HE ARRIVED ATLANTA MAY FOUR LAST FROM LOS ANGELES. PRESENTLY WORKING FOR [redacted] THORNTON STATED HE RESIDED WITH PARENTS, [redacted], GARDEN GROVE, CALIF., FROM DATE OF DISCHARGE FROM U. S. ARMY ON JUNE FIFTEEN LAST TILL DEPARTURE TO COME TO ATLANTA. WORKED FOR [redacted], ANAHEIM, CALIF., FROM TIME OF DISCHARGE TILL LEAVING CALIF. [redacted] IS BRANCH OF [redacted] STATED HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO ATLANTA AT OWN REQUEST BECAUSE HE LIKES THE SOUTH.

THORNTON STATED THAT PRIOR TO ENTERING U. S. ARMY JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE, HE LIVED WITH PARENTS, HAVING MOVED TO LOS ANGELES FROM BIRMINGHAM OCTOBER NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. FROM APRIL SIXTYFOUR TO OCTOBER SIXTYFOUR RESIDED WITH JAMES MC DANIELS, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, BIRMINGHAM. FROM JAN. SIXTYFOUR TO APR. SIXTYFOUR,

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LIVED AT NSRP HEADQUARTERS ON SOUTH BESSEMER RD. , BIRMINGHAM. THORNTON ADMITTED PAST AFFILIATION WITH NSRP AND LATER WITH AMERICAN STATES RIGHTS PARTY AFTER HIS AND DUTTON'S SPLIT WITH NSRP. STATED HE GAVE UP ALL QUOTE POLITICAL ACTIVITY UNQUOTE WHEN ENTERING MILITARY SERVICE. ADMITTED HIS FEELINGS REMAIN ABOUT THE SAME AS PLATFORMS OF NSRP AND ASRP BUT STATED SUCH PHILOSOPHIES HAVE NO CHANCE IN U. S. TODAY. DEFINED SUCH PRINCIPLES AS QUOTE CONSERVATIVE UNQUOTE AND REPATRIATION OF JEWS AND NEGROES TO OTHER COUNTRIES. DENIED HE EVER HAD OR WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE OR MURDER. DENIED DUTTON OR OTHER ASSOCIATES WOULD CONDONE VIOLENCE. STATED THAT JESSE B. STONER AND DR. EDWARD R. FIELDS, PAST AND PRESENT LEADERS IN NSRP WOULD NOT PERPETRATE VIOLENCE DIRECTLY BUT MIGHT MASTER-MIND OR PLAN VIOLENCE. DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ANY VIOLENCE IN WHICH THEY WERE INVOLVED.

WHILE LIVING IN LOS ANGELES JUNE TO MAY ONE LAST, THORNTON WORKED PART TIME AT WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS. WHEN FIRST WORKED THERE, THE HEADQUARTERS WERE LOCATED ON LINCOLN BOULEVARD, ANAHEIM. THE HEADQUARTERS CLOSED ABOUT JANUARY LAST AND A NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED ON CHAPMAN BOULEVARD, ORANGE, CALIF., ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO. STATED HE HELPED BY DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE IN BEHALF OF WALLACE AND WORKED FOR A TIME AS A DEPUTY REGISTRAR. STATED JOHN ORTMANN, YORBA LINDA, CALIF.,

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WAS CHAIRMAN AND MRS. DERRY (PHONETIC) ELLISON, ORANGE CO., WAS ALSO EMPLOYED IN WALLACE HEADQUARTERS. DENIED KNOWING NAMES OF OTHER WORKERS.

THORNTON WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND DENIED SEEING OR KNOWING HIM. HAS SEEN RAY'S PHOTO IN NEWSPAPERS. DENIED KNOWING OR HEARING OF ERIC GALT OR JAMES EARL RAY AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OTHER PLACE OTHER THAN IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT MATTER.

JACKSONVILLE, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. DETERMINE IF [redacted] IN THAT AREA [redacted] ONE [redacted] AND IF SO, INTERVIEW.

LOS ANGELES CONTACT JOHN ORTMANN AND MRS. DERRY ELLISON IF NOT ALREADY DONE. DETERMINE IF THEY KNOW SUBJECT. ASCERTAIN IDENTITIES OF OTHER WORKERS AT WALLACE HEADQUARTERS DURING TIME SUBJECT RESIDED LOS ANGELES AND INTERVIEW. VERIFY THORNTON'S RESIDENCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND EXHIBIT SUBJECT'S PHOTO TO PARENTS, FELLOW EMPLOYEES, AND ANY OTHER ASSOCIATES OF THORNTON'S.

ATLANTA WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO CHECK OUT STORY OF [redacted]

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551PM URGENT 5-29-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) HOUSTON (44-1509) AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE MEMPHIS TELS MAY SEVENTEEN AND TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

NO SUCH ADDRESSES AS [redacted] OR [redacted] OR [redacted] LOCATED IN KANSAS CITY AREA.

[redacted], KANSAS CITY NORTH, MO., ADVISED SHE HAS RESIDED AT THIS ADDRESS FOR ABOUT EIGHTEEN YEARS AND THE ONLY OTHER RESIDENCE ON THIS STREET IS NEXT DOOR TO HER AND HAS BEEN OCCUPIED FOR YEARS BY [redacted] ADVISED THE NAMES, ALIASES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF [redacted] AND [redacted] ARE NOT FAMILIAR TO HER.

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KANSAS CITY DIRECTORIES SHOW ONE [redacted], KANSAS CITY, MO. [redacted] UPON INTERVIEW, ADVISED HE IS AGE SIXTY-NINE AND RETIRED AND HAS NOT BEEN TO MEMPHIS, TENN. HE STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW ANOTHER [redacted] OR [redacted] AND THE NAME [redacted] IS NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM.

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FBI ST LOUIS

818PM URGENT 5-29-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES:

REINTERVIEWED. NO WORD FROM OR OF SUBJECT OR WHEREABOUTS. RECALLED RAY WENT TO LIVE WITH GRANDMOTHER WHEN FAMILY LEFT EWING, MO. WORKED AT SHOE CO TANNERY IN ILLINOIS UNTIL ENTERED ARMY. SAVED MONEY, HAD FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS AT ARMY ENTRANCE. GRANDMOTHER KEPT FOR HIM, NEVER USED BANK. RAY SHY, COUNTRYFIED. HAD GOOD TEETH THEN, WHICH MAY HAVE TURNED BAD SINCE. RAYNES BELIEVES RAY NOT SMART ENOUGH TO PLAN KING KILLING. CONJECTURES SOMEONE ELSE MUST HAVE PLANNED AND LATER KILLED HIM.

RE CAROL PEPPER - JOHN LARRY RAY. REC 109 44-4095

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS REVEALED NO SIGNIFICANT ~~ACTIVITY.~~

RE FELLOW PRISONER [redacted] 2 JUN 4 1968

REITERATED MAY HAVE SEEN RAY AT MSP BUT NEVER ~~ASSOCIATED~~

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OR HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH. HAS NO INFO CONCERNING HIM. NO INFO AS TO WHO ROBBED BANK OF ALTON, ILL., JULY THIRTEEN LAST. CLAIMED WORKING THAT DATE. RECORDS OF [redacted], SL, BY WHOM [redacted] THEN EMPLOYED CONFIRM HE WAS WORKING AT TIME OF PR.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON:

UNABLE TO LOCATE GAWRON TODAY. WILL INTERVIEW AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

INTENSIFIED EFFORT TO LOCATE [redacted] CONTINUING.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

616 PM URGENT 5-29-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CR.

REVIEW OF MEMPHIS FILES IDENTIFIES [redacted] AS HAVING USED ALIAS [redacted] INDICES OF MEMPHIS DIVISION CONTAIN REFERENCES TO [redacted] NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED, IN CONNECTION WITH CASE ENTITLED DESEGREGATION, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI, RM, BUFILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - FOUR ZERO ONE, MEMPHIS FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN - ONE FOUR SEVEN, WHICH FILE TRANSFERRED IN ENTIRETY TO JACKSON OFFICE UPON OPENING THAT FIELD DIVISION. JACKSON DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO REVIEW ALL INFO CONTAINED IN THE FILE TO IDENTIFY [redacted]

THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH LATEST ARREST RECORD OF [redacted] AND PROVIDE MOST RECENT PHOTO FOR VIEWING BY MANAGER AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES.

RE BANK LOCK BOXES: REC-28 44-[redacted]-4096

IN VIEW OF FACT RAY IS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN POSSESSION OF

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SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF CASH SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND THE FACT THAT IT IS NOT KNOWN THAT HE MAINTAINED A CHECKING OR SAVING ACCOUNT, IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE HAS RENTED BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES OTHER THAT THE ONE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RENTED BY HIM IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA. SAN ANTONIO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CHECK BANKS IN THE LAREDO, TEXAS, BORDER AREA TO DETERMIN IF RAY RENTED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX PRIOR TO HIS TRIP INTO MEXICO IN OCTOBER LAST.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU CONSIDER REQUESTING LEGAT, MEXICO, ASCERTAIN IF AMERICANS ARE PERMITTED TO RENT BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES WHILE RESIDING IN MEXICO ON A TEMPORARY BASIS. IF AMERICANS ARE PERMITTED TO RENT SUCH BOXES, LEGAT, MEXICO, SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF THE SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES RENTED A BANK OR OTHER SAVINGS INSTITUTION TYPE OF SAFE DEPOSIT BOX DURING THE PERIOD HE WAS IN MEXICO FROM OCTOBER SEVEN LAST THROUGH NOVEMBER LAST.

IN THIS SAME REGARD SINCE INVESTIGATION INDICATED SUBJECT MAY HAVE POSSESSED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY AT THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE DUE TO ALLEGED NARCOTICS SALE ACTIVITY ON HIS PART WHILE CONFINED IN PRISON AND THE FACT INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT HE MAY HAVE PARTICIPATE IN

A LARGE ROBBERY OF SOME TYPE SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE, IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE WOULD AGAIN HAVE UTILIZED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX FROM THE TIME OF HIS ESCAPE FROM PRISON AND THE DATE THAT HE RENTED THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU REQUEST LEGAT, OTTAWA, IF FEASIBLE, DETERMINE IF THE SUBJECT UNDER HIS TRUE NAME OR KNOWN ALIASES RENTED A BANK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX IN MONTREAL, CANADA, OR ANY PORTS OF ENTRY INTO CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), ATLANTA (44-2386),
SAN DIEGO (44-387), BIRMINGHAM (44-1740), SPRINGFIELD (44-561),
LAS VEGAS, LOUISVILLE, NEW ORLEANS (157-10653), JACKSON

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (12P)

MURKIN

RE [redacted]

AN AGGRESSIVE, PENETRATING, LENGTHY INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED THIS DATE WITH ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. THOMPSON ADVISED HE KNOWS THE INDIVIDUAL, WHOM HE PREVIOUSLY REFUSED TO IDENTIFY, BY THE NAME OF [redacted]. HE ADVISED HE WAS APPROACHED BY THIS INDIVIDUAL AT THE RABBIT'S FOOT BAR A FEW DAYS AGO BUT COULD NOT RECALL SPECIFIC DATE. HE SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL SAID, "YOUR MR. THOMPSON, AREN'T YOU?" AND THEN PROCEEDED TO ASK IF THOMPSON WAS INTERESTED IN SPLITTING THE REWARD MONEY OFFERED IN THE DR. MARTIN KING, JR. MURDER. THOMPSON SAID HE TOLD THIS INDIVIDUAL HE WAS NOT INTERESTED. DURING THE COURSE OF SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, THOMPSON SAID [redacted] TOLD HIM HE HAD OBSERVED JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC GALT, AND ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL SITTING TOGETHER, ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION AT A LOCAL BAR, THE NAME OF WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED. THOMPSON

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SAID THAT [redacted] TOLD HIM RAY CALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL [redacted] THOMPSON SAID THE NAME [redacted] PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS AS SET OUT IN LA TEL OF FIVE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, THAT IS, RAY BEING CALLED TWICE, POSSIBLE THREE TIMES, BY [redacted] FROM NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

THOMPSON SAID THAT HE HAS SEEN [redacted] ON AN INFREQUENT BASIS VICINITY OF THE HOLLYWOOD AND WESTERN AREA, LOS ANGELES, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE ADVISED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATES OF [redacted], HIS RESIDENCE, PAST OR PRIOR, HIS AUTOMOBILE, OR HIS EMPLOYMENT, IF ANY. THOMPSON SAID AT SOME TIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, HE BELIEVES HE EXPELLED [redacted] AND ANOTHER CAUCASIAN MALE FROM THE PARKING LOT OF THE ST. FRANCIS WHERE THEY WERE SLEEPING IN AN AUTOMOBILE. THOMPSON SAID IT WAS ON THIS OCCASION THAT HE LEARNED OF THIS INDIVIDUALS NAME IN THAT THE PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SLEEPING CALLED HIM [redacted] THOMPSON ADVISED HE BELIEVED THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS THE SUBJECT OF A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST BECAUSE WHEN THOMPSON TOLD HIM TO CONTACT THE FBI, [redacted] TOLD HIM THAT HE COULDN'T. HE DESCRIBED [redacted] AS CAUCASIAN MALE, THIRTY SEVEN - FORTY TWO, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, BROWN HAIR WORN SHORT AS IN CREW CUT, HABITUALLY WEARS SPORT SHIRT WITH CHEAP SLACKS.

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THOMPSON SAID WHENEVER AND WHEREVER HE OBSERVES [redacted]. HE WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE FBI.

THOMPSON REITERATED THE INFORMATION AS SET OUT IN LA TELETYPE. HE ADDED ONLY THAT HE BELIEVES THE VOICE OF THE PERSON CALLING ON THE TELEPHONE WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [redacted] AND THE VOICE OF THE PERSON WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [redacted] AT THE ST. FRANCIS HOTEL AFTER THE TELEPHONE CALLS, TO BE IDENTICAL. HE SAID THAT ON ONE OCCASION HE HEARD THE OPERATOR AND A PERSON WHOM SHE CALLED [redacted] CONVERSE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD LEAVE A MESSAGE FOR GALT.

THOMPSON VIEWED THE FBI FACIAL IDENTIFICATION CATALOG IN NO EFFORT TO OBATIN AN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF [redacted]

THOMPSON DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS CAUCASIAN MALE, BORN [redacted] AT [redacted] FIVE FOOT ELEVEN INCHES, ONE SIXTY POUNDS, BROWN GREYING HAIR, PARTIALLY BALD, HAZEL EYES, USMC NINETEEN FORTY TWO - NINETEEN FORTY SIX.

THOMPSON CLAIMS HE HAS FURNISHED ALL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER CONCERNING BOTH [redacted] AND [redacted] HE STATES THAT HE BELIEVES THAT HE COULD IDENTIFY A PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted]. [redacted] EFFORTS TO LOCATE [redacted] ARE CONTINUING. — press there Jr

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RESULTS OF IDENTIFICATION CATALOG REGARDING [redacted]
ARE AS FOLLOWS.

A. K A FOUR - TWELVE

B. K B ONE - ONE

C. K C ONE - FIVE

D. K D ONE - TWO

E. K E THREE - FOURTEEN

F. K F ONE - ONE

G. K G ONE - SEVEN

H. K H TWO - ONE

J. K J FIVE - THREE

K. K K FOUR - SEVEN

L. ZERO

M. ZERO

N. O N ONE - TEN

GENERAL DESRIPTION IS SEX- MALE, AGE THIRTY FIVE- FORTY RACE CAUCASIAN, COMPLEXION- COARSE SKIN, DARK, HEIGHT FIVE FT. SEVEN INCHES - FIVE FT. EIGHT INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY - ONE FIFTY, SLENDER BUILD, COLOR OF EYES DARK, COLOR OF HAIR DARK.

FURNISH RESULT TO LOS ANGELS AND INTERESTED OFFICES.

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RE MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE (FEBRUARY ONE TO MARCH ONE LAST.)

LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, BY [redacted] AT [redacted] ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE CONTRACTED FOR DURING FEBRUARY, SIXTY EIGHT, BY JAMES EARL RAY. LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED [redacted] INITIAL [redacted] INITIAL [redacted] RETURN ADDRESS POST OFFICE BOX [redacted], BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA. (APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO GALT AD IN FREE PRESS.)

[redacted] INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, AND ADVISED HE RENTED POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND [redacted] PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS UTILIZING COMPUTER ANALYSIS TO LOCATE COMPATIBLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS. [redacted] CLAIMS BUSINESS NEVER ACTIVATED AND NO MAIL RECEIVED AT POST OFFICE BOX, OR SENT WITH THAT RETURN ADDRESS. [redacted] ADVISED HE DOES NOT KNOW RAY AND DOES NOT BELIEVE ANYONE CONNECTED WITH THE COMPUTER BUSINESS HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING HIM. COMPUTER BUSINESS ORGANIZED BY [redacted] AND THREE OF HIS FELLOW EMPLOYEES, ALL EMPLOYED AT [redacted] CANOGA PARK, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] AND ASSOCIATES IN COMPUTER BUSINESS BEING INTERVIEWED.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELES, MAY TWENTY NINE, CAPTIONED FRANCES E. RAY.

ON MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST, FEMALE, USING NAME FRANCES E. RAY, ADDRESS [redacted] HUNTINGON PARK, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED LOS ANGELES FBI AND QUINCY, ILLINOIS, PD. CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF JERRY RAY.

FRANCES E. RAY WHO CLAIMS SHE IS A SECOND COUSIN TO JAMES EARL RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. STATED RELATED TO JAMES EARL RAY BUT DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OR THAT SHE HAS EVER MET HIM.

SHE [redacted] ADVISED TELEPHONIC CONTACT MADE WITH FBI, LOS ANGELES, AND POLICE OF QUINCY, ILLINOIS, BECAUSE SHE FELT VERY DEPRESSED FOR SUBJECT RAY.

FRANCES RAY ADVISED SHE IS DIVORCED AND HAS RESIDED IN LOS ANGELES SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE [redacted]

NORMA JEAN DOUGLAS, [redacted] HUNTINGTON PARK, DAUGHTER OF FRANCES E. RAY, INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES AND ADVISES FRANCES E. RAY [redacted] PRONE TO FREQUENT CRANK TELEPHONE CALLS.

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RE: [redacted] (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

COVINA PD FURNISHED FIVE CARDS BEARING PARTIAL LATENT PRINTS TAKEN FROM SIXTY SEVEN GOLD COLOR BLACK TOP PLYMOUTH BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE U T W ZERO ONE TWO RECOVERED AT COVINA. ALSO FURNISHED CHECK IN AMOUNT OF FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS SIGNED [redacted], WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ALLEN A. KRAUSE. KRAUSE HAD ACCEPTED THIS CHECK TO COMPENSATE HIM FOR COLLISION DAMAGES AFTER ACCIDENT IN COVINA, MAY FIFTEEN LAST. PRINTS AND CHECK BEING FORWARDED FOR LABORATORY EXAMINATION. ALSO FURNISHED GULF OIL COMPANY GASOLINE INVOICE DATES MAY FIFTEEN LAST FOUND IN PLYMOUTH RECOVERED AT COVINA REFLECTING PURCHASE AT HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, UNDER NAME OF [redacted], CALIFORNIA LICENSE [redacted] ALSO FORWARDED FOR EXAMINATION.

ALLEN KRAUSE DESCRIBED DRIVER OF PLYMOUTH AS WMA, AGE THIRTY FIVE TO FORTY, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES OR SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, STOCKY BUILD, BLACK STRAIGHT HAIR, WELL SHAVEN, BUT EVIDENCE OF HEAVY BEARD AND AT TIME OF ACCIDENT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY YOUTH DESCRIBED AS WHITE, AGE FOURTEEN TO SIXTEEN YEARS, TALL, BLOND CURLY HAIR, ALLEGEDLY HIS NEPHEW, NO NAME GIVEN. [redacted] CLAIMED ON WAY TO LAS VEGAS. KRAUSE REPORTED ACCIDENT AND FACT THAT CHECK WAS FRAUDULENT AFTER CHECK RETURNED TO HIM BY BANK.

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[redacted] WHEN OBTAINING CAR AT CHULA VISTA WAS DESCRIBED AS WMA, AGE FORTY TO FORTY FIVE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE TO EIGHTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR, FAIR TO MEDIUM COMPLEXION.

ACCORDING TO COVINA PD, CHULA VISTA PD SUSPECTS THAT [redacted] IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIVE ARMED ROBBERIES OF REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN CHULA VISTA AREA. PERSON OF [redacted] DESCRIPTION HAD CONTACTED REAL ESTATE AGENTS ABOUT HOME PURCHASE AS PRETEXT BEFORE ROBBING THEM. ALSO FOUND IN CAR WAS KEY OF S. S. WHEELER APTS, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA WITH NUMBER [redacted] ON IT.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE LAST, [redacted]

HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THAT AT TWO PM ON MAY FIFTEEN LAST, A MAN SHE DESCRIBED AS WHM, EARLY THIRTIES, FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, DRIVING A GOLD AND BLACK CAR CAME TO HER HOME IN RESPONSE TO A SIGN IN FRONT INDICATING IT WAS FOR SALE BY OWNER. THE MAN INDICATED HE WAS INTERESTED IN BUYING THE HOME AND [redacted] LEFT HIM IN HER LIVING ROOM AND WENT TO MAKE TELEPHONE CALL TO ARRANGE FOR A LATER APPOINTMENT.

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TO HANDLE DETAILS OF SALE. WAS GONE FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES AND WHEN RETURNED MAN INDICATED HE WOULD OBTAIN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CASH AND RETURN FOLLOWING DAY TO HANDLE DETAILS. AFTER MAN LEFT, [redacted] DISCOVERED HER CHECK BOOK AND NUMEROUS CREDIT AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND HER DRIVERS LICENSE HAD BEEN TAKEN FROM HER PURSE WHICH HAD BEEN IN THE LIVING ROOM.

[redacted] REPORTED THEFT TO HUNTINGTON BEACH PD. [redacted] CONTACTED BY DETECTIVE [redacted] VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA, PD, ON MAY TWENTY LAST, INDICATING A MAN ATTEMPTED TO PASS A CHECK FOR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, VICTORVILLE, AND WHILE TELLER VERIFYING ACCOUNT MAN LEFT THE BANK. DETECTIVE [redacted] HAS CHECK DRAWN ON ACCOUNT OF [redacted] AT SECURITY FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LAKEWOOD PLAZA BRANCH, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

ON MAY TWENTY NINE, [redacted] RECEIVED LETTER FROM PERRY'S COUNTRY STORE AND RESTAURANT, P. O. BOX FORTY FIVE BONSALL (SAN DIEGO COUNTY), CALIFORNIA, WHICH LETTER ENCLOSED ALL HER SUPERMARKET IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS, WHICH HAD BEEN AMONG ITEMS STOLEN.

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SHE STATED SHE CALLED MR. PERRY THIS DATE WHO ADVISED HER THE IDENTIFICATION CARD AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE LEFT ON A TABLE IN HIS RESTAURANT BY A LONE WOMAN CUSTOMER.

[redacted] ADVISED HER MONTGOMERY WARD, J. C. PENNEY'S, ATLANTIC DASH RICHFIELD, SHELL, MOBIL, AND GULF CREDIT CARDS STILL MISSING.

[redacted] EXAMINED PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY AND INDICATED PHOTO SOMEWHAT RESEMBLED MAN WHO STOLE HER IDENTIFICATION BUT COULD NOT MAKE ANY IDENTIFICATION.

INQUIRY AT VICTORVILLE PD ASCERTAINED THAT [redacted] HAS TAKEN LEAVE UNTIL MONDAY NEXT AND IS UNAVAILABLE. EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHECK IN PD RECORDS NEGATIVE. BANK PERSONNEL NOT AVAILABLE AT VICTORVILLE UNTIL FRIDAY NEXT.

WALTER DE PRIEST MAINTENANCE MAN, SS WHEELER APARTMENTS, ONE ONE ONE FIVE EAST BALBOA BOULEVARD, BALBOA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST THAT A REVIEW OF RECORDS OF ABOVE APARTMENTS REVEALS THAT ONE [redacted] ATTEMPTED TO RENT APARTMENT [redacted] WHEELER APARTMENTS APPROXIMATELY FIVE TWENTY LAST AT ABOUT TEN AM TO ELEVEN AM, ACCOMPAINED BY INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFIED AS HIS NEPHEW. [redacted] STAYED ONLY APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS WITHOUT

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PAYING RENT AND THEN DEPARTED MAKING EXCUSES HE WAS GOING TO BANK TO SECURE FUNDS FOR RENT. HE TOOK KEY TO APARTMENT [redacted] AND DID NOT RETURN IT. AT TIME OF REGISTRATION [redacted] INDICATED RESIDENCE OF [redacted] CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DRIVING LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH FURY, BEARING CALIFORNIA LICENSE UTW ONE ZERO TWO. DE PRIEST HAS RECOLLECTION VEHICLE WAS TWO TONED GOLD IN COLOR. [redacted] ADVISED IN CONVERSATION HE WAS EMPLOYED BY INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY AND WAS BEING SENT TO AFRICA BY THAT COMPANY.

[redacted] DESCRIBED AS WMA, FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE POUNDS, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, TO NINE INCHES, DARK BROWN GRAYING HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION, WORE TROUSERS AND SHIRT. HAD NO LUGGAGE IN POSSESSION.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPANYING [redacted] NAME NOT GIVEN, DESCRIBED AS WMA, APPROXIMATELY TWENTY, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, LIGHT COMPLEXION, WORE SPORT CLOTHES.

PHOTO OF RAY EXHIBITED TO DE PRIEST AND STATES NOT INDENTICAL WITH [redacted]. PHOTO OF RAY ALSO EXHIBITED MRS. LAVERNE WHEELER, OWNER ABOVE APARTMENTS, WHO STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL NOT RECOGNIZED BY HER AS RESIDING WHEELER APARTMENTS.

LOS ANGELES WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE INDIVIDUAL

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WHO STOLE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN PLYMOUTH AND WILL SECURE AND FORWARD CHECK FROM VICTORVILLE TO LABORATORY.

SAN DIEGO AT BONSALL ASCERTAIN FULL FACTS CONCERNING RETURN OF [redacted] IDENTIFICATION MATERIAL FROM PERRY'S COUNTRY STORE ALSO NOTE ADDRESS AT CHULA VISTA AS GIVEN AT BALBOA WHEN INDIVIDUAL UTILIZED NAME [redacted]

SPRINGFIELD THROUGH JERRY RAY ASCERTAIN HOW WELL KNOWN A RELATIVE FRANCES RAY OF HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA MIGHT BE. ALSO NOTE SAME USE OF NAME OF INTERNATIONAL HARVESTOR COMPANY AT BALBOA BY THE [redacted] INDIVIDUAL UTILIZING NAME [redacted] AS WAS USED FIVE FOURTEEN LAST AT CHULA VISTA IN SAN DIEGO TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, COPY YOUR OFFICE.

LAS VEGAS CONTACT SO AND LAS VEGAS PD CONCERNING [redacted] WITH ALIASES TO DETERMINE IF SIMILAR M.O. AS DESCRIBED BY CHULA VISTA PD IS BEING NOW USED AT LAS VEGAS. SAN DIEGO TEL FIVE SIXTEEN SIXTY EIGHT FURNISHED LAS VEGAS.

COPIES OF THIS TEL FURNISHED OTHER OFFICES IN VIEW OF INFO RE [redacted]

INVESTIGATION ALL PHASES CONTINUING AT LOS ANGELES.

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634PM URGENT 5-30-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 1P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

: SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE JOHN EUGENE GAWRON. [redacted]

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

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FBI SANDIEGO
10:45PM URGENT 5-29-68 JLN
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

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RE [redacted]

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SPRINGFIELD, MEMPHIS, AND WESTERN DIVISION OFFICES MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST.

IT IS SUGGESTED SINCE BUREAU ENTERED CAR IN NCIC THAT THEY MAY DESIRE TO CANCEL.

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FBI JACKSVLE

2:00 PM DST URGENT 5/30/68 VEU

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND ATLANTA.

FROM: JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

MURKIN CR 00: MEMPHIS

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. PD RECORDS REFLECT NOTHING IDENTIFIABLE WITH [redacted] MENTIONED IN RETEL.

RECORDS, FLORIDA STATE BEVERAGE COMMISSION REVIEWED TODAY FOR ALL VOLUSIA COUNTY BEVERAGE PLACES, MANAGEMENT OR EMPLOYEES AND ONLY POSSIBILITY DETECTED WAS [redacted] W/M, DOB [redacted] WHO WAS FINGERPRINTED BY BEVERAGE COMMISSION, [redacted] THIS [redacted] INTERVIEWED TODAY AND DETERMINED TO BE FULL TIME [redacted] 38861-4100 [redacted] FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS, WHO HOLDS PART TIME BARTENDER EMPLOYMENT. [redacted] STATES NO ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH [redacted] AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY AS PERSON EVER SEEN BY HIM OUTSIDE OF NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY. [redacted] HAS NEVER STAYED IN ATLANTA AND [redacted] EMPLOYMENT DURING NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN WAS

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UNINTERRUPTED EXCEPT FOR VACATION JUNE - JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN WHEN [redacted] IN FLORIDA.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION THIS ASPECT OF CAPTIONED MATTER AS INDICATED FROM RETEL.

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Date: 5-30-68

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Via Airtel
(Priority)

TO - DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

RE: MURKIN

Re: Springfield Teletype to Los Angeles 5/29/68;
Los Angeles Teletype to Bureau 5/30/68;
Springfield Telephone Call to Chicago 5/30/68.

Enclosed for Chicago Division are two copies each of referenced teletypes.

For the information of Los Angeles, JERRY RAY is presently residing in Chicago, Illinois and in contact with Chicago Division, therefore any further leads concerning him should be directed to the Chicago Division.

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2- Los Angeles (info) (44-1574) AM
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7:12PM URGENT 5/31/68 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE VIA WASHINGTON (PLAINTEXT)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RELATEL TO BUREAU MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF BALTIMORE, LETTER ADDRESSED TO ERIC S. GALT RECEIVED MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST BY [redacted] AT [redacted] ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, OPERATOR OF CONFIDENTIAL MAIL FORWARDING SERVICE. LETTER READ QUOTE SHOW ME FIRST YOU MEAN BUSINESS UNQUOTE. LETTER SIGNED [redacted] WITH INITIALS [redacted] AND [redacted] AFTER NAME. RETURN ADDRESS SHOWN AS POST OFFICE BOX [redacted] BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA.

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[redacted] ADVISED HE RENTED P O BOX [redacted] ABOUT APRIL ONE LAST FOR FRIEND PLANNING TO OPERATE BUSINESS TO LOCATE SUITABLE MARRIAGE PARTNERS THROUGH COMPUTER ANALYSIS. BUSINESS COMPOSED OF FOUR PARTNERS AND KNOWN AS [redacted]

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TELETYPED TO:
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[redacted] AND [redacted] PARTNERS, [redacted] ALL OBSERVED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND DENY KNOWING HIM OR CORRESPONDING WITH HIM. ALL ON OWN INITIATIVE VOLUNTEERED TO SUBMIT TO POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS CONCERNING MATTER.

[redacted] ADVISED WHEN CHECKING POST OFFICE BOX ON OR ABOUT MAY TWENTY TWO LAST, CONTAINED LETTER ADDRESSED TO [redacted] FROM [redacted] COOPER STATION, NEW YORK. LETTER CONTAINED BROCHURE ADVERTISING NUDE TYPE PHOTOGRAPHS.

POST OFFICE OFFICIALS ADVISE [redacted] RENTED P O BOX [redacted] FROM NINETEEN SIXTY ONE TO MARCH THIRTY ONE LAST. [redacted] LEFT FORWARDING ADDRESS CARE OF [redacted] NEWARK, DELAWARE, UNTIL MAY THIRTY LAST, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO DISCONTINUE FORWARDING AFTER THAT DATE.

BALTIMORE INTERVIEW [redacted] CONCERNING LETTER AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY. DISPLAY PHOTOS OF RAY. COPIES OF LETTER AND ENVELOPE BEING FORWARDED BY AIRTEL.

AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS.

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END

JDR R RELAY

FBI WASH DC

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Date: 5/31/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: [redacted]

Re Bureau telephone call, 5/31/68.

[redacted], Savannah, Ga., advised his son, [redacted] was recently in Mexico but has been back in Savannah for about two weeks. He said his son, who is 33 years of age, left him to take care of the store without saying he was going and then after being in Mexico had to call back for money because some hotel down there refused to accept his credit card. He said his son has not been back in the store since his return to Savannah because of their differences.

[redacted] advised that he and his son were in the store at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was killed and that thereafter they went to a local restaurant with other employees in the store for a steak. [redacted] verified this matter without any prompting.

[redacted] was interviewed by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]. He said he departed Savannah by Delta Airlines on about 4/30/68, and took Delta to Dallas where he was to take Braniff to Mexico City. He was just a few minutes late at Dallas and had to take a later flight on Pan American Air Ways to Mexico City. At Mexico City he registered at the Marie Isabella Hotel where he stayed

3 - Bureau
2 - Savannah

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until Sunday, 5/5/68. He had to leave the hotel because of a convention. He then went to the Alfer (PH) Hotel where he stayed until about Wednesday. He left Mexico City on Wednesday via Mexicana Airlines at Madrias (PH) in the Yucatan Peninsula and spent one night at the Madrias Hotel. The next day he flew from Madrias to the Island of Iznio (PH) where he stayed for a week in the best hotel on the island. There is no telephone service on this island. When he got ready to leave, the hotel declined to accept his American Express or Diners Club credit cards. He had to go back to Madrias where he wired home for money to pay his expenses back to the states. He took a plane out of Madrias back to New Orleans and then back to Savannah arriving in Savannah either Wednesday or Thursday night, 5/15 or 16/68.

The following description was obtained from observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	33
DOB	[redacted]
POB	
Height	5' 11"
Weight	195 - 200
Hair	Brown, died blond
Scars and marks	Thin scar from right temple across top of right eye and nose; his left leg was broken

[redacted] said he was talking to a Negro policeman in the store at [redacted] when the news came over the radio that MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed. He said thereafter he went with his father and some other employees to a local restaurant for a steak. He said he also attended a memorial service for Dr. KING the following Sunday in Savannah. He denied having a pistol in his possession at any time.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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MAY 31 1968

FBI WASH DC

TELETYPE

FBI SPRNGFLD

316PM URGENT 5/31/68 MAL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE BUREAU AIRTEL MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND KNOWN ASSOCIATES DISPLAYED TO WITNESSES AT BANK OF ALTON. NO IDENTIFICATION EFFECTED.

WALTER BLACK, BLACK'S SPORTING GOODS, ALTON, ADVISED MAN'S CAP WITH FISHING EMBLEM IS COMMON ITEM SOLD IN COUNTLESS STORES, INCLUDING SPORTING GOODS, VARIETY AND DEPARTMENT STORES; THAT TRACING ORIGIN OF ONE PARTICULAR CAP WOULD THEREFORE BE EXTRMELY DIFFICULT WITHOUT SOME DISTINGUISHING MARK OR LABEL.

WILLIAM MAHER, RAY'S UNCLE, ALTON, ILLINOIS, REITERATED HE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM RAY SINCE NINETEEN FIFTY NINE; THAT RAY NEVER MENTIONED PLANNING OR CONTEMPLATING ANY BANK ROBBERY IN HIS PRESENCE.

BY COMMUNICATION TODAY, BOSTON, LOUISVILLE AND KANSAS CITY INSTRUCTED TO CONDUCT REQUESTED INVESTIGATION OUTLINED REAIRTEL. AIRMAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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FBI

Date: 5/31/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
LABORATORY # D-562678JK

~~FROM:~~ SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN
RM

Re Bureau letter dated 5/14/68.

On 5/31/68 NORMAN BUCHANAN, Manager, Paw Paw Laundry, Paw Paw, Mich., advised his company does not use a code that would include "02B-6".

UACB, specimens from his machine with the markings "02B-6" will not be forwarded for comparison in view of Mr. BUCHANAN's statement.

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3 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.) (RM)
2 - Detroit
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FBI

Date: 5/31/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

Re Burad, 5/22/68, directing check of all drivers license applications for April and May, 1968, to determine if obtained by subject, and Richmond airtel to Bureau, 5/24/68, advising this check was not economically feasible due to record keeping procedures of Virginia's DMV.

In view of the importance of this matter, DMV officials were re-contacted and have agreed, after further consideration, to make this check for the FBI.

[redacted] Bureau of Operators License, DMV, Richmond, Va., explained that DMV has just recently converted to data processing and that DMV has numerous projects awaiting programing into this equipment in addition to keeping daily work current.

Through the cooperation and efforts of [redacted] and [redacted] Data Processing, DMV, they have agreed to suspend DMV programing operations and furnish requested information to this office as soon as current work will permit.

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(3) - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Richmond
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This will necessarily require weekend use of this equipment.

It is anticipated the initial breakdown will be available to this office during the week of June 3, 1968.

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FBI CHICAGO

1045AM URGENT 5/31/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) LOS ANGELES (44-1574) SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY THIRTY LAST, SPRINGFIELD TEL TO LOS ANGELS MAY TWENTY NINE LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TEL CALL TO CHICAGO MAY THIRTY LAST.

RE FRANCES E. RAY.

JERRY RAY INTERVIEWED THIS DATE STATES NOT ACQUAINTED WITH FRANCES E. RAY, DOES NOT HAVE ANY RELATIVES IN HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, TO HIS KNOWLEDGE. HAS NEVER HEARD SUBJECT MENTION ABOVE INDIVIDUAL. BELIEVES THAT MABEL FULLER, QUINCY, ILLINOIS, WOULD HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FAMILY MEMBERS THAN ANYONE ELSE. AM CC TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI

Date: 5/31/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re San Francisco teletype to Los Angeles, dated 5/28/68 and 5/31/68.

Re request to review Los Angeles County Health Department records re subject.

[redacted] Los Angeles County Health Department, Venereal Disease Control Program, 220 North Broadway, Los Angeles, California, advised 5/29/68 that [redacted] would not be available until 6/3/68. [redacted] advised that only [redacted] could authorize search of records due to their confidential nature.

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will contact [redacted] 6/31/68, to cause records to be searched for any record of treatment of subject under known name and aliases.

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2 - Bureau
1 - San Francisco (173-65)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Los Angeles

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C. C. - Bishop

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946 PM 5/31/68 URGENT CEK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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MURKIN, CR.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TWO ZERO WEST PRAIRIE, STREET DECATUR, ILLINOIS, SPONSORS A TEEN CENTER EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT TILL TEN P.M. FOR POOR UNDER PRIVILEGED YOUTH IN DECATUR WHICH CROWD CONSISTS LARGELY OF NEGRO YOUTH. REVEREND GORDON STEWART, ASSISTANT PASTOR ADVISED MAY TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY ONE LAST THAT SHORTLY AFTER TEN P.M. MAY TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYEIGHT AN INDIVIDUAL APPEARED AT THE CHURCH AND ENTERED INTO CONVERSATION WITH A FEW SUPERVISORS, INDIVIDUAL APPEARED DRUNK OR ON DOPE, HE STATED HE CONVERSED WITH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE FOLLOWING DAY AFTER DISCUSSING THE INCIDENT WITH ONE OF THE SUPERVISORS AND VIEWING PHOTOS IN LIFE MAGAZINE THEY FELT THIS INDIVIDUAL BORE SOME RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY. REVEREND STEWART LOOKED AT NUMEROUS PHOTOS AND FAILED TO MAKE IDENTIFICATION. HE MAINTAINED HE WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE PERSON BEING RAY AND COULD ONLY SAY THAT THE ARTIST DRAWING OF THE EYES IN THE WANTED FLYER PHOTO WAS THE ONLY RESEMBLANCE BUT COULD IN

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NO WAY IDENTIFY RAY FROM TWO RECENT PHOTOS. STEWART FURTHER STATED THE PHOTO OF RAY WITH EYES CLOSED WHICH IS SIMILIAR TO THE PHOTO IN WANTED FLYER WITH EYES DRAWN BY ARTIST IN NO WAY RESEMPLED PERSON HE SAW.

REVEREND STEWART MENTIONED THE SUPERVISOR WAS NORMAN GADDIS WHO PORTRAYS HIMSELF AS AN AMATEUR ARTIST. GADDIS FAILED TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY RAY IN CONTACT WITH GADDIS ON MAY TWENTYNINE AND THIRTY FIRST SIXTYEIGHT. HE MENTIONED INDIVIDUAL NOT DRUNK HOWEVER HE COULD NOT FURNISH POSITIVE INFORMATION MAINTAINING HE ONLY NOTED THE EYES WHICH WERE DISTINCTIVE AS IN THE WANTED FLYER OF RAY BUT DIFFERED FROM THE EYES OF THE INDIVIDUAL HE HAD SEEN. GADDIS COULD NOT IDENTIFY THE TWO RECENT PHOTOS OF RAY SHOWN TO HIM ALONG WITH OTHER PHOTOS.

GADDIS DURING INTERVIEW STRESSED THE FACT HE IS AMATEUR ARTIST AND ALWAYS HAS HAD DIFFICULTY WITH REPRODUCING EYES. HE STATED HE PAID MORE ATTENTION TO THE PERSONS EYES AND DID NOT NOTICE OTHER FACIAL FEATURES EXCEPT THE PERSONS HAIRLINE WHICH

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DID NOT RESEMBLE RAYS HOWEVER HIS VIEW WAS OBSTRUCTED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS.

REVEREND STEWART MENTIONED THAT LAWRENCE REH, A LOCAL NEWS PAPER RFPORTER IS A MEMBER OF HIS CHURCH AND ALSO A SUPERVISOR AT TEEN CENTER HOWEVER REH WAS NOT PRESENT ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT SIXTYFIGHT BUT ORTAINED THE INFORMATION AND WROTE STORY THIS DATE WHICH WAS ALSO RELEASED TO AP BECAUSE HE THOUGHT IT NEWS WORTHY ITEM.

REVEREND STEWART AND GADDIS WERE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED AND NUMEROUS DISCREPANCIES NOTED.

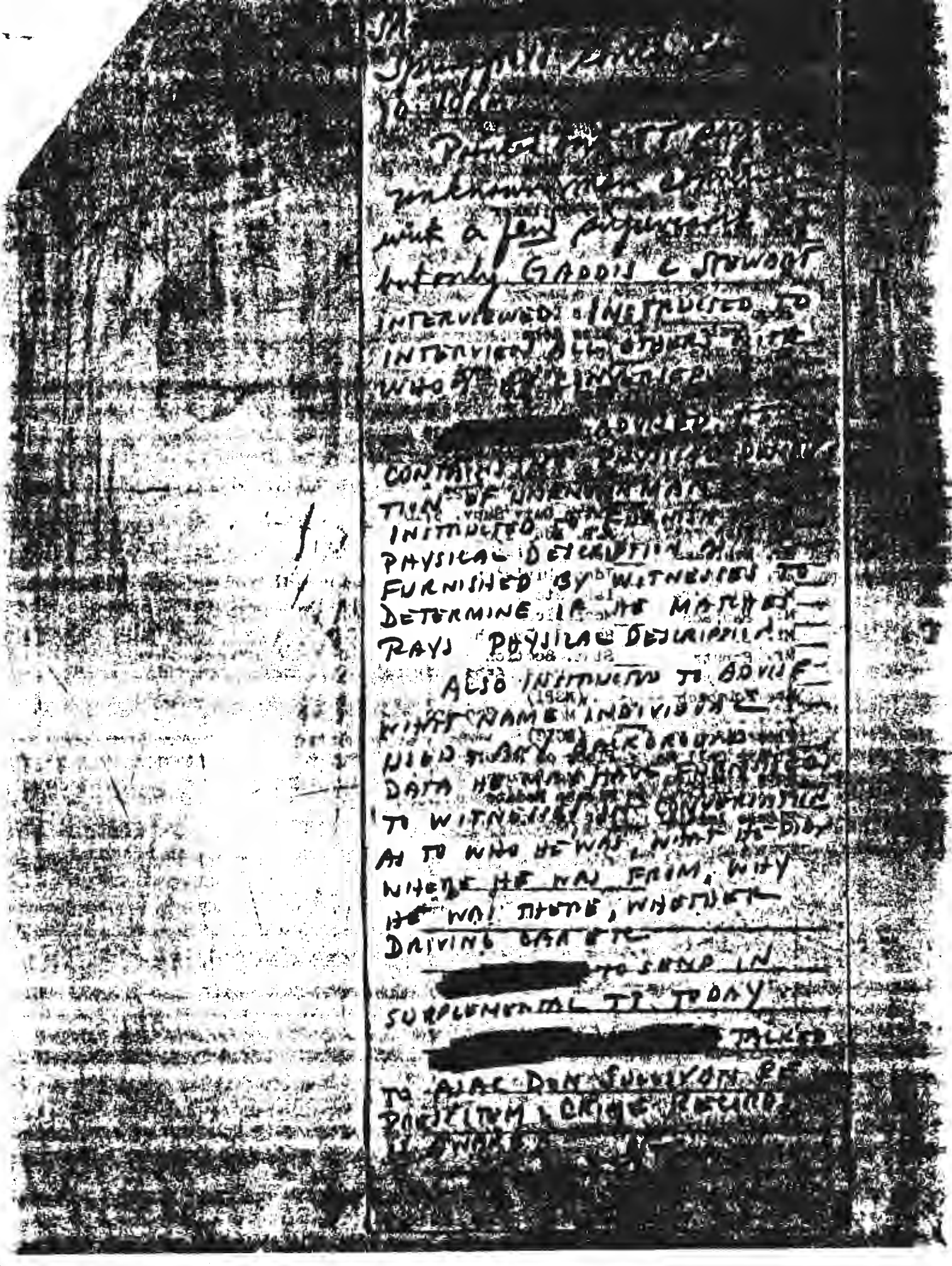
ABOVE FOR INFORMATION BURFAU IN VIEW OF CURRENT AP ITEM THIS MATTER.

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FBI-HOUSTON

347 PM URGENT 5-31-68

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

MURKIN.

REBUAIRTEL, MAY TWENTY NINE, LAST.

RE SUSPECTS [redacted]

AND [redacted]

INVESTIGATION AT HOUSTON REINSTITUTED RE CAPTIONED SUSPECTS. HOTELS BEING CONTACTED.

REGARDING PASSENGER LIST, DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN, NONSTOP MEMPHIS - HOUSTON, WHICH DEPARTED MEMPHIS ONE THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE, LAST, GLEN PARNELL, RESERVATIONS MGR., DELTA, ADVISED LIST MAINTAINED AT MEMPHIS AND CAN BE OBTAINED AT DELTA DESK, MEMPHIS AIRPORT.

MEMPHIS OBTAIN PASSENGER LIST AND FURNISH TO HOUSTON.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: May 31, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Kelly

Today Legal Attache [redacted] of Mexico City called relating to the lead furnished by [redacted] to the effect that James Ray was reportedly working at the Sadzil Ha Hotel, Isla of Mujeres, off the coast of Mexico.

[redacted] advised that an American was a guest at the Sadzil Ha Hotel from 5/9/68 to 5/12/68 at which time he reportedly left Isla of Mujeres for Merida, Mexico. Efforts to locate this individual in Merida have been unsuccessful to date.

[redacted] advised that investigation disclosed that this individual arrived in Mexico City, 5/1/68, using the name [redacted] or [redacted] He stayed at the Maria Isabella Hotel, Mexico City, from 5/1/68 to 5/4/68 and at the Alfero Hotel, Mexico City, from 5/5/68 to 5/6/68 before leaving for Isla of Mujeres. In connection with his hotel registrations he listed his profession as [redacted] and gave a permanent address of [redacted] Savannah, Georgia. He also listed a Diners' Club Card, number [redacted]

According to [redacted] this individual generally answers the physical description of Ray. Four witnesses have said that [redacted] resembles Ray while several others have expressed the opinion he does not. According to witnesses [redacted] has obviously dyed blond hair and has in his possession an automatic pistol. He also had a noticeable limp.

ACTION:

The above was telephonically furnished to ASAC Thomas Westfall of the Savannah Office with instructions to conduct immediate investigation to determine whether [redacted] is a legitimate existing person and if so, his current whereabouts.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: MURKIN

Supervisor [redacted] of the New York Office was also furnished the above information and instructed to [redacted] to obtain full details [redacted].

ASAC Thomas Westfall, Savannah, advised that inquiry has established that [redacted] is [redacted] Savannah, Georgia. He has resided in Savannah for a number of years where he has operated [redacted] with his father.

[redacted] admitted that he had been in Mexico earlier this month and was on the Isla of Mujeres from 5/9 to 12/68. He is 33 years old, has bleached blond hair, [redacted] and does limp [redacted] denied currently possession a pistol or having possessed one while in Mexico.

[redacted] further advised that he did use Diners' Club Card number [redacted] while in Mexico.

The Agents who interviewed [redacted] advised that he does not resemble James Ray.

[redacted] Diners' Club Card numer [redacted] was issued to [redacted] Savannah, Georgia, on 10/24/67. At the time the card was issued to him he was 32 years of age [redacted]

[redacted] verified [redacted] position as [redacted]

ACTION:

The above information was furnished to Legat [redacted] in Mexico City. It was pointed out to [redacted] that the original allegation was that Ray was employed in the kitchen of the Sadzil Ha Hotel and the identification of [redacted] as a legitimate person did not resolve the original allegation. He stated he was aware of this, had desired to determine [redacted] identity, even though a guest on possibility he might be identical to Ray, and that expedite inquiry was continuing to resolve the original allegation.

5-31-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368) - Enc. (2)
Memphis (44-1037)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel 5-20-68 submitting an envelope addressed to Rev. Hal Lloyd, Q347, and accompanying typewritten message, Q348.

One latent palm print of value developed on the envelope, and five latent fingerprints of value developed on the message. The latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No palm prints here for Ray. Latent print searches were conducted through single fingerprint file, but no identification effected.

Envelope and message enclosed to Philadelphia.

Laboratory report separate.

1 - Cleveland (44-585)
1 - Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: June 3, 1968 Re: MURKIN
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TO: SAC, Kansas City

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FBI

Date: 5/31/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

RE: MURKIN

Re: JAMES PAUL THORNTON

Atlanta summary teletype of 5/24/68, requested advice concerning THORNTON who is now residing in Atlanta.

The following was obtained from [redacted] BUFILE 157-1660), which also has to do with the American States Rights Party, an off-shoot of the National States Rights Party:

During 1963, THORNTON was residing in Garden Grove, California, and was assisting in the publication of the NSRP of California organ, "The Attack," P. O. Box 641, Santa Ana, California. On page 8, of the report of SA [redacted] Los Angeles, 1/14/64, it appeared that THORNTON left for Birmingham, on 1/6/64. Birmingham file reflects he left Birmingham in November, 1964, to return to Garden Grove, California.

THORNTON [redacted] had been inducted into the U. S. Army on 6/15/65, at Los Angeles, Serial No [redacted] and assigned to duty at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He is not known to have returned to Birmingham, and since NSRP headquarters had been moved from Birmingham, there would have been no reason for him to have done so.

From the above, it does not appear that any association of RAY with THORNTON could have occurred in Birmingham, since RAY was confined during the period of THORNTON's residence there.

3 - Bureau
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
3 - Birmingham
(1 - 157-631)

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FBI

Date: 5/31/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44- 38861) ATTENTION: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia teletype to the Director dated 5/27/68.

Under separate cover, fourteen (14) prints of X- rays of the skull of JAMES EARL RAY are being returned to the Bureau.

As set forth in referenced Philadelphia teletype, a medical examination of the unknown deceased, found 5/8/68 near Mahanoy City, Penna., determined that the body was not that of RAY.

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3- Bureau (RM)
1- Package (Encl. 14)
1- Philadelphia

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SAC, AL

MURKIN

NYS DEPT. OF HEALTH MAINTAINS RECORDS OF UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED IN BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, HOWEVER, NO FINGERPRINTS KEPT. FINGERPRINTS FOR UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED KEPT BY BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, NYS IDENTIFICATION AND INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM. NO FINGERPRINTS IDENTIFIABLE WITH SUBJECT LOCATED. -P-

COPY OF ABSTRACT FOR THIS SERIAL IS PLACED IN FILE IN LIEU OF THE MAIL WHICH HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED

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44-38861-4115

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
MAY 31 1968

FBI SANDIEGO

434PM URGENT 5-31-68 CND TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES

FROM SAN DIEGO 44-387

MURKIN.

RE [redacted] (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS.)

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY THIRTY LAST.

WILSON PERRY, POST OFFICE BOX [redacted], BONSALL, CALIFORNIA, OWNER AND MANAGER PERRY'S COUNTRY STORE AND RESTAURANT, AND SUSIE OSWALD, EMPLOYEE, BOTH INTERVIEWED MAY THIRTY LAST AND ADVISED AN UNKNOWN WOMAN CUSTOMER FOUND ON MAY TWENTY FOUR LAST, CREDIT CARDS AND DRIVER'S LICENSE BELONGING TO [redacted] LAYING ON A SHELF ON THE STATIONERY COUNTER IN THE STORE. PERRY RETURNED THESE CREDENTIALS TO [redacted]

BOTH PERRY AND OSWALD HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING PERSON LEAVING THESE CARDS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO THEM WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

REC 22 44-38861-4116

ADDRESS ONE TWO ONE EAST "G" STREET, CHULA VISTA, CALIF. DETERMINED TO BE NON EXISTENT.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY [redacted] SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

END

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FBI ATLANTA

641PM URGENT 5-31-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO ATLANTA MAY TWENTYNINE LAST.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED MAY THIRTYONE INSTANT.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY REINTERVIEWED THIS DATE. COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE IDENTITIES OF THE INDIVIDUALS SEEN TALKING TOGETHER ON APR. TWO LAST AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST., NE, ATLANTA, GA. REC 22 44-3811-4117

ATTEMPTS TO REINTERVIEW JIMMIE GARNER MAY TWENTYNINE AND THIRTYONE SIXTYEIGHT REFLECT GARNER APPARENTLY ON ANOTHER DRUNK.

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FOR INFORMATION LOS ANGELES, INFORMATION CONCERNING SWINGER CLUB OBTAINED FROM USPO [redacted] ATLANTA. [redacted] STATES CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR, WASHINGTON,

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D.C., HAS A LIST OF ALL OBSCENE PEN-PAL CLUBS IN U.S. WHICH ARE PRESENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY POST OFFICE DEPT. NO SUCH CLUBS OPERATING IN ATLANTA AT PRESENT TIME AND CHIEF POSTAL INSPECTOR CAN FURNISH A CURRENT PRINT-OUT OF THIS LIST WHICH CONTAINS IDENTIFICATION OF APPROXIMATELY SIXTYFIVE SUCH PEN-PAL AND LONELY HEARTS CLUBS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. LIST PRESENTLY INCLUDES ONE CLUB IN LOS ANGELES KNOWN AS THE LOCAL SWINGER AND NUMEROUS OTHERS OF A SIMILAR NATURE.

ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE RE [redacted] OR [redacted] A [redacted] MENTIONED IN SEVERAL ATLANTA FILES [redacted] PHOTO BEING SENT LOS ANGELES BY AIRTEL.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING ATLANTA TO VERIFY STORY OF [redacted]

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FBI LOS ANG.

8:30PM URGENT 5-31-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TEL MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

RE JAMES PAUL THORNTON.

[redacted]

GARDEN GROVE, MOTHER OF THORNTON, ADVISED THIS DATE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AS ASSOCIATE OF THORNTON AND STATED THORNTON INDICATED NO KNOWLEDGE OF ASSOCIATION WITH RAY BEFORE OR AFTER MURDER OF KING. FELLOW EMPLOYEES [redacted] AND [redacted] OF THORNTON'S AT [redacted] ANAHEIM, ADVISED ALSO KNEW THORNTON SOCIALLY. STATED THORNTON A LONER AND WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY. CURRENT WORKERS AT GEORGE WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT HEADQUARTERS, TWO ONE ZERO ONE WEST CHAPMAN AVENUE, ORANGE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THORNTON AND UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY. MRS. DERRY ELLISON, [redacted] PLACENTIA, CALIFORNIA ADVISED HAS LEFT WALLACE CAMPAIGN RESULT

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OF POLITICAL DIFFERENCES. STATED THORNTON ASSISTED IN MAILINGS AT ANAHEIM HEADQUARTERS FOR WALLACE UNTIL HE BEGAN TO SELL PLATFORM OF NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY WHEN HE WAS REQUESTED NO LONGER TO APPEAR AT HEADQUARTERS. ELLISON UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AND ALSO INDICATED THORNTON A LONER.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT JOHN ORTMAN, YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA NEGATIVE TO DATE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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FBI KAN CITY

608PM URGENT 5-31-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 2P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

[redacted] FORMER CIVILIAN COOK, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY (MSP), IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND AN ALCOHOLIC AND ON INTERVIEW DISCLAIMED ANY ACQUAINTANCE WITH SUBJECT RAY. [redacted] HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFO RE SUBJECT RAY AND INDICATED FORMER INMATE [redacted] WOULD HAVE BEEN LOGICAL SOURCE OF AMPHETAMINES FOR SUBJECT RAY. [redacted] ACKNOWLEDGED THERE WAS SOME KIND OF ENFORCER ORGANIZATION AMONG INMATES AT MSP, THE CURRENT HEAD OF WHICH HE BELIEVES IS INMATE [redacted] WHO WILL BE INTERVIEWED. [redacted] IDENTIFIED OTHER INMATES AS CONNECTED WITH THE ENFORCER GROUP AS [redacted] WHO HAS ALREADY BEEN INTERVIEWED IN THIS CASE.

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MISSOURI STATE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU HAS PROGRAMED AND COMPUTERIZED APPROXIMATELY FIVE THOUSAND NEW DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS SINCE APRIL ONE LAST, FOR WHITE MALES BETWEEN AGES THIRTY AND FIFTY-FIVE. SINCE IMPRACTICAL TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FIVE THOUSAND MEN, BUREAU APPROVAL IS REQUESTED FOR PROGRAMING AND SORTING OF NEW APPLICATIONS

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FOR MEN BORN IN NINETEEN TWENTY-EIGHT. IF INVESTIGATION OF THESE UNPRODUCTIVE ADDITIONAL YEARS NINETEEN TWENTY-NINE AND THIRTY WILL BE ADDED.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI SAN FRAN

359PM URGENT 5-31-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) LOS ANGELES (44-1574) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 1P

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST RE STATE HEALTH RECORDS.

[redacted] BUREAU OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES, CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, ON MAY TWENTYNINE, INSTANT, ADVISED THAT SEARCH OF RECORDS COVERING SYPHILIS INDEX SINCE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, TUBERCULOSIS INDEX SINCE MID NINETEEN FORTY, AND SEARCH OF RECORDS OF SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY VENEREAL DISEASE INDEX, WHICH IS MAINTAINED SEPARATE FROM STATE RECORDS, LOCATED NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH NAME AND ALIASES OF SUBJECT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

437PM URGENT 5-31-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

SUMMARY.

HUMAN HAIRS PREVIOUSLY DISCOVERED BY THE LABORATORY AMONG PHYSICAL EVIDENCE BELONGING TO JAMES EARL RAY SUBMITTED IN THIS CASE HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE MEMPHIS PD AND RESUBMITTED TO THE FBI LABORATORY THIS DATE FOR COMPARISON WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OBTAINED IN INSTANT UNSOLVED BR AT ALTON, ILL.

MEMPHIS HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THE RESULTS OF THE IN-DEPTH INTERVIEW OF [redacted] IRMA MORALES. IF SAME IS AVAILABLE TO THE BUREAU, IT IS REQUESTED THAT IT BE FORWARDED TO MEMPHIS. P. END.

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5-31-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 5-22-68 submitting an envelope, [illegible], and accompanying letter [illegible].

No latent impressions of value were developed on the envelope or letter, which are enclosed.

Laboratory reporting separately.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Dallas
1 - Mr. Rosen

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MAIL ROOM ☑ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FBI

Date: 5/31/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 5/23/68, and San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 5/29/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

On 5/31/68, Mr. EDWARD MANLEY, Night Manager, National Car Rentals, a subsidiary of Consolidated Leasing Corporation, 507 South Flower, Los Angeles, California, advised that he personally rented a 1968 light green Mustang, California License Number [redacted] to a SAMUEL M. SCHNEIDERMAN, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, on the night of 4/18/68. He vividly recalls SCHNEIDERMAN because due to a lack of a driver's license, MANLEY believed SCHNEIDERMAN to be a bad risk. On receiving an approval to rent the car from a superior, he rented the car to

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta (RM)
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(1 - 26-43489)
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (INFO) (AM) (RM)
1 - Jacksonville (INFO) (AM) (RM)
1 - Knoxville (INFO) (AM) (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (INFO) (AM) (RM)
1 - Tampa (INFO) (AM) (RM)
2 - San Francisco
(1 - 173-65)
(1 - 87-29695)
4 - Los Angeles
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SCHNEIDERMAN whom he described as a White male in early thirties, 5'8-5'9", 140 to 150 pounds, slender build, and wearing glasses, probably prescription type. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. SCHNEIDERMAN provided a local address of the Holiday Inn, Olympic and Figueroa, Los Angeles, California.

Mr. GENE BERRY, Manager, Holiday Inn, 1020 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, California, advised on 5/31/68 that a SAMUEL S. SCHNEIDERMAN was a guest at their motel from 1:58 AM, 4/10/68, until his room was found vacant on 4/21/68. SCHNEIDERMAN left owing a $105.98 motel bill. He described SCHNEIDERMAN as being a while male, age 40, 5'6" to 5'7", 140 to 150 pounds, slender face and with black curly hair. The motel had no record of a car. He was provided a group of assorted pictures containing a photo of JAMES EARL RAY and he stated that none of the photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN. Miss MARGE POTTS, who had seen SCHNEIDERMAN several times on desk clerk business, advised that none of above photos was identical with SCHNEIDERMAN.

The address [redacted] Los Angeles, California - is the address of the YMCA.

The Los Angeles Office is opening an ITSP case inasmuch as individual identifying himself as SCHNEIDERMAN passed at least two out of state checks in Los Angeles.

No further investigation is being conducted by the Los Angeles Office in this phase of MURKIN.

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Date: 5/31/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, dated 5/8/68, and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, dated 5/14/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On 5/22/68, Mrs. GEORGE KARIAN, [redacted] Whitemarsh Township, Pa., whose phone number is [redacted] advised that following the previous contact, she and her husband rechecked all their phone numbers, outgoing and incoming, as best they could, and they have no record of any calls from the West Coast on 1/3/68.

She stated that from November, 1967, to March, 1968, her husband's mother, Mrs. SAMUEL KARIAN, was in the Los Angeles area, and several phone calls were made; however, they were all collect. A check of these calls failed to reflect a call on 1/3/68.

Mrs. KARIAN stated she asked her two children, PATRICIA and JANICE, if they recalled an incoming phone call on 1/3/68, and they both stated they did not remember any long-distance calls.

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3 - Bureau (44-38861)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - Philadelphia (44-1368)

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Mrs. SAMUEL KARIAN advised that on 1/3/68, she was at a relative's residence, Mr. and Mrs. AJDERIAN, [redacted] Hollywood, Calif., and did not make any calls to her son in Pennsylvania during that day. She does recall that she did phone her son on both Christmas and New Year, but they were collect calls and not from a phone booth.

On 5/23/68, Mr. GEORGE KARIAN advised that since the contact with his wife the previous day, they had rechecked all their phone calls, and did not have any calls other than specific calls from his mother from the West Coast. They did not have any incoming calls from the West Coast or outgoing on 1/3/68. The only toll calls from his phone on 1/3/68 were one to Tennessee, one to South Carolina, and one to Worcester, Mass.

Information copy furnished MEMPHIS.

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URGENT 6-1-68 LLF
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES PLAINTEXT

ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

FROM BALTIMORE (44-669)

MURKIN, RM

THIS DATE, [redacted] NEWARK, DELAWARE, ADVISED [redacted] IS A FAMILY FRIEND OF TEN YEARS.

[redacted] ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE FROM EMPLOYER, [redacted] SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, AND TRAVELING IN EUROPE. ITINERARY UNKNOWN TO NEWLIN. ANY CORRESPONDENCE SENT TO [redacted] IS IN CARE OF AMERICAN EXPRESS, ROME, ITALY.

[redacted] LEFT IN MARCH, SIXTY EIGHT, TRAVELING E AST TO NEWARK, DELAWARE, ARRIVED APRIL ELEVEN SIXTY EIGHT STAYING WITH [redacted] AND FAMILY FOR SHORT VISIT.

[redacted] LEFT UNITED STATES EXACT DATE UNKNOWN TO [redacted] ARRIVED IN ITALY MAY THIRTY SIXTY EIGHT. AN UNCLE OF [redacted] DIED LAST FALL LEAVING HIM SOME MONEY. HIS TRAVELING PLANS ARE INDEFINITE DUE TO CONDITIONS IN FRANCE.

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cc - Lang

[redacted] HAS BNO CURRENT ADDRESS. HE GAVE UP HIS APARTMENT AT [redacted] LOS ANGELES. HE DID HAVE A POST OFFICE BOX FOUR YEARS O IN BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA [redacted]

BECAUSE OF LACK OF ADDRESS FOR [redacted] GAVE PERMISSION TO HAVE ANY MAIL FOR [redacted] FORWARDED TO HIS NEWARK ADDRESS.

[redacted] IS A WHITE MALE, SINGLE, FIFTY THREE YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE LBS., BLUE GREEN EYES, HAIR GRAY AND BALDING, RAISED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, WORKED AS [redacted] FOR [redacted] AND ATTENDED WESTERN RESERVE IN CLEVELAND, OHIO. [redacted] ALSO WORKED FOR MAY YEARS WITH [redacted] IN CALIFORNIA.

[redacted] IN POSSESSION OF NO INFORMATION RE JAMES EARL RAY, AKA GALT.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE LOS ANGLES TEL MAY THIRTY FIRST SIXTY EIGHT

~~IS THIS THE END??? GA~~

END SOXRXX SORRY

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FBI SANDIEGO

1157PM URGENT 5/31/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

MURKIN

RE [redacted] (CONSIDER AS ARMED AND DANGEROUS).

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES MAY THREE ONE INSTANT.

FOR INFO LOS ANGELES REFER YOUR FILE NUMBER NOT KNOWN ENTITLED UNSUB SIXTYFIVE CHEVROLET CORVETTE, VIN [redacted] [redacted] ALABAMA LICENSE [redacted] ITSMV, OO: LOS ANGELES, REFLECTING [redacted] AND [redacted]

PHOTOS OF [redacted] AND [redacted] DISPLAYED TO WITNESSES, CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, AND TWO WITNESSES STATE PHOTO OF [redacted] HAS SIMILARITIES TO [redacted] AND ONE WITNESS ADVISED BOTH PHOTOS HAVE SIMILARITY TO [redacted]

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FOR INFO BUREAU DURING EARLY SIXTYSEVEN [redacted] POSSIBLY IN COMPANY OF [redacted] OBTAINED A SIXTYFIVE CHEVROLET CORVETTE IN SIMILAR MANNER AS [redacted]

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BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE KNOWN HANDWRITING OF [redacted] AND [redacted] AND COMPARE FINGERPRINTS WITH LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED IN CONNECTION WITH [redacted] AND ANY OTHER LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED FROM INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES CONSIDER DISPLAYING PHOTOS OF [redacted] AND [redacted] TO WITNESSES LOS ANGELES AREA.

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Date: June 1, 1968

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (-P-)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

LD Phone Calls from Highway 90 and
Interstate Highway 10
San Antonio, Texas

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, dated 5/20/68, which included leads for Little Rock to check subscribers to three Arkansas telephones.

Subscribers to the three telephones have been identified and interviewed. All three calls were calls from relatives to the respective subscribers, and none of them had any knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY.

C. C. - Bishop

2 - Bureau (44-38861)
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2 - Little Rock (157-1215)
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URGENT 6-1-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 263

MURKIN.

REMYCAB AND BUCAB MAY TWO SEVEN LAST.

ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT ON ISLA DE MUJERES, QUINTANA ROO:

AGENT [redacted] ENLISTED COOPERATION OF LOCAL POLICE CHIEF UPON ARRIVAL ON ISLA DE MUJERES. EMPLOYEES OF HOTEL ZAZIL-HA AND OTHERS EXAMINED PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT AND STATED THEY BELIEVED HE COULD BE IDENTICAL WITH ONE [redacted] WHO HAD BEEN HOTEL GUEST FROM MAY EIGHT LAST TO MAY ONE FOUR LAST. HE WALKED WITH CANE AND TOLD VARYING STORIES REGARDING ALLEGED LEG INJURY; HE USED PEROXIDE ON HAIR AND WAS KNOWN TO POSSESS A POINT THREE EIGHT ZERO SUPER SPORT AUTOMATIC WITH TWO EXTRA CLIPS;

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HE ATTEMPTED TO DEVELOP A ROMANTIC ALLIANCE WITH SEVERAL YOUNG WOMEN AT HOTEL AND PURCHASED A NEW DRESS FOR ONE; HE TOLD AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE THAT HE WANTED TO BUY MARIJUANA; HE TOLD OF BUYING COMPLETE NEW WARDROBE AND LUGGAGE IN MEXICO CITY; HE GAVE CONFLICTING VERSIONS WHEN ASKED HIS LINE OF WORK; HE SENT SEVERAL TELEGRAMS TO UNITED STATES REQUESTING MONEY BUT NONE WERE ANSWERED OR ACKNOWLEDGED.

IN ADDITION, [redacted] CONFIDENTIALLY ADVISED MANAGER, FERNANDO MARTINEZ, THAT HE CONSIDERED [redacted] PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT. WHEN MARTINEZ ACCUSED [redacted] HALF-JOKINGLY, IN HOTEL BAR A FEW DAYS LATER, OF BEING THE MAN WHO KILLED VICTIM, [redacted] BECAME VISIBLY UPSET BUT ALLEGEDLY REPLIED THAT VICTIM "DESERVED WHAT HE GOT" AND THEN ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS LEAVING HOTEL THE NEXT DAY. HE DID LEAVE FOLLOWING DAY AND STILL OWED NINE NINE PESOS (ABOUT EIGHT DOLLARS) ON BILL BUT TOLD HOTEL HE WOULD SEND MONEY LATER. UPON RETURN TO MERIDA, YUCATAN, HE AGAIN ASKED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT BUYING MARIJUANA AT BAR OF HOTEL MARIA DEL CARMEN ON MAY ONE FOUR LAST. HE DEPARTED MERIDA FOR NEW ORLEANS ON MAY ONE FIVE LAST ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT FIVE ZERO SIX. //

INVESTIGATION ESTABLISHED THAT [redacted] IS ONLY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ON ISLA DE MUJERES WHO WAS CONSIDERED POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT.

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3RD CC MR. BRENNAN

[redacted] IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF HEAD WAITER AT HOTEL AND, ALONG WITH ISLA DE MUJERES CHIEF JORGE POLANCO, FIRST CONDUCTED INQUIRY AT HOTEL ON ENTIRELY UNRELATED COMPLAINT WHICH ENABLED THEM TO INTERVIEW KITCHEN AND DINING ROOM HELP AND NUMEROUS OTHER EMPLOYEES AND TO ESTABLISH CONCLUSIVELY THAT ALL KITCHEN HELP ARE OF MEXICAN DESCENT AND THAT NO NORTH AMERICAN HAS BEEN WORKING THERE.

ALLEGATION THAT SUBJECT EMPLOYED AT BAR IN MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON:

[redacted] COMPLETED CANVASS OF OTHER SPOTS NEAR AUTOMOTORES, S. A., IN MONTERREY, ON NIGHT OF MAY TWO SEVEN LAST. THESE INCLUDED BARS, RESTUARANTS AND NIGHT CLUBS WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN CHECKED AT TIME MY RECAB WAS PREPARED. [redacted] FOUND NO NORTH AMERICANS EMPLOYED IN ANY OF THESE PLACES AND NO MEXICANS WHO RESEMBLED PHOTOGRAPHS OR DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT.

ALL OUTSTANDING LEADS RECEIVING PRIORITY ATTENTION.

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RECEIVED: 12:00PM RNK

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FBI ST LOUIS

632PM URGENT 6-1-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

(MURKIN) - SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RADIOGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 1 1968
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TO: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RESCTEL FIVE TWENTY-EIGHT LAST.

IN VIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE PROJECT TO REVIEW DRIVER'S LICENSE IN STATE OF CALIFORNIA, YOU SHOULD NOT REVIEW ALL APPLICATIONS FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT. IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION, YOU SHOULD REVIEW UNFILED APPLICATIONS ON DAILY BASIS UNTIL EVERY APPLICATION NOW IN ARREARS IS ACCOUNTED FOR. THIS WILL BE FOR MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, SIXTY-EIGHT AND SHOULD BE DONE AT NO COST TO BUREAU. ADVISE BUREAU IF REVIEW OF RECORDS INVOLVES ANY UNDUE PROBLEM OR WILL INVOLVE EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION OF PERSONNEL.

AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS.

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1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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NOTE:

The Bureau by radiogram dated 5/21/68 to All SACs instructed that each field office covering state capitals cause a review for all driver's license applications to be reviewed for the months of April and May, 1968, as subject Ray may have obtained a driver's license in a state using a name not known to this Bureau.

Sacramento now advises that due to the system of recording information regarding driver's license for the State of California to cause a review of all applications received for the months of April and May, 1968, would result in a cost to the Bureau of $81,000. Upon further conversation with Sacramento they advised that the State is approximately four or five weeks behind in filing their applications and they recommend these unfiled applications can be reviewed on a daily basis with five Agents conducting review of three to five thousand applications daily, Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., at Department of Motor Vehicles headquarters.

Sacramento is being instructed to review these applications not yet filed concerning all applicants for months of April and May, 1968, at no cost to Bureau.

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 2, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following action was taken by Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted] on 6-2-68, regarding location by Canadian authorities of a passport issued to Ramon George Sneyd:

Legal Attache [redacted] London, England, was telephonically contacted. He advised that there would be no record maintained on an individual entering England or any of the Commonwealth under Canadian passport. He pointed out that if a person arrived on a plane from Canada at London, he would merely present his passport to Immigration officials who would stamp the passport but no record would be made of the person's entry.

[redacted] stated there were several avenues of investigation possible in London which are: (1) check of British Overseas Airlines Company (BOAC) passenger manifests to determine if a person by the name of Sneyd was on an incoming flight. In this connection, he noted that this is a holiday weekend in England and that Monday, 6-3-68, is a holiday, similar to our Labor Day, and he doubted if such a check of BOAC records could be undertaken before 6-4-68; however, he would explore the possibility on 6-3-68. (2) Circularize the name of Ramon George Sneyd through the Hotel Security Officers Association to determine if Sneyd was registered in a London hotel. He pointed out that there was no guarantee that such circularization would not be leaked to the press. (3) Circularization through the Metropolitan Police Gazette which is a periodical sent to all police agencies in the United Kingdom. Here again while the Gazette is supposedly restricted to police agencies, information contained therein very often comes to the attention of the press. (4) Arrange for widespread publicity through news media of subject's photograph and descriptive data.

[redacted] was instructed that at this point all investigation should be handled in a discreet fashion and that he should take no action concerning circularization through the Hotel Security Officers Association or the Metropolitan Police Gazette and no publicity to news media unless specifically authorized by the Bureau. He was instructed to have a check of BOAC records instituted as soon as possible.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: MURKIN

In connection with past information indicating Ray might desire to travel to Rhodesia, [redacted] advised that all British are banned from travel to Rhodesia and, therefore, he would have extreme difficulty using a Canadian passport to leave London for Rhodesia but he did point out that a person could fly from London to some point on the continent and from there travel to Rhodesia.

Legal Attache [redacted] Ottawa, Canada, advised at 1:45 p. m., 6-2-68, that Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) had reported no new developments to him and that if he did not hear from them by 5:00 p. m., he would call them and thereafter call the Bureau bringing the Canadian investigation up to date. He pointed out that RCMP is checking regarding whether or not there was a legitimate birth certificate filed for Sneyd. In connection with the handwriting examination being done by RCMP, he said a comparison was being made with the signature on the lease executed by Galt in Montreal. RCMP is also checking to determine what records BOAC maintains in Canada concerning London passengers. [redacted] was advised that an FBI Identification Record was located for one Paul Osborn Bridgeman, [redacted] indicating Bridgeman had been fingerprinted by the Department of Correction, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 4-23-65, and could very well have been confined to the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time Ray was confined there.

[redacted] will attempt to get passport application and photograph of Sneyd in the mail to the Bureau 6-3-68.

[redacted] was instructed that all investigation in Canada regarding this matter should be handled in a discreet fashion.

ASAC Cliff Halter, Memphis Office, was telephonically advised of the developments concerning the Canadian passport issued to Sneyd. SAC Robert Jensen, Memphis Office, subsequently called and suggested that Legat, Ottawa be requested to have laundries in the vicinity of the Chinese rooming house checked to determine if photographs of Ray could be identified by them. SAC Jensen also suggested that as soon as photographs of Sneyd are obtained from Legat, Ottawa, copies should be sent to St. Louis and Chicago to be shown to Ray's relatives.

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen
RE: MURKIN

SAC Karl Dissly, Kansas City Office, was telephonically advised of the Canadian developments and was furnished background concerning Paul Bridgeman, [redacted]. SAC Dissly advised that the Department of Correction, Jefferson City, Missouri, is the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was instructed to immediately have appropriate record reviewed and set out necessary leads to locate and interview Bridgeman concerning his knowledge of subject Ray and present whereabouts and to determine if Bridgeman is now or was in Toronto, Canada, in April of this year.

ACTION: For information.

6/2/68

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CABLEGRAM
TO: LEGAT LONDON
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

IMMEDIATE

L-Foreign Liaison
1-Mr. McGowan

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LEGAT OTTAWA ADVISED 6/1/68 that RCMP LOCATED CANADIAN PASSPORT NUMBER DJ 909324 FOR RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, ISSUED 4/24/68 AT OTTAWA, RCMP INVESTIGATORS ADVISE PHOTOGRAPH OF SNEYD IS VERY DEFINATELY SIMILAR TO JAMES EARL RAY AND THERE IS GOOD PROBABILITY IT IS PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY. PURPOSE OF PASSPORT WAS FOR SNEYD TO FLY TO LONDON, ENGLAND ON 5/6/68 VIA BOAC AND RETURN TO CANADA MAY 21 LAST. LEGAT OTTAWA AS YET HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHAT FLIGHT SNEYD TOOK TO LONDON AND THERE IS NO INDICATION HE HAS RETURNED TO CANADA AS SCHEDULED. SNEYD DESCRIBED AS WHITE-MALE, FIVE TEN, ONE SIXTY EIGHT, BLACK HAIR, BLUE EYES, BORN 10/8/32 AT TORONTO, CANADA, ADDRESS 968 DUNDAD STREET, TORONTO, CANADA, (CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE). INVESTIGATION BY RCMP CONTINUING TO FURTHER IDENTIFY SNEYD.

LEGAT LONDON THROUGH SOURCES CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE SNEYD. DETERMINE THROUGH BOAC IF

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

SNEYD ARRIVED LONDON AS SCHEDULED AND MOVEMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO ARRIVAL. ADVISE BUREAU IMMEDIATELY RESULTS OF YOUR INQUIRIES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab file

FBI
LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: June 3, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR

00: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680529081 JK

Examination requested by: Kansas City

Reference: Airtel 5/28/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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2 - Kansas City (44-760) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 3, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680529081 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 5/29/68

K278 through K453 One hundred seventy-six applications to the Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, Kansas City, Missouri, for the months of April and May, 1968, bearing known handwriting of various individuals

Result of examination:

The handwriting, hand printing and typewriting appearing on K278 through K453 were compared with respective portions of known and questioned items submitted in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation, but no identification could be made.

K278 through K453 will be returned by separate cover. These items were not photographed.

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5/28/68

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)(P)

RE: MURKIN

Re airtel from Bureau, 5/22/68, requesting records from locksmithing schools.

Forwarded to the FBI Laboratory under separate cover are 176 applications submitted to the Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, 315 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri, for the months of April and May, 1968. Those were furnished to IC [redacted] by [redacted], Belsaw Locksmithing Institute on 5/27/68, and may be utilized by the Bureau for handwriting and/or typewriting examinations but should be returned to the Belsaw Institute when they are of no further use to the FBI.

It is to be noted the originals are being furnished the Laboratory. Xerox copies of these were made and returned to the Belsaw Institute so Belsaw Institute does have a copy in their file while originals are being examined by the FBI Laboratory.

4 - Bureau (RM)
(1 - Package, Encls. 176)(RM)
1 - Memphis
2 - Kansas City
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. [illegible]

June 3, 1968

TO: SAC, Richmond

RE: [redacted]
ITSP

REFERENCE: Airtel 5/21/68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Richmond
SPECIMENS: [illegible], check #147

Two latent fingerprints developed on enclosed check.

Latent fingerprints are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405076C. Latent fingerprints also compared but are not identical with fingerprints of following individuals, one of whom may be person whose name appears in title of this case:

Enc.

1 - Richmond (44-657)
1 - Baltimore (44-493)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - WFO (44-703)
(1) - Bufile (44-38861)

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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SAC, Richmond

June 3, 1968

[redacted] born [redacted]
New York, N. Y.
[redacted] born [redacted]
Buffalo, N. Y.

Basis of information furnished, no fingerprint record located Identification Division files for [redacted]

Latent fingerprints lack sufficient pattern detail for search in single fingerprint file.

Laboratory report separate.

6/3/68

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CABLEGRAM

URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGAT, LONDON

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

INQUIRY HAS DISCLOSED THAT AN INDIVIDUAL USING NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD TRAVELED ON BOAC FROM TORONTO TO LONDON ON MAY SIX, SIXTY-EIGHT. PERSON USING THE SAME NAME RETURNED TO TORONTO ON BOAC MAY TWENTY-ONE, SIXTY-EIGHT.

YOU SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR WHEREABOUTS OF SNEYD DURING PERIOD MAY SIX TO TWENTY-ONE. CHECK SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF SNEYD DEPARTED LONDON DURING THAT PERIOD BY FLIGHTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY SWITZERLAND. ALSO CHECK TO DETERMINE IF BANKING ACCOUNT OR SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX OPENED BY SNEYD IN LONDON DURING THIS PERIOD.

CHECK BOAC PERSONNEL TO DETERMINE IF PERSON RETURNING TO TORONTO ON MAY TWENTY-ONE WAS IDENTICAL WITH PERSON ARRIVING LONDON ON MAY SIX USING NAME SNEYD.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND LEGAT, OTTAWA.

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VIA TELETYPE

JUN 3 1968

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1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)
1 - LEGAT, OTTAWA (FOR INFO)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO...

NOTE: Legat, Ottawa had previously advised an application had been filed for a passport in the name of Ramon George Sneyd for travel to London on May 6 and returning to Toronto on May 21, 1968. Legat, Ottawa has now received information that person using name of Sneyd did travel from Toronto on May 6 and an individual using the same name returned to Toronto on May 21, 1968.

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6/3/68

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to Mr. Gale's conversation with Cliff Sessions today concerning the proposed meeting which the Attorney General plans to have with representatives of CBS this afternoon.

It was indicated that CBS was going to do a program on Martin Luther King and one of the comments would pertain to Rev. Ralph Abernathy's comment concerning the fact that the FBI was doing nothing to bring about the arrest of King's murderer.

ACTION RECOMMENDED

The Attorney General according to Cliff Sessions desired some statement which might be suggested which he could make or give to CBS representatives.

It is believed that any statement which we might give to the Attorney General should be brief and succinct and we, therefore, recommend for your consideration the brief comments which are attached. All of the information in the attached statement has previously been publicly released.

Enclosure

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ENCLOSURE

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The record of the FBI in connection with the investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., is one of substantial achievement.

Starting with an unknown subject, the man known as Eric Galt was identified by the FBI as a prime suspect within five days. Within another week the FBI had obtained a photograph of the subject and the Attorney General considered sufficient evidence had been developed to warrant Federal process. Three days later, as a result of a project to check latent fingerprints against the fingerprints of more than 53,000 fugitives, James Earl Ray was determined to be identical with Galt.

The total facilities of the FBI have been fully committed to this case from the outset. Investigation has proceeded around-the-clock on a top priority basis throughout the United States and in various foreign countries. Thousands of interviews have been conducted and hundreds of suspects have been processed. A tremendous number of examinations have been conducted by the FBI Laboratory and the FBI Identification Division. Every logical investigative approach is being vigorously pursued and there will be no let up until Ray is apprehended.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

047AM URGENT 6-1-68 KJF

TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

URKIN

REFERENCE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU FIVE THIRTYONE LAST.

MABLE FULLER STATES SUBJECT HAS NO COUSIN NAMED FRANCES E. RAY AND SHE KNOWS NO ONE RESIDING IN HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA. FULLER STATES SUBJECT HAD TWO UNCLES, NOW DECEASED, AND NO CHILDREN BY EITHER UNCLE.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

259PM URGENT 5-29-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN: CR.

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR, MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST, CONCERNING [redacted] AKA [redacted] LAST KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE LAST KNOWN ARREST, CHARGE, LOCATION AND DISPOSITION OF [redacted] BUREAU FURTHER REQUESTED TO FURNISH MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH [redacted] FOR VIEWING MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P. END.

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EMR. ROSEN

FBI

Date: 5/21/68

Transmit [illegible] Teletype / Airtel

To: [illegible] (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (87-NEW) -P-

SUBJECT: UNSUB; [redacted]

[redacted]

(CO: [illegible])

Re [illegible] airtel to Richmond and Baltimore, 5/9/68 under caption "[illegible]."

Enclosed for the Bureau is one check in the amount of $175.00, drawn on the Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Md. Enclosed for the Baltimore Division is one Xerox copy of same check. Enclosed for each office is a copy of the airtel.

For the information of the Bureau, the airtel referred to [redacted], furnished information that an unidentified [redacted] identified himself as [redacted] purchased a used sofa from her on approximately April 14, 1968. [redacted] paid for the purchase with a check which is enclosed, and the check was subsequently returned to [redacted] marked, "Insufficient funds."

On 5/16/68, [redacted] was shown photographs of [redacted] by [redacted] and she indicated that she could not positively state that the unsub is identical with [redacted]. She furnished the check received from

1 - Director (Enc. 1)
1 - Baltimore (Info) (Enc. 2)
1 - [illegible] (Info) (Enc. 1)
1 - [illegible] (Info) (Enc. 1)
3 - Richmond
(1 - 44-657)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] to Bl[redacted] for latent finger print and handwriting examination by the FBI Laboratory.

Inasmuch as [redacted] was not positive in her identification of [redacted] as MAY, and the apparent NMSP violation, the laboratory is requested to make a latent fingerprint and handwriting for comparison with the known prints and handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY and search the enclosed check through the National Fraudulent Check File.

Results of the above examination should be furnished all offices receiving this communication and the check returned to the Richmond Division.

Pending determination of an NMSP violation, by the Baltimore Division, no further leads are being set forth at this time. Information copies are being forwarded to those offices having an investigative interest in this matter.

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1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long-2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Richmond (87-NEW)

Date: May 29, 1968

44-38861

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Re: UNSUB, aka
[redacted]
IT3P
OO: Richmond

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. D-680523082 JK

Examination requested by: Richmond

Reference: Airtel 5/21/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q1.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Richmond (44-657) Enclosure (Lab report)
2 - Baltimore (1-44-493) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosure (Lab report)
2 - Washington Field Office (1-44-703) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Bufile (44-38861)

JIM:AW (15)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Richmond (87-NEW)

Date: May 29, 1968
FBI File No.
Lab. No. D-680523082 JK

Re: UNSUB, aka
[redacted]
TTBP

Specimen received 5/23/68

SPECIMEN	CHECK #	AMOUNT	DATE	PAYABLE TO	SIGNED	BANK
Q1	147	$175.00	4/15/68	[redacted]		Suburban Trust Company, Hyattsville, Md.

Result of examination:

Specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate sections of the National Fraudulent Check File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

Where fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name [redacted] the signatures thereon were compared with Q1 but no identification could be effected. No fingerprint cards were located for individuals using the name [redacted]"

It was concluded that the questioned writings on Q1 were not prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q1 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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MAY [illegible] 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
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Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

FBI WASH DC

FBI LOUISVLE

327AM 5-30-68 URGENT SKT

TO : DIRECTOR

NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

FROM: LOUISVILLE (44-947)

MURKIN

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE MAY TWENTYNINE LAST, TO DIRECTOR JACKSON, AND LOUISVILLE.

RE [redacted]

PHOTO RECORD FILM REFLECTS [redacted]

[redacted] SHREVEPORT, LA.

LOUISVILLE INDICES NEGATIVE RE ANYONE IDENTIFIABLE WITH [redacted]

[redacted] OR [redacted]

JACKSON, ATLANTA, LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL.

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FBI WASH DC

May 31, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Jackson (157-9586)
EX-105 New Orleans (157-10673)
REC 38
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 4140

MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated May 30, 1968.

New Orleans, if not already done, will obtain background information regarding [redacted] as this individual could possibly be identical with [redacted] referred to by Allan O. Thompson, Manager of St. Francis Hotel.

Jackson will check all references to name of [redacted] and account for current whereabouts of [redacted] who was at University of Mississippi. Jackson should continue to check out names or variations of [redacted] contained in their files.

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1 - Los Angeles (info)
1 - Memphis (info)

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NOTE:

Allan O. Thompson, Manager, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, a former residence of the subject, advised that in March of 1968, an individual by the name of [redacted] attempted to get in contact with the subject and allegedly made calls to him from Atlanta and New Orleans. We are currently endeavoring to identify [redacted] and Jackson and New Orleans are being instructed to further identify individuals by the name of [redacted] located in their territory.

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.KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 52

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MEMPHIS	MEMPHIS	6/5/68	4/4 - 5/31/68

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
JAMES EARL RAY, aka Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, Jim - FUGITIVE IO #4182, WF #442-A; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM	SA JOE C. HESTER	mnr

Section 52

CHARACTER OF CASE

CR - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY

NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY

REFERENCES:

Reports of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 4/17/68 and 4/30/68 at Memphis.

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APPROVED R G Jensen SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Additional copies of this report have been designated for the Bureau in order that dissemination may be made to Legats, Ottawa and Mexico City.

It should be noted that during interviews with certain of the subject's associates and former prison mates, their stories have varied from time to time. Some of their stories may have varied after this report was prepared. This is recognized but could not be avoided. Any more recent information obtained from them will be set out in subsequent reports.

LEADS:

All offices will continue to conduct investigation in this matter and will set out all leads which appear to be appropriate.

UNITE STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUST E
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA JOE C. HESTER
Date: JUNE 5, 1968

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File No.: 44-1987

Bureau File No.: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) 4/23/67, and on 7/20/67 a complaint was filed before USC W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Mo., charging RAY with unlawful flight to avoid confinement in violation of Title 18, USC, Section 1073. On 4/17/68 an authorized complaint was filed against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, USC, Section 241, charging that he did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States. Complaint was filed before USC, Birmingham, Ala., by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of GALT. Recommended bond is $50,000. On 5/7/68 Shelby County GJ, Memphis, returned a secret indictment charging JAMES EARL RAY with murder in the first degree. Chronological listing of subject's activities from 4/67 to 4/68 set forth and reflects he resided briefly at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada. He traveled to Birmingham, Ala., purchased a 1966 Ford Mustang, then traveled to Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, for a brief residence, and then to Los Angeles, Calif. Subject made 2 round trips by automobile from Los Angeles to New Orleans and in 3/68 established residence in Atlanta, Ga. Using the name HARVEY LOWMEYER, a Remington, Model 760, rifle was purchased 3/30/68 Birmingham, Ala. At 6:00 P.M., 4/4/68 Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of a nearby rooming house while he was standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, Memphis. Same Remington rifle identified above recovered at scene along with other items and personal belongings of the subject. Results of Laboratory examinations of all evidence described herein. Interviews of relatives of JAMES EARL RAY, fellow prisoners, and associates set forth. Subject is described as a loner with no close associates, reportedly on amphetamine, and selling drugs at MSP while incarcerated there. Identification record and description also set forth. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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I. CRIMES COMMITTED FOR WHICH FEDERAL PROCESS OUTSTANDING

The subject, JAMES EARL RAY, was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri, March 17, 1960, from the St. Louis City Circuit Court to serve a sentence of 20 years after conviction for robbery first degree by means of a dangerous and deadly weapon (2 counts) and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. He was given sentences of 20, 7, and 5 years, all to run concurrently.

The subject, who was MSP inmate #00416, was assigned to the Bakery Unit of the Food Service Department. Just prior to the 5:00 P.M. count on April 23, 1967, he was discovered missing and could not be found within the penitentiary. It was not until some 10 days later that prison officials determined that the subject had escaped by being concealed in a large bread box being taken by open truck from the main prison to Renz Farm, a prison farm that lies outside the prison walls and about 5 miles north of the main prison. This method of escape has not been positively verified and remains largely a matter of conjecture.

Federal assistance was requested to locate the subject, and on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before U. S. Commissioner W. C. SHELEY at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging the subject with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement following a conviction for robbery first degree, this being in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073.

On April 24, 1968, an amended complaint was filed by SA ROWEN B. AYERS before U. S. Commissioner SHELEY.

At about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet. Investigation disclosed that this shot was fired from the bathroom of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, which bathroom was located at the rear of the rooming house and which had a window overlooking the Lorraine Motel. It is 207 feet from the bathroom window to the spot where KING was shot.

It was determined that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented Room 5B at 422½ South Main Street, paying one week's rent. After hearing the rifle shot at about 6:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, other tenants in the rooming house observed the man known as WILLARD fleeing from the rooming house carrying a large package which was subsequently abandoned by him on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street. Further investigation disclosed that WILLARD fled from the scene in a white Mustang parked a few feet south of 424 South Main Street.

Found abandoned in front of 424 South Main was a 30-06 Remington, Model 760, rifle, a small plastic suitcase containing numerous toilet articles, undershorts, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after shave lotion bottle, 2 cans of Schlitz beer, and a brown and green bedspread in which all of these items were partially wrapped.

Investigation at motels in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee, to identify persons who might be driving a white Mustang automobile disclosed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, and was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993. Subsequent investigation at Birmingham, set out in more detail elsewhere in this report, indicated that ERIC STARVO GALT was responsible for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and on April 17, 1968, Assistant U. S. Attorney R. MACEY TAYLOR, Birmingham, Alabama, authorized the filing of a complaint against ERIC STARVO GALT for violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, charging that GALT did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely, the right to freely travel from state to state. Assistant U. S. Attorney TAYLOR recommended bond be set in the amount of $50,000.

This complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before U. S. Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, on April 17, 1968, and Mrs. SPRAGUE issued a warrant of arrest for ERIC STARVO GALT.

On May 7, 1968, a Shelby County Grand Jury, Memphis, Tennessee, returned a secret indictment charging the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, with murder in the first degree. While this indictment has not been made public, the local press is aware of its existence and has commented on it.

II. CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY SINCE HIS ESCAPE AND LABORATORY EXAMINATION OF EVIDENCE ATTENDANT THERETO

4/23/67 — JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri.

7/18/67 — A man using the name ERIC S. GALT signed a lease for an apartment in the Harkay Apartments, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada. The apartment was to rent for $75 monthly, and one month's rent was to be forfeited in the event the lease was terminated prior to January 18, 1968.

GALT is not known to have made any telephone calls from the telephone in the hall, #532-0094, and interviews have been unproductive with other tenants, nearby stores, garages, parking lots, and other places where GALT might have parked his car.

An employee at the apartment house has reported that during GALT's stay he was visited on one occasion by 2 women, both described as being aged 40 to 42, one woman had black hair, the other had reddish brown hair. They reportedly stayed overnight, one left the following day, and the other stayed for a few days.

7/24/67 — ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,648, from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of $9 and was made payable to Futura Books, Inc., 4533 Lennox, Inglewood, California.

On July 26, 1967, a Canadian Money Order in the amount of $9 was received at Futura Books, Inc., Inglewood, California, from ERIC GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, as payment for three books entitled "Sexual Anatomy," "Unusual Female Sex Practices," and "Sex Feeling in Men and Women." Futura Books is able to state that the ad answered by GALT had appeared in "Men's Real Adventure" magazine. This order was received and mailed on the same date, July 26, 1967.

7/28/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C31,600,868 at Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of $17.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

A photostat copy of this money order was examined by the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory reported that the photostat copy of this money order lacks the quality necessary for a satisfactory comparison; however, some differences were noted between the writing appearing on the face of this item when compared with writing appearing on other specimens submitted in this case under the name of ERIC GALT.

ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Notre Dame East, Montreal, Canada, enrolled in the Locksmithing Institute, 1500 Cardinal Drive, Little Falls, New Jersey, a correspondence school whose records reflect that his first payment was received July 31, 1967, and the last payment was by money order dated March 28, 1968. During the period of his enrollment, GALT showed in addition to the Canadian address the following addresses:

1535 South Serrano
Los Angeles, California

2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

113 14th Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

The enrollment form of Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, dated July 31, 1967, in the name of ERIC S. GALT; the confidential information form of the Locksmithing Institute bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT; and the white envelope postmarked Montreal P.Q., VII, 1967, bearing the return address ERIC S. GALT, 2589 Rue Notre Dame Est., Montreal, Canada, Quebec, and handprinted address "Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, USA 07424" were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the signature appearing on the confidential information form was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items submitted in this case. It was determined that the handprinting appearing on the enrollment form and white envelope was prepared by the same individual who prepared handprinting on other items submitted attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/9/67

ERIC GALT purchased a Canadian Postal Money Order #C35,273,307 from Station "C," Montreal, Canada. This money order was in the amount of $1 payable to E. Z. Formula, Hollywood, California. E. Z. Formula, 6311 Yucca Street, Hollywood, California, is a subsidiary of Barnett and Hersh and concerns only a magazine mail order business selling a single formula for making glass into a 2-way mirror. They maintain no receipt or record of shipment and are therefore unable to further verify receipt of an order from GALT.

8/26/67 — Personnel at the Harkay Apartments, Montreal, Canada, are not certain as to the date ERIC S. GALT moved from that address; however, they are in agreement that it was shortly before Labor Day of 1967. Investigation at Birmingham, Alabama, has disclosed that on August 26, 1967, ERIC S. GALT registered in a rooming house known as Economy Rooms at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

8/28/67 — ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box #5517 at the Main Office, Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT surrendered this box by notification to the bank by undated, handwritten letter wherein he stated he was moving to the state of Louisiana. The record of access to the safe deposit box, contract for box, ledger card for box, and the undated, handwritten letter from GALT were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on these items was prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

8/29-30/67 — ERIC GALT, in answer to an ad appearing in a local newspaper, contacted Mr. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. On August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank Building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY $1995 in cash. A bill of sale was prepared indicating the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone #323-9487.

9/6/67 Records of the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, revealed that Alabama driver's license #2848947 was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama driver's license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other signatures in the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

9/12/67 ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, enrolled for 5 weekly classes in dance instruction at Continental Dance Club Studios, also known as the Friendship Club, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT attended classes on 4 consecutive Tuesday evenings but did not appear for the fifth class.

9/26/67 In September 1967 the Order Department - Modern Photo Book Store, Division of American Photographic Book Publishing Company, Inc., 166 Fifth Avenue, New York City, New York, received a coupon clipped from "Modern Photography Magazine," which coupon requested that Book #633 be sent to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham. Book #633 referred to above is "Focal Encyclopedia of Photography." This department also received a letter dated September 26, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, with the same Birmingham, Alabama, address wherein GALT refers to his order for Book #633 and requested that the book not be sent as he was moving shortly and would send a corrected address later. Officials of the Modern Photo Book Store advised that they have received no further communications from GALT subsequent to the letter dated September 26, 1967.

The FBI Laboratory reported that the handwriting appearing on this coupon and letter was identical with the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. The FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint of value was developed on the coupon and that this latent fingerprint is identical with the left thumb print of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

9/28/67 — ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank Draft #04012FPS from the Exchange Security Bank, 5 Points South Branch Office, Birmingham, Alabama, dated September 28, 1967, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of $337.24.

10/2/67 — ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was issued 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 for a 1966 Ford Mustang, VIN 6T07C190647.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT on the application for the Alabama license was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/3/67 — The Superior Bulk Film Company, 442-450 North Wells, Chicago, Illinois, received an order from ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for one Kodak Super 8 camera, Model M8; one Kodak Dual Projector, Model M95Z; one HPI Combination Splicer; and one 20 foot remote control cable for a total price of $337.24. A bank draft was received with the order, and on October 3, 1967, a package was mailed to him via parcel post under invoice #179530. Since the Kodak Model M8 camera was not in stock, a Crestline Super 8 camera was substituted.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the handprinting appearing on this Superior Bulk Film Company order blank was prepared by the same individual who prepared other items submitted under the same name and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/5/67 — ERIC S. GALT sent a typewritten note dated October 5, 1967, to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, acknowledging receipt of items ordered from them and by which he returned the Crestline Super 8 camera. He indicated the camera ordered by him was a four speed camera while the substituted one was a one film speed camera. GALT indicated he was leaving for Mexico on October 7, 1967, but would later send his Mexican address to that company.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this letter dated October 5, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/18/67 — Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, mailed to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, via parcel post a Kodak Super 8, Model D38, camera, under invoice #179530.

10/19/67 — On this date ERIC GALT registered in Room 212 of the Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined 2 photostat copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings appearing on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

10/22/67

A typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT was addressed to Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, indicating that he could not wait for the originally ordered Kodak camera and requesting that his refund be mailed to the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated October 22, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on items previously submitted in this case and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

11/6/67

ERIC GALT checked out of the Hotel Rio, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

11/7-13/67

ERIC GALT during this period of time was registered in Room 417 of the Hotel Tropicano, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.

During most of the period that he was in Puerto Vallarta, GALT associated with [redacted] IRMA MORALES, true name MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO. She was located and interviewed, and she furnished a photograph of GALT taken in Puerto Vallarta about November 3, 1967. She claims not to have seen GALT nor to have heard from him since November 9, 1967.

11/19/67

On this date ERIC GALT rented Apartment #6 at 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California.

11/20/67

By typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, signed ERIC S. GALT, the Superior Bulk Film Company, Chicago, Illinois, was requested to forward GALT's refund for the camera which he did not receive to 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California. GALT indicated in his letter that he would be at the Los Angeles address for 5 months.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated November 20, 1967, was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

By letter dated November 30, 1967, mailed to GALT's Los Angeles address, Superior Bulk Film Company advised GALT that his refund check #32338 in the amount of $142.89 had been remailed to GALT's Mexican address. The canceled refund check had not, as of March 29, 1968, been received by the company.

11/27 - 12/14/67

On this date Dr. MARK O. FREEMAN, Clinical Psychologist, 227 South Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, California, received a telephone call from JAMES E. RAY, who said he wanted to overcome his shyness, gain social confidence, and to learn self-hypnosis in order that he could relax, sleep, and learn to remember things better. An appointment was made for him that same afternoon at the doctor's office, 9952 Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California. He gave his name as JAMES E. RAY and gave his address as 1535 North Serrano, telephone #469-8096. He furnished his date of birth as March 10, 1928. RAY had appointments with Dr. FREEMAN on November 27, November 30, December 4, December 6, December 11, and December 14, 1967. RAY canceled an appointment for December 18, 1967, stating he had received information from his brother that the brother had found a job for him as a merchant seaman at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. FREEMAN said that RAY paid in cash $25 per visit. Dr. FREEMAN found that RAY was shy, introverted, and withdrawn but not psychotic or plagued with any deep-seated neuroses.

12/5/67-2/12/68

ERIC GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, executed an enrollment agreement and contract for dancing instruction with the owner of the National Dance Studio, 2026 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, California.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on an interview card #66429 dated December 5, 1967, of the National Dance Studio was prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT. The Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the National Dance Studio enrollment agreement and contract dated December 14, 1967, was too distorted for any determination to be made.

Investigation revealed that GALT first appeared at the office of the National Dance Studio on December 5, 1967, at which time he took two lessons and made payments of $29. GALT appeared at the studio again on December 17, 1967, and took two lessons, again on December 12, 1967, and took two lessons, and on December 14, 1967, and took one lesson.

On December 14, 1967, GALT agreed to take a course of dancing of a total of 50 hours in lessons for a total amount of $499. The course consisted of 25 private hour lessons and 25 party or group technique hour lessons. According to this agreement, GALT was to pay $100 on account on December 14, 1967, and was to pay $149 on December 18, 1967, and $50 per week thereafter until the contract was paid in full. According to the records,

GALT did make a payment of $100 on December 14, 1967, and on December 21, 1967, he made a payment of $364.

According to these records, GALT took dancing lessons at the National Dance Studio on the following dates subsequent to December 14, 1967:

12/21/67
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1/15/68
1/16/68
1/18/68
1/22/68
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1/29/68
1/30/68
1/31/68
2/1/68
2/5/68
2/6/68
2/8/68
2/12/68

12/15/67 Under ticket #31053 GALT left laundry at the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, which laundry was marked "20R-3" by a Thermo Seal marking machine. IT IS NOTED THAT BED LINEN FOUND IN THE WHITE MUSTANG ABANDONED APRIL 5, 1968, AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA, BORE THE LAUNDRY MARK 20R-3.

12/15/67 — ERIC GALT and CHARLES J. STEIN, [redacted], Los Angeles, California, a new acquaintance, departed Los Angeles in GALT's 1966 white Mustang en route to New Orleans, Louisiana, to bring back 2 children belonging to CHARLES STEIN's sister, RITA STEIN. GALT's association with CHARLES J. and RITA STEIN is being set forth in a separate section of this report.

12/17 - 19/67 — On December 17, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered in Room 126, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, and checked out of the motel before checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on December 19, 1967. At time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang with Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the Provincial Motel registration card was prepared by the writer of the registration card which was subsequently located at the Rebel Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

12/19/67 — ERIC GALT, CHARLES J. STEIN, and RITA STEIN's 2 daughters, KIM and CHERYL, departed New Orleans, Louisiana, in GALT's 1966 white Mustang to return to Los Angeles, California.

12/22/67 — ERIC GALT picked up laundry which had been left on December 15, 1967, at Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

12/28/67

By letter dated December 28, 1967, ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, advised Mr. JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American - Southern Africa Council, 800 Fourth Street, S.W., Washington, D. C., that he was considering immigrating to Rhodesia and desired answers to certain questions. GALT indicated that:

"(1): The U. S. government will not issue a passport for travel to Rhodesia.

"(2): Would their be any way to enter Rhodesia legally (from the Rhodesian government point of view)

"I would appreciate any information you could give me on the above subject or any other information on Rhodesia."

Mr. ACORD replied to GALT's letter with a form letter enclosing literature on Rhodesia.

The FBI Laboratory determined that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on the typewritten letter dated December 28, 1967, was prepared by the writer of signatures in this name appearing on other items submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

1/8/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18037 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of $15 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on specimens previously submitted.

1/19 - 3/2/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, made application to attend the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on GALT's application to attend the International School of Bartending and his signature on the installment note dated January 19, 1968, were prepared by the writer of this signature appearing on other items previously submitted.

GALT attended class Monday through Friday from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. and from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

1/20/68

JEROME WALLIS VERNON operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 16, 1968, to March 23, 1968. He said that a man named ERIC GALT was a regular customer who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry which usually consisted of underwear, T-shirts, and dress shirts. He believes he first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and he recalled seeing him for the last time on about March 16, 1968. VERNON was shown the laundry marks on the T-shirt and undershorts abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968. VERNON identified the laundry marking on the undershorts and T-shirt as being similar to the mark used at his laundry. Found in the records of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company was laundry list #3065 in the name of E. GALT with Thermo Seal sticker 02B-6.

IT IS NOTED THAT UNDERSHORTS AND T-SHIRT ABANDONED BY THE KILLER AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 4, 1968, CONTAINED A THERMO SEAL LAUNDRY MARK 02B-6.

The Los Angeles Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory a piece of paper and a cloth square, each containing 12 samples of laundry marking printed by a Thermo Seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California.

The FBI Laboratory advised that these 12 laundry tapes are similar to the laundry tapes in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt abandoned at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, by the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as those appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt. The other 9 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length.

The FBI Laboratory advised that no significant differences were noted between the laundry tapes appearing on the undershorts and T-shirt when compared with some of the laundry tape specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

1/21/68

On January 21, 1968, ERIC GALT rented Room 403 of the St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, for a monthly rental rate of $85. GALT remained a tenant there until March 17, 1968.

1/22/68

ERIC S. GALT, 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, California, sent a typewritten letter dated January 21, 1968, to DALE LEROY DYKEMA, 3325 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, receiver for the apartment building located at 1535 North Serrano, advising DYKEMA that GALT had moved from the Serrano address.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this letter dated January 21, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name on other items submitted.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18288 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of $4.25 and was made payable to Free Press, Newspaper.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on this Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The following advertisement ran in the February 2 - 8, 1968, issue of the "Free Press":

"Single male Cauc. 36 yrs, 5-11, 170 lbs Digs Fr. Cult. desire's discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment, and/or female for swing session apt. furn. will ex. photo. Write Eric S. 406 So. 2nd St., Alhambra, 91802."

It is noted that 406 South Second Street, Alhambra, California, is the address of a mail forwarding service which was subscribed to from February 1, 1968, to March 1, 1968, at a cost of $3 by ERIC GALT, St. Francis Hotel, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles.

1/29/68

ERIC GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 18289 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of $3 and was made payable to [redacted]

[redacted] is the operator of a mail forwarding service. GALT engaged this mail forwarding service for the purpose of

forwarding all mail to him in care of the St. Francis Hotel under the names ERIC S. GALT, ERIC S. or ESG. In connection with this service GALT executed a Post Office form #1583 dated February 1, 1968, authorizing the mail forwarding service to forward mail to GALT. GALT also directed a typewritten letter to this service signed ERIC S. GALT and received by [redacted] on January 30, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC GALT signature appearing on the above described Bank of America Money Order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

The Laboratory concluded that the signatures ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office form #1583 and the typewritten letter received by the mail forwarding service were prepared by the writer of the GALT signatures on other specimens submitted.

1/31/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased a Bank of America Money Order #0799 17281 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of $7.50 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted.

2/13/68

A 1966 white Mustang bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 which was later determined to be registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama, was serviced at the H. Beckman Chevron Service Station, 1506 North Normandie Avenue, Los Angeles, California. The mileage at the time of this service charge was noted to be 34,185 miles.

It was also ascertained that this vehicle was serviced at the Cort Fox Ford Company, 4531 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, with mileage noted to be 34,291 miles; however, no date of servicing was noted.

2/17/68

Mrs. PATRICIA ANDERSON, [redacted] Los Angeles, California, received a letter dated February 17, 1968, from ERIC S. GALT. This letter was addressed to her under her maiden name, PATRICIA SCHUBERT, and is as follows:

"2-17-68

"DEAR MISS:

"I AM ANSWERING YOUR LISTING IN THE LOCAL SWINGER SINCE I THINK I SHARE MOST OF YOUR INTERESTS, WITH EMPHASIS ON FRENCH CULT. AND SWING SESSIONS. I HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM MEXICO AFTER FIVE YRS. AND THE FEW FEMALES I HAVE MET DON'T GO FOR THE SWING PARTIES AND IT TAKES TWO TO SWING. THE SAME ROUTINE GETS BORING, DON'T YOU THINK. WILL CLOSE UNTIL I HERE FROM YOU.

"SINCERELY
"ERIC S. GALT
"5533-HOLLYWOOD BLVD.
"HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.
"90028.
"PH. 464-1131."

"The Local Swinger" is a correspondence club operating from P. O. Box 3802, Downey, California. "The Local Swinger" placed an advertisement in the Los Angeles "Free Press" offering to send a list of local swingers to anyone who paid the price of $1. In addition, it was understood that for each letter sent to "The Local Swinger" the sender would have to pay $1. During February 1968 ERIC S. GALT sent $1 and a request for a list of swingers and thereafter sent 5 letters to 5 individuals.

PATRICIA ANDERSON, nee SCHUBERT, is the only one of these thus far identified. She has made available a photograph which GALT enclosed in his letter to her. PATRICIA ANDERSON has never subscribed to "The Local Swinger" nor has she ever written to pen pal clubs or subscribed to the Los Angeles "Free Press." She has never met GALT and has had no further correspondence from him.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated February 17, 1968, was prepared by the individual who prepared this signature in this name appearing on numerous other items submitted.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19430 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of $6.44 and was made payable to Futura Books.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19701 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order is in the amount of $7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19704 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of $5.25 and was made payable to "Locksmith Ledger."

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signatures in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19702 from Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of $6.44 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order is too distorted for an identification with these previous signatures but similarities were noted.

2/26/68

ERIC S. GALT purchased Bank of America Money Order #0799 19703 from the Hollywood Western Branch, Bank of America, Hollywood, California. This money order was in the amount of $9.98 and was made payable to Tiffany Enterprises.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the ERIC S. GALT signature appearing on this money order was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens submitted and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

2/26/68

By letter postmarked February 26, 1968, addressed to Tiffany Enterprises, 8512 Whitworth Drive, Los Angeles, California, ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, California, ordered one pair of Japanese handcuffs.

It is noted that Tiffany Enterprises is a mail order business but that they do not stock these Japanese handcuffs, so it was necessary for them to have the order filled by the International Police Equipment Company, 806 South Robertson Avenue, Los Angeles. These handcuffs were shipped to GALT on March 16, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the typewritten letter dated February 26, 1968, was prepared by the writer of the "GALT" signatures on other specimens previously submitted.

3/2/68

On this date GALT was graduated from the International School of Bartending, 2125 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and a photograph made that date has been discovered. Approximately a week after GALT's graduation he was telephonically contacted by the director of this school, who indicated he had employment for GALT as a bartender. GALT declined stating that he was leaving town within 2 weeks to visit his brother and did not wish to take employment. GALT indicated he would later return to Los Angeles.

3/8/68

ERIC S. GALT, 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, purchased a U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 at Los Angeles, California. This postal money order was in the amount of $15 and was made payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory advised that on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #1,916,211,078 were prepared by this individual.

3/17/68

A change of address order listed for ERIC S. GALT with the St. Francis Hotel dated March 17, 1968, advised that his old address of 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, had been changed to General Delivery, Main Post Office, Atlanta, Georgia. This change of address was indicated to be temporary until April 25, 1968.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Post Office change of address order submitted by the Los Angeles Division was prepared by the writer of the signature in this name appearing on other specimens previously submitted in this matter.

3/21/68

As well as can be established, it was on or about this date that the subject left at [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, a box of clothing belonging to [redacted] It is noted that [redacted] is the daughter of MARIE MARTIN, one of the subject's associates in Los Angeles. Additional information concerning MARIE MARTIN is set out elsewhere in this report. It is also noted that [redacted] New Orleans, is the residence of [redacted] and that [redacted] is the cousin of CHARLES STEIN and MARIE MARTIN.

3/24/68

On this date the subject as ERIC S. GALT rented Room 2 in a rooming house at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, which rooming house is operated by JIMMY DELTON GARNER.

3/28/68

ERIC S. GALT, 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, purchased a U. S. Postal Money Order #5,615,057,923 at Atlanta, Georgia. This postal money order was in the amount of $7.50 and was made payable to Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that on the basis of the available writings attributed to the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, it was concluded that the questioned handprinting and handwriting appearing on U. S. Postal Money Order #5,615,057,923 was prepared by this individual.

3/29/68

On this date an individual who gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, where he purchased a Remington, Model 700, caliber .243, rifle with a 2x-7x Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. He also bought a box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He left the store carrying this rifle in a cardboard box in which had originally come a rifle from the Browning Manufacturing Company. He was given the Browning box because the rifle with the mounted sight would not fit in the Remington box in which the rifle had originally been shipped. LOWMEYER paid cash.

3/30/68

The man calling himself LOWMEYER telephoned first and later that day returned with the newly purchased .243 rifle to Aeromarine Supply Company and explained that following a conversation with his brother he had decided to exchange this rifle for a Remington, Model 760, 30-06 caliber. This exchange was accomplished on the afternoon of March 30, 1968, with LOWMEYER leaving the store with a Remington, Game Master rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, on which was mounted the Redfield telescopic sight,

SN A17350. He again left with this gun in the Browning cardboard box. The .243 caliber ammunition was exchanged for a box of 30-06 ammunition. LOWMEYER indicated he wanted to use the 30-06 rifle to hunt in Wisconsin.

Investigation at Birmingham disclosed that LOWMEYER is unknown at 1907 South 11th Street and is unknown in that general neighborhood.

3/30/68

On this date the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, received a change of address from GALT indicating his new address to be 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

The Newark Division forwarded to the FBI Laboratory 4 green payment coupons to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, showing payment for lessons #6 through #9. Coupons #6 through #8 bore the handprinted address of 1535 North Serrano, Los Angeles, and the handprinted name of ERIC S. GALT. Coupon for lesson #9 bore the handprinted address of 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the questioned handprinting appearing on the green payment coupons was prepared by the individual responsible for preparing other handprinting on specimens in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

It is unknown by officials of the Locksmithing Institute the exact manner in which GALT furnished the above described change of address.

3/31/68

JIMMY DELTON GARNER, operator of a rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, admits being drunk during a large portion of the time around March 24 - 31, 1968, but states that on March 31, 1968, GALT paid for an additional week's rent. GARNER does not recall seeing GALT after March 31, 1968.

GARNER advised that when ERIC S. GALT paid his rent for the second week commencing March 31, 1968, he had GALT write his name on an envelope. According to GARNER who made this envelope available, GALT hand-printed his signature on the envelope. The reason GARNER requested that GALT sign his name was the fact that GARNER intended to then transfer this name to his official records when he returned to his own room.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the hand-printed name of ERIC S. GALT that appears on the envelope furnished by JIMMY DELTON GARNER, manager of the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, was prepared by the person who prepared the hand-printing on material previously submitted in this matter and attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

As a result of a lawful search of Room 2 of this rooming house conducted on April 15, 1968, numerous items of a possible evidentiary value were obtained, including a map of Mexico.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, reported that 2 latent fingerprints were developed on this map and that these latents were identified with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

4/1/68 — On this date an individual using the name ERIC GALT left both laundry and dry cleaning at the Piedmont Laundry pick up station, 1168 Peachtree, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

4/3/68 — ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, 3466 Lamar Avenue, on April 3, 1968, was assigned Room 34, and departed the hotel prior to the checkout time of 1:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968. At the time of registration GALT indicated on the registration card that he was driving a Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the hotel registration card was prepared by the same individual who prepared other specimens submitted under the same name.

4/4/68 — Between 3:00 P.M. and 3:30 P.M. on this date a man using the name JOHN WILLARD rented sleeping room 5B at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at the rate of $8.50 per week. He paid one week's rent in advance. He was not required to execute a registration card or to otherwise provide any information concerning himself or his automobile.

At about 4:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, an unknown individual purchased from York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, a pair of Bushnell 7 x 35 binoculars. The salesman did not record the serial number of the binoculars; however, he wrote the price of the binoculars $39.95 and the amount of the tax $1.60 on the side of the cardboard box in which the binoculars came and added them for a total of $41.55. He placed the sales slip, the binoculars, box, and the leather type carrying case in a gray paper bag which bears on its side the name York Arms. This witness subsequently identified photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as

being identical with the purchaser of the binoculars; however, it should be noted this witness has since been committed to the Tennessee Psychiatric Hospital and Institute, Memphis, Tennessee.

At about 6:00 P.M. on this date Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was shot and killed by a single bullet fired from the bathroom of the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis. At the time he was struck KING was standing on the second floor balcony in front of Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry, Memphis. Other occupants of the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street heard a rifle fired and observed a man run from the rooming house onto South Main Street where he dropped a large bundle in front of 424 South Main Street. Neighborhood investigation disclosed that a white Mustang was seen immediately leaving the area at a high rate of speed. A canvass of motels in the Memphis area disclosed that one ERIC S. GALT had spent the night of April 3, 1968, at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, and had been driving a white Mustang. He gave as an address 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. When inquiries were made at that address solely for the purpose of further identifying GALT, it was determined that he had not resided there since about October 1967. It was for this reason that GALT came to our attention in connection with this case.

Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, recovered numerous articles dropped by the assailant of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on the sidewalk near the entrance of the building located at 424 South Main Street. Included among these articles are the following:

1) Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, on which was mounted a Redfield telescopic sight, SN A17350

2) Banner by Bushnell binoculars, SN DQ408664

3) First section of the April 4, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a daily newspaper published in Memphis

4) A plastic bottle of Mennen Afta Shaving Lotion

5) An unopened can of Schlitz beer, bearing the legend "Mississippi Tax Paid. IV Cents."

6) A Channel Master radio receiver, Model #6502, 6 Transistor, Super Hetrodyne, with a frequency range of 535-1605 Kc/s. This radio bears scratchings on one side interpreted to read "00416."

7) One pair of undershorts and one T-shirt

8) Green and brown bedspread (see date of April 5, 1968, concerning items found in abandoned Mustang)

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint on this rifle; one latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight; one latent fingerprint on the binoculars; one latent fingerprint on the newspaper; one latent fingerprint on the bottle of Afta Shaving Lotion and one latent fingerprint on the Schlitz beer can have been identified with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

The Bureau advised that the number "00416," which was the interpretation of the scratchings appearing on the above described Channel Master radio, is the same number as the inmate number for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, while confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The FBI Laboratory examination revealed that the undershorts and T-short each bears a laundry tag on which appears the characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag.

Samples of the Thermo Seal marking machine, SN 31454, Model RH-5K1, in possession of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, using the numbers and letters 02B-6 on red colored tape, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. This machine was used in this laundry between January 16, 1968, and March 23, 1968. The FBI Laboratory advised that the specimens from the Thermo Seal marking machine, SN 31454, are similar to the laundry tapes appearing on the T-shirt and undershorts in color, construction, and composition. Five of these tapes have the same length (1 1/16") as the tapes appearing on the T-shirt and shorts. The other 9 are longer, either 1 3/32" or 1 1/8" in length. These tapes submitted by Los Angeles are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the T-short and shorts laundry tapes when compared with some of the specimens submitted by Los Angeles indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

The bullet removed from the victim KING was examined by the FBI Laboratory, who determined that it is a .30 caliber metal-jacketed "soft point" sporting type bullet of Remington - Peters manufacture which could have been fired from the recovered Remington 30-06 rifle. The bullet has been distorted due to mutilation and insufficient marks of value for identification remain on this bullet. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not the bullet removed from the deceased had been fired from the recovered Remington rifle bearing the fingerprint of JAMES EARL RAY.

4/5/68

An unknown white male at about 8:30 A.M. on Friday, April 5, 1968, parked instant white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993 in the parking lot of Capitol Homes, a public housing project in Atlanta, Georgia.

Among other items found in this abandoned Mustang was bed linen bearing laundry mark 20R-3. As mentioned earlier in this report, records of the Avalon Cleaners and Laundry, Inc., 5662 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, reflect that laundry belonging to an individual named GALT, which laundry was brought in on December 15, 1967, had been assigned laundry #20R-3.

Brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers, and green rayon fibers were found in the abandoned Mustang. The FBI Laboratory has compared these with the bedspread found abandoned by the killer in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, on April 4, 1968, and has concluded that the fibers found in the Mustang could have come from this bedspread.

Between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968, an individual stopped at the Piedmont Laundry pick up station, 1168 Peachtree, N.E., Atlanta, and picked up laundry left there on April 1, 1968, under the name ERIC GALT. The clerk, Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS, when shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, stated she believes the photograph of RAY in which he was wearing a bow tie is a better likeness; however, the most recent photograph in which he is wearing a four-in-hand tie looks older and the eyes and nose appear very similar.

No information has been received concerning the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY since April 5, 1968.

The Kansas City Division submitted the following described documents to the FBI Laboratory requesting appropriate handwriting and handprinting examination with the handprinting and handwriting specimens submitted to the Laboratory as evidence in this matter:

One copy of a letter dated October 24, 1966, in the handwriting of JAMES E. RAY. This letter was from RAY to Dr. EARL C. KEPLER, Biggs Building, Fulton, Missouri.

34 pages containing purported handwriting and handprinting of JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

22 pages of handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY obtained from the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, and one copy of a form dated April 4, 1958, signed by JAMES EARL RAY which was obtained from the U. S. Probation Officer, Kansas City, Missouri.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the questioned handwriting and handprinting appearing on items attributed to ERIC S. GALT were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

Because of the presence of characteristics which cannot be explained on the basis of the known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY, the FBI Laboratory advised that it cannot be definitely determined whether the "HARVEY LOWMYER" signature appearing on the sales invoice of the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama (place where Remington rifle, Model 760, SN 461476, was purchased), was prepared by this individual; however, significant handwriting similarities were noted.

The FBI Laboratory stated that because of the lack of identifying defects, it could not be definitely determined whether the same typewriter was used in preparing all the typewritten impressions appearing on items previously submitted in this case attributed to ERIC S. GALT, but no significant differences were noted.

III. RELATIVES OF JAMES EARL RAY

Subject's family is reported to have changed the family name as often as it suited them, and they have been known at various times under the names RAY, RAYNES, RAYNS, RYAN, and BERNES.

A birth certificate has been located reflecting that JAMES EARL RAY was born March 10, 1928, at Alton, Illinois, to JAMES RAY and LUCIE MAHER.

Mother

LUCILLE MARY RAY, nee MAHER, was born April 29, 1909, at Alton, Illinois, and died [redacted] on January 25, 1961, at St. Louis, Missouri. [redacted] Her husband, who now uses the name JERRY RAYNES, abandoned her in about 1952. [redacted]

Father

JERRY RAYNES, born November 24, 1899, resides alone on a small farm on Route 2, Center, Missouri, and has telephone number [redacted] He claims to have married the subject's mother at Jacksonville, Florida, in the spring of 1929, 1930, or 1931 but he admits to having lived with her in a common-law relationship prior to their marriage. He states that he and the subject's mother separated about 1949 and he admits to having lived with RUBY CARPENTER off and on from about 1952 until 1963. RAYNES claims to have last seen the subject about 17 years ago, and he claims to have no information regarding his present whereabouts.

Brother

JOHN LARRY RAY, born February 14, 1933, resides alone at [redacted], St. Louis, and is engaged with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, in the operation of the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis. The telephone at the tavern is number PR 6-9417.

JOHN has served sentences in both the Illinois State Penitentiary and in the

Indiana State Penitentiary. He claims to have last seen the subject some 2 to 4 years ago when he visited the subject at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), and he claims to have seen him prior to that time about 15 years ago at which time the subject had just been discharged from the U. S. Army.

JOHN will admit to having visited the subject at the MSP only 3 or 4 times. MSP records reflect visits by JOHN on the following dates:

10/17/62
7/7/63
11/3/63
11/11/63
5/6/65
7/10/66
11/13/66
12/20/66
4/22/67

It should be noted that this last visit on April 22, 1967, occurred on the day prior to the subject's escape on April 23, 1967; however, JOHN RAY denies having had any part in the subject's escape.

JOHN RAY has expressed the belief that the subject had money in his possession when he escaped, money which he made from the sale of amphetamines while the subject was in the MSP. JOHN has also stated he believes the subject has left the United States as the subject reportedly told him that he would do this if he ever got out of prison. JOHN denies having seen the subject since the subject's escape and claims to have no information concerning his whereabouts.

Brother

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, born July 16, 1935, resides in Apartment 14, 314 Wisconsin Avenue, Lake Forest, Illinois. He has no telephone. He is employed as a maintenance man at the Sportsman's Country Club, 3535 Dundee Road, Northbrook, Illinois.

JERRY [redacted] has served sentences at both the Illinois State Penitentiary and at the MSP. He claims to have last seen the subject outside of prison in about 1951, and he claims to have last visited him in prison in about 1964. MSP records reflect JERRY visited the subject on the following dates:

8/21/63
9/15/63
5/16/65
6/20/65
7/1/65

JERRY RAY is divorced from [redacted] who presently resides on [redacted] in Lake Forest, Illinois. During the period that he and [redacted] were married, she bore a child which had been conceived by her previous husband. She and JERRY RAY separated during August 1967 and were divorced during January 1968. He previously lived common-law with [redacted] by whom he had a child [redacted], age 6, who now lives with [redacted] parents, [redacted] Whitesburg, Tennessee. He periodically sends money to the [redacted] to assist in the support of [redacted]

JERRY claims to have had no contact with the subject since the subject's escape and claims to have no information concerning his whereabouts.

Brother — MAX ANTHONY RYAN, born August 29, 1951, was adopted [redacted] by [redacted] who were last known to reside at [redacted] Missouri. MAX ANTHONY RYAN is reported to be mentally retarded, and since he is not known to have ever had any association with the subject, he will not be interviewed.

Brother — FRANK DELANO RYAN was killed in an automobile accident during 1963.

Sister — CAROL PEPPER, born January 30, 1941, is married to ALBERT PEPPER and resides at [redacted] Maplewood, Missouri, a suburb of St. Louis. She is the owner of record of the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal, St. Louis, Missouri, which she operates with her brother, JOHN LARRY RAY. Her home telephone is [redacted] and the telephone at the tavern is PR 6-9417. [redacted]. She has been married to ALBERT BENNY PEPPER, [redacted] for about the past 6 years and ALBERT PEPPER denies ever having met the subject. When questioned regarding a letter addressed by the subject from the MSP to Albert J. Pepper Stationery, 712-A Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, ALBERT PEPPER stated he formerly resided at that address but was not aware of any mail addressed in such a manner. He admitted that his wife might have received such a communication but he denied having any information concerning this. Neither CAROL nor ALBERT PEPPER admitted having heard from the subject since his escape and neither will admit to having any information concerning his whereabouts. CAROL PEPPER claims to have seen the subject only 3 or 4 times in her lifetime and this was after she came to reside in St. Louis at about age 16. She states she has never visited him at the MSP but did write letters to him for her grandmother, MARY MAHER, now

deceased, and admits she wrote several letters after MAHER's death.

Sister — MELBA MARIE RYAN, born September 16, 1938, is the recipient of a disability pension and now resides at the Virginia Hotel, Quincy, Illinois, telephone number 223-0403. MELBA RYAN has been committed on several occasions to mental hospitals, and it is reported by her associates that any information furnished by her may be completely unreliable. She claims to have no information concerning the subject's whereabouts.

Sister — SUSAN DONIAN, born April 28, 1947, is married to MICHAEL DONIAN and resides at [redacted], Chicago, Illinois, telephone number [redacted] Beginning at about age 6, SUSAN lived first in an orphanage and later in a foster home. She last saw the subject when she was in the first grade at Quincy, Illinois, and believes that he does not know her whereabouts. She claims to have no information concerning the subject but has agreed to cooperate should he contact her.

Stepmother — RUBY CARPENTER, [redacted], Quincy, Illinois, telephone number [redacted] advised that in 1952 she met the subject's father while both were working in Quincy, Illinois, and that they left Quincy together and went to live in St. Louis, Missouri. She stated that they lived together from 1952 until 1961 before they married on August 1, 1961, at Palmyra, Missouri. They were divorced in Palmyra, Missouri, during 1964 and the subject's father moved to Center, Missouri, where he continues to reside on a small farm. She stated she has not seen the subject since he went to prison around 1960, and she has had no contact with him since she and his father moved to Clarence, Missouri, on August 1, 1961. She said she is certain the subject does not know her present whereabouts.

Uncle	WILLIAM E. MAHER and his wife, MILDRED MAHER, [redacted] Alton, Illinois, claim to have last seen the subject 10 or 12 years ago and has expressed the belief that the subject has not been in Alton, Illinois, since 1959 when he was involved in an armed robbery. They do not believe the subject will contact them [redacted]
Uncle	EARL E. RAY is reported to have died May 2, 1959, at Buffalo, New York.
Aunt	Mrs. FRANK (MABLE) FULLER, [redacted] Quincy, Illinois, telephone number [redacted] has not seen the subject since 1955 when her mother, subject's grandmother, died. She stated she has not seen her brother, the subject's father, for a number of years and has had no close contact with him. She said that while the subject was in prison at MSP she had sent him mail on a number of occasions and occasionally sent him small amounts of money. She said he had sent her 2 or 3 Christmas cards, and this was the only contact she had with him. She said these Christmas cards were smuggled out of the prison as she apparently had not been on the subject's mailing list. She claims to have had no contact with the subject since his escape and is not aware of his present whereabouts. She has offered her cooperation in the event he does contact her.
Grandparents	Both maternal and paternal grandparents are reported to be deceased.

IV. PRISON INMATES AND ASSOCIATES

ASSOCIATES

Missouri State Penitentiary

[redacted] interviewed at Dallas, Texas, and resides at [redacted] Seagoville, Texas. He was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY during the period [redacted] while serving [redacted] sentences at the Missouri State Penitentiary. [redacted] RAY worked in the prison bakery. RAY used amphetamine powder and dealt extensively in the sale of the amphetamine powder and benzadrine to other inmates. These items were being obtained by RAY, apparently through prison guards. RAY liked to play poker and was considered a good player; was mild mannered, and appeared timid to persons not knowing him well. He did not have any special interests and did not express any opinions regarding the Negroes, Ku Klux Klan, Army service, women, clothes, drinking, and the outside world in general.

[redacted] MSP [redacted] is serving [redacted] at the Missouri State Penitentiary and worked in April 1967 in [redacted] the prison. RAY was known to him by sight and though he did not associate with RAY in K Hall [redacted] RAY was very quiet and there was no information available as to his personal habits or beliefs. He also had no knowledge of RAY's associates.

[redacted] formerly of the Missouri State Penitentiary, is currently incarcerated at the Federal Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas. [redacted]

RAY reportedly stabbed one inmate in the Missouri State Penitentiary while the victim was held by another inmate. Reportedly RAY used to steal locks from different doors in the backery and kitchen area and practice picking these locks later in the day.

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[redacted] currently incarcerated at the Illinois State Penitentiary was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary. ADAMS left the penitentiary in [redacted]

RAY brought food to [redacted] where [redacted] was working and he assumed RAY worked in the prison kitchen. He described him as a quiet individual, but he never talked directly to him nor did he ever observe him with any other inmates.

[redacted] currently incarcerated at the Florida State Prison, Raiford, Florida, knew JAMES EARL RAY in the Missouri State Prison from about [redacted] until [redacted] He met him through [redacted] presently at the New Penitentiary, Moberly, Missouri.

RAY never said much, did not bother anybody, was a loner and had a bad nervous condition and a definite mental problem. He was taking powdered amphetamine while in prison and would suffer weight losses and gains of 10 to 15 pounds over short periods of time.

[redacted] stated that amphetamine taken in quantities would produce a substantial rapid weight loss.

The amphetamine supply, prior to 1964, was $5 a shot or less and after 1964, although the supply was limited, it still sold for the same price.

[redacted] is currently in Cuyahoga County Jail, Cleveland, Ohio, for [redacted] and had been an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary from [redacted] until [redacted]

RAY was a bread man, working in the bakery, slicing the bread for meals. RAY was a racist and was many times heard discussing his dislike for Negroes. RAY was hooked on amphetamine powders and always had a nose dropper and needle to shoot the solution made up from the amphetamine powders into his veins. The amphetamine was obtained through a source in the prison at a price between $50 and $100 per spoonful, and on occasion would break down the amount of powder he would receive and in turn sell it in smaller packages. When the amphetamine was not available RAY would break up "bennies" and use it.

He was a "lone wolf", never discussed his own personal background, and was an avid reader of sex books and girlie magazines. RAY never trusted anyone and had a feeling that everyone was out to get him. He also had a habit of pulling at his left ear constantly. RAY purchased the amphetamines from a fellow convict, [redacted] described as the "top con" at Missouri State Penitentiary.

RAY had talked of escaping on numerous occasions and on one occasion was caught with a rope and hook. He also participated in a tunnel job which was discovered, though the authorities were unaware of who had been involved in this attempt.

[redacted], currently incarcerated in U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, under number [redacted] is serving a [redacted] sentence for violation of [redacted] disclaimed any knowledge of RAY personally or by name.

[redacted] has Missouri State Penitentiary Number [redacted] and is currently serving [redacted] sentence. He was incarcerated in [redacted] He knew JAMES EARL RAY as an employee in J Hall for a time and knew he lived alone in a cell in K Hall. He always desired to cell alone.

[redacted] was in solitary when RAY escaped and knew nothing of it. He described him as an exceptionally quiet and "odd" person. RAY took mild drugs such as amphetamine and had very small veins, making it difficult for him to "main line" his shots. He purchased barbiturates and amphetamine whenever he could, but always believed he was ill, using drugs on occasion as a matter of medicine.

JEROME (NMN) CARPENTER, possesses Missouri State Penitentiary #[redacted]

He has known JAMES EARL RAY since about 1963, but not well. He knew JERRY RAY, brother of JAMES RAY, and their father was named JERRY RAY. When CARPENTER was 15 years of age his mother ran away with JERRY RAY and went to St. Louis, Missouri. They separated after two years and his mother has returned to Quincy, Illinois.

He described RAY to be a quiet, meek person who was very soft-spoken.

[redacted] now a [redacted] at St. Louis, was a fellow inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary with JAMES EARL RAY, during the period [redacted] or [redacted] until his release in [redacted] RAY is described as a loner, closed-mouth, who never discussed anything but mixed well with the other inmates, both black and white. RAY never displayed propensity for violence or racist sentiments.

RAY was not addicted to drugs, but nearly all the inmates used any drugs available.

(Information received elsewhere noted that [redacted] received two telephone calls from RAY since KING was killed, one call coming from New Orleans, Louisiana, and one call from North Carolina.)

[redacted] became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY in [redacted] while both were inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary. RAY worked in J Hall as a "walk boy." He would take orders for cigarettes, gum, candy, and the like to be purchased within the prison and would bring hot water for shaving and coffee to the inmates. He was the only "walk boy" in J Hall and was free to contact any inmate and could walk throughout the hall freely. Conversations with

RAY indicated he was intimate with the area in Alabama known as Walker County and had stayed in Birmingham, Alabama, in the past. RAY on a daily basis would read the "Post-Herald", a newspaper of Birmingham, Alabama.

RAY reportedly stated that if he ever got out of jail he was going to make himself a "bunch of money" and said that the Businessmen's Association has offered $100,000 for killing MARTIN LUTHER KING, and KING is five years past due. RAY did not know what the Businessmen's Association was, but he intended to find out.

RAY also stated that he has a place picked out where he could hide, but never identified its location.

RAY would be easy to identify, even if he attempted to disguise his identity, in that he is definitely "slough-footed" and his toes point out noticeably when he walked, causing his heels and soles to wear down on the outside edges. He also has a prominent cleft on his chin and RAY liked to drink.

RAY also picked up and delivered wagering tickets in the cigarette lottery in J Hall.

RAY never discussed his family nor did he ever indicate from which part of the United States he came.

RAY, in connection with the lottery, was closely connected with [redacted] and an individual named [redacted] subsequently identified as [redacted]

[redacted] Alabama, was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary from [redacted] through [redacted] In [redacted] he met RAY and heard him make the statement that he was glad when JOHN F. KENNEDY was killed, identifying KENNEDY as a "nigger lover". RAY disliked Negroes and during the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was leading demonstrations and marches he would become aggravated and upset when reading this information in newspapers to the point that he would curse KING and the Negroes.

[redacted] also heard RAY make the statement that he was going to get MARTIN LUTHER KING when he got out. "Cooley's organization" would pay $10,000 to have KING dead. [redacted] had no knowledge concerning this organization and only heard it from RAY.

RAY was not overly friendly and never discussed his past life in [redacted] presence. He had mentioned about tunneling out of prison and going to Virginia to hide in a cave.

RAY was friendly to an inmate, [redacted] who often spoke about Mexico and could speak Spanish.

RAY had also mentioned at one time that his brother-in-law was working in Liberia, Africa, and was making large sums of money.

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] had told him he and RAY committed a robbery of an oil company in Atlanta, Georgia, committing the robbery about midnight.

[redacted] overheard RAY tell [redacted] that when RAY got out of the penitentiary he knew a guy names "COOLEY" who would hide him where no one could find him.

(Credibility of [redacted] has not been established to date, it being noted he has furnished conflicting information about the personal habits of RAY.)

[redacted] interviewed by the Oklahoma City Division, advised he was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary from [redacted] until [redacted] when released and was friendly with JAMES EARL RAY. He worked with RAY in the prison bakery and was a partner with him in operating prison poker games.

RAY expressed some interest in learning to speak Spanish, studying the language from a Spanish dictionary [redacted]. He also read books about Mexico which he obtained from the prison library.

[redacted]

In searching his belongings [redacted] located the name ERIC LARSON, who was the inmate supervisor at the penitentiary bakery, whom he described as the most likely person to know the whereabouts of RAY.

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary No. [redacted] is currently serving [redacted] He came to the Missouri State Penitentiary in [redacted]

He said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY in the Missouri State Penitentiary, though the photograph of RAY contained in the newspapers looks familiar. He did not know any asscciates of RAY either.

RAYMOND LOUIS CURTIS is currently incarcerated in the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia, pending an appeal on a life sentence for murder.

He first became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY in March 1955 in the Jackson County Jail, Kansas City, Missouri, where RAY was incarcerated on a Post Office Burglary charge. They were cellmates for six to seven months. During this incarceration a friend of RAY's would visit him. This friend had been a cellmate with RAY at Menard, Illinois. This individual kept RAY in spending money while RAY was in prison and it is CURTIS' opinion he would harbor RAY.

After this incarceration in the Jackson County Jail they both at different times were transferred to the Federal Penitentiary in Leavenworth. During this period at Leavenworth RAY, to his knowledge, spoke of no girlfriend and corresponded with none. He mentioned that he "operated" which CURTIS stated meant engaged in burglary and payroll jobs, out of Quincy, Illinois.

RAY is a good poker player and he with CURTIS participated with fellow prisoners in crooked poker games. At a subsequent time they were both incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary, occasionally in the same cell. While in B and C Halls they were together in a three-man cell with a third individual, and it was during this period that President JOHN F. KENNEDY was assassinated. Subsequently in 1963 or 1964 the movements of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING became topic of conversation at the penitentiary and word got around to the prisoners that businessmen had raised a considerable amount of money, about one million dollars, as a bounty on KING's head. RAY mentioned a dozen times that had he known about the bounty on JOHN F. KENNEDY's head and had been out he would have collected it; and if he got out in time and if KING was still alive, he would like to get the bounty on KING.

RAY had a friend in New Orleans whose name was spelled like [redacted] apparently a fence, who would harbor RAY.

GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON, an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, initially denied knowing JAMES EARL RAY, but subsequently recognized him as an associate of an inmate he knew by the name of RAY CURTIS. He personally had no dealings with RAY inside or outside the penitentiary, and therefore had nothing to discuss with him. EDMONDSON stated it is very easy to get a Canadian passport. All that is needed is $5.00 plus someone to sign as a guarantor and substantiate this with a baptismal certificate or a birth certificate. These records are available, as are guarantors, in the Rue Notre Dome area. It costs about $50 to obtain the necessary papers to back up the passport application.

All the inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary are aware how easy it is to get Canadian passports in Montreal through this procedure.

[redacted] Jefferson City, Missouri, formerly [redacted] at the Missouri State Penitentiary and knew JIMMY RAY well [redacted] RAY was a good friend of a blond inmate by the name of [redacted] who hated Negroes.

[redacted] thought that both RAY and [redacted] could be mixed up in peddling dope in the penitentiary but he could never prove it.

He was aware that RAY wanted to escape from the penitentiary [redacted] RAY was strictly a loner and very quiet.

[redacted] currently an inmate of the Missouri Training Center for Men, was [redacted] in J Hall where RAY hid in the Missouri State Penitentiary for one week in 1964 or 1965.

RAY [redacted] was described as closed-mouth who had few friends and did not talk much to anyone. [redacted] last contact with JAMES EARL RAY in [redacted] or [redacted]

[redacted] resides at [redacted] Palm Springs, Florida, and while an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary for three years had met and known JAMES EARL RAY. He was not very friendly with RAY but did eat with him a number of times when RAY was in the kitchen visiting with his friend, [redacted]

He described RAY as a sharp intelligent guy who hung around with the boys who were always up to something and were in on all the deals. He never seemed to have a lot of money but always seemed to have enough to get whatever he wanted.

Most of the guys that RAY was with were on dope and were peddling it.

There had been trouble with some of the Negro prisoners in the Missouri State Penitentiary who were Black Muslims. Some of the prisoners decided to teach them a lesson, and three or four of the Negro leaders were killed. RAY might have been in on the actual killing; [redacted] did not know, but if not, RAY was close with the one that did it.

[redacted] stated that from his association with RAY he felt sure RAY would have a .45 automatic on his person somewhere and he would not give up or be taken without a fight. He considered RAY to be a "killer" and would not be easy to catch or find.

He has not heard from RAY since he got out of the Missouri State Penitentiary over two years ago and he does believe RAY would know how to contact him.

[redacted] Warsaw, Missouri, [redacted] at the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time as JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted] RAY [redacted] could be intimidated into doing almost anything. He became indebted to an inmate named [redacted] who stood good for RAY's debts "in the yard." [redacted] also worked in the kitchen of the prison with RAY.

RAY in his conversations would always mention his liking for the Rogue River area of Oregon. He seemed to be familiar with saw mill work in Oregon.

[redacted] was called on the telephone at [redacted] Warsaw, Missouri, by [redacted] telling [redacted] he was in serious trouble and had to keep moving. [redacted] turned [redacted] down rendering any assistance and advised that [redacted] knows JAMES EARL RAY very well since he was at the Missouri State Penitentiary in [redacted] through [redacted]

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary Number [redacted] knew JAMES EARL RAY at the penitentiary.

From his conversations with RAY he learned that his maximum ambition in life was to make a "score" of about $20,000 to $30,000 after which he would go to Mexico to "hide out" living simply on the loot at the favorable Mexican exchange rate.

RAY had spoken of Campeche Bay near the Yucatan Peninsula and of living with peasants on the outskirts of the town of Campeche, Mexico. He also spoke of a cheap "red light district" which was located in the town of Torreon or Torrejon (phonetic), which is believed located in north central Mexico.

[redacted] stated RAY did not like Negroes in general but expressed no particular feeling toward MARTIN LUTHER KING although he did hear him refer to Dr. KING as "MARTIN LUTHER COON".

RAY is described as a hypochondriac in that he took six or seven different kinds of pills daily, imagining he had a cranial depression and a "rapid palpitation of the heart. He would use an inmate's watch with a second hand to time his pulse.

RAY was acquainted with a man who operated a small-scale smuggling business who lived near the town of Campeche, Mexico. His name is believed to be either [redacted] or [redacted] who had apparently lived for some time in the United States and who spoke English. He owns a small fishing boat and would smuggle things from Brownsville, Texas, into Mexico through Campeche Bay.

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary Number [redacted] was contacted by the Little Rock Division and stated he was well acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY while both were incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

[redacted]

Prior to RAY's escape, RAY sold narcotics to other inmates.

He stated that RAY was a loner and had very few friends.

[redacted] said that if RAY was in the Blytheville, Arkansas, area and knew that [redacted] was there, he would contact him.

[redacted] currently incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary, has number [redacted] He recalls JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate and believes he was addicted to "Bennies" and amphetamine. RAY and [redacted] another inmate, were receiving this material at the Missouri State Penitentiary through a guard who was later transferred to one of the farms and subsequently fired for smuggling a watch into the prison farm.

[redacted] believes there was an elderly con, about 65 or 70 years of age, named [redacted], who would have known RAY, but he never knew them to cell together.

[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time that JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated there.

[redacted] He was never a close friend of RAY's [redacted]

Although he knew RAY to speak to, he never had an extended conversation and knew very little concerning his personal life or friends at the prison. He described him as a loner who always acted like he was troubled.

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[redacted] California State Prison [redacted] is an inmate at this institution having been arrested [redacted] and having been in continual confinement since that time. He is presently serving a [redacted] sentence for [redacted]

In [redacted] he arrived at the MSP to serve a sentence for another charge and remained there for about [redacted] He knew a lot of inmates but upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he could not be sure of his recognition of this individual as having been one of his cellmates. The center photograph on the Wanted Flyer of JAMES EARL RAY resembles a man who worked in the wood shop at the Men's Institution Training Center, Moberly [redacted] This individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY claimed to know quite a bit about safes, was to get out soon, wanted to score on safes in California, and go to Mexico to "cool it."

Other than this, he has no knowledge of the location of JAMES EARL RAY.

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[redacted] Men's Training Center, Moberly, Missouri, knew JAMES EARL RAY when they were prisoners at the penitentiary. He never considered himself a close associate and last saw RAY in 1964. He never heard RAY make any antagonistic remarks concerning Negroes and never heard him mention Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[redacted] has no knowledge of any person who would be a close associate or confidant of RAY, nor does he know where RAY could be located.

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary Number [redacted] is serving [redacted] in the Missouri State Penitentiary, and said he was interviewed by reporters with the permission of Warden SWANSON and has been quoted without the use of his name about his knowledge of RAY.

He has known RAY since February 1961 and heard RAY mention he had a brother and sister.

No one was actually a "friend" of RAY's as he had no close friends, but the person nearest to this category is a former inmate named [redacted] with whom RAY did get along quite well.

RAY was always looking for a means to escape and was considered by some of the inmates to be "crazy" for his attempts at escape.

[redacted] RAY operated a book shop [redacted] at the prison [redacted] made some money from this [redacted] would sell and trade them for small amounts to the various inmates.

[redacted] when interviewed by the St. Louis Division was extremely hostile. He remembered JAMES EARL RAY from being incarcerated with him at the Missouri State Penitentiary, but he knew nothing about RAY now and would not tell law enforcement officials any information he did have.

He denied having anything to do with the escape of RAY from the penitentiary and he said he had not seen RAY or been contacted by him since the escape.

[redacted] said that he knew RAY for ten years in prison and was aware of his planning to escape on three occasions, but had no knowledge as to the details or modus operandi. He considers himself the closest associate of RAY as an inmate and walked in the prison yard with him daily.

It is his opinion that RAY does not trust any convict and regards all as potential "stool pigeons," since RAY felt that two of his escape attempts had been thwarted by informants,

[redacted]
RAY was quite interested in law if it concerned his case and spent extra money to purchase law books.

[redacted] has number [redacted] and is an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was in K Hall at the penitentiary during the time JAMES EARL RAY celled there in 1967, and at the time RAY escaped.

He did not work directly with RAY but did see him and spoke with him. He worked in the bakery on the day after RAY's escape but never heard any talk concerning this escape nor does he have any information as to the identity of any inmate who may have aided him in his escape.

He never heard RAY speak of any "bounty" for the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RAY, in his conversations, did comment on New Orleans, Louisiana, and he got the impression that RAY had lived in New Orleans; however, he does not recall any specific comments concerning this city.

JAMES LOAMA OWENS was interviewed by the St. Louis Division and advised he met JAMES EARL RAY in 1959 at the St. Louis Rescue Mission as a friend of BLACKIE AUSTIN. When he met RAY he knew him as JIM O'CONNOR, but RAY used the names RYAN and RAY, always with the first name of JIM. He described him as a professional thief, specializing in robbery and burglary. He described RAY as a loner and thinker, but never a braggert. He liked cars and pistols and once demonstrated his marksmanship by hitting a can successively on a bounce. He is a moderate drinker of bourbon highballs, no beer. RAY's theory was that women were to use and forget and he preferred female street bums with no attachment to any female.

RAY once was seen with an older man named JACK GAWRON who, with AUSTIN, appeared to be his only close associate.

RAY once displayed $1,000 in travelers checks and said he was going to Canada and the following month told OWENS that he had been to Canada. RAY also indicated at least a dozen trips to many parts of Mexico to cool off,

mentioning Vera Cruz, Acapulco, Nogales, and Mexico City. He reportedly had to leave Mexico City when he struck a man in the head with a pistol as the man came at him with a knife.

OWENS learned from other inmates that RAY sold pills, believed to be bennies, and had a 3 for 2 loan business at the Missouri State Penitentiary where they were both incarcerated.

OWENS was in Menard Prison prior to the second escape attempt by JAMES EARL RAY. He last saw him at the Missouri State Penitentiary and has not contacted or corresponded with him since that time.

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[redacted] Doe Run, Missouri, was in prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, from [redacted] to [redacted] at which time he knew JAMES EARL RAY only slightly. They both had worked in food service in the prison.

He did not consider himself a friend of RAY's and did not know any background nor any information concerning RAY's escape.

He further advised that RAY's being somewhat of a loner resulted in no one being very close to him. [redacted] had no idea of RAY's present whereabouts.

[redacted] possesses Missouri State Penitentiary No. [redacted] He knew JAMES EARL RAY well and visited him on occasion in the hall of the Missouri State Penitentiary. [redacted]

RAY had no ill feelings toward the Negro race and had no abnormal sexual habits.

He first met RAY in St. Louis about [redacted] and knew him all of the time they were in the penitentiary except for a brief period when he [redacted] was on parole.

RAY is a very quiet individual, always interested in escaping, and caused no one any trouble. He did not consider RAY to be the type who would kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

He could furnish no information concerning the possible whereabouts of RAY and had no information concerning who might have aided him in his escape from prison.

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary No. [redacted] is currently employed [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri.

He entered the Missouri State Penitentiary on a [redacted] charge from Trenton, Missouri, in [redacted] The sentence was later commuted and he was released in [redacted]

He described JAMES EARL RAY as one of the "nuts" or "cowboys" who according to [redacted] were small time hoodlums who would be involved in most any type of petty thievery going on inside the institution.

He knew RAY casually [redacted] RAY was one of the inmates who did use narcotics or medicine of any kind whenever obtainable, and he was most frequently with RAY upon the occasions of RAY's reporting to the hospital for sick call.

He has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts or anyone who would be able to furnish such information.

[redacted] possesses number [redacted], Missouri Training School for Men, Moberly, Missouri, and had been an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary from [redacted] through [redacted]

[redacted] stated that prior to his apprehension he had jumped bond and had been in Mexico. When he received mail from Mexico at the penitentiary RAY asked him questions concerning the economy there. He was particularly interested in the Mexican Army structure. RAY explained that it was generally understood by inmates that if they could get into the Mexican Army they could effectively lose their identity.

[redacted] felt that the closest individual to RAY in the penitentiary was [redacted] who is still at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

[redacted] inmate, Missouri Training School for Men, advised that he had been committed to the Missouri State Penitentiary in [redacted] and remained there until [redacted] he was released but in [redacted] returned to the penitentiary [redacted] He celled with [redacted]

He knew JAMES EARL RAY by reputation only, but not personally, [redacted] He stated that it was because of RAY's escape that prison officials cut down the size of the loaves used to hold bread transferred from the main kitchen.

[redacted] currently [redacted] at Houston, Texas, advised that although he was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary during JAMES EARL RAY's incarceration he did not know him.

He had no knowledge as to RAY's current location or friends.

[redacted] inmate No. [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary, was incarcerated there in 1968.

He first met JAMES EARL RAY in jail at Kansas City, Missouri, in [redacted] RAY gave no indication of abnormal sexual behavior.

RAY would follow baseball. RAY did not associate with more than five men in the penitentiary. He used amphetamines when he could get them and he paid from $2 to $5 a shot. He did not get into debt and did not gamble.

He described RAY as "tight" with his money and could not imagine him spending money for dancing lessons or leaving a gun behind because of this characteristic.

He has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts nor any additional associates.

[redacted] an inmate at Folsom State Penitentiary, Folson, California, had met RAY through RAY's crime partner, JAMES "SHORTIE" OWENS, [redacted]

He described RAY as a quiet, close-mouthed, even-tempered individual who minded his own business and a person people would not remember unless they had direct dealings with him.

RAY's mind was consumed with the idea of escape and he, [redacted] did not think in his own mind that after escaping from prison he would be so stupid as to shoot a "big wig like KING".

[redacted] had no idea as to RAY's current location or anyone who associated with him.

[redacted] Moberly, Missouri Men's Training Center, was only in the Missouri State Penitentiary from [redacted] until [redacted] when he was paroled. He is unable to recall ever seeing or hearing anything about JAMES EARL RAY until after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

He was unable to suggest the identity of any individual who might have been closely associated with RAY and he had no information concerning RAY's whereabouts.

[redacted] resides at [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, and was formerly in Missouri State Penitentiary and had number [redacted] He became friendly with JAMES EARL RAY during the period of [redacted] while incarcerated in [redacted] at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He also became acquainted with another inmate, RAYMOND CURTIS, who recently has talked to newspaper reporters concerning his association with RAY.

[redacted] can recall making the statement in the presence of RAY and CURTIS, as well as other inmates, that while he, [redacted] had been in Memphis, Tennessee, an unknown individual had speculated that if MARTIN LUTHER KING ever attempted an economic boycott in the City of Memphis it would

be worth a large amount of money to Memphis businessmen to have KING killed. This conversation had taken place in his, [redacted], presence in Memphis but it was mere speculation and had no basis in fact. This conversation was related to his prison mates but he had no intention of implying that any person or group of persons had or was contemplating placing a bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING.

It was his recollection that RAY had a great dislike for Negroes and although he would not describe him as a "loner", he would say RAY did not know how to make friends or how to mix with other people. RAY was a regular user of amphetamines in prison but he did not believe RAY used any other narcotics.

He did not believe RAY had any important criminal connections and he had no idea where RAY might presently be. He has not heard from RAY since he left the Missouri State Penitentiary.

[redacted] former Missouri State Penitentiary inmate, was interviewed by the St. Louis Division. He stated he was not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY while at the penitentiary but upon viewing his photograph he believed RAY to be identical with an individual who worked with [redacted] for a short period during [redacted] at Joplin, Missouri. [redacted] carried on [redacted] and would also "finger" residences and business establishments in the Joplin area. Under the pretext of a free inspection of the premises, RAY would gain entrance to case the place for a possible robbery or burglary [redacted]

[redacted] knew RAY only through their mutual association with [redacted] and has no knowledge as to RAY's present whereabouts or close associates.

[redacted] inmate [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary [redacted] was in the penitentiary [redacted] until [redacted] and was again returned to the penitentiary in [redacted] was coming out of the Jefferson Gravois Bank,

St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he saw JIMMY OWENS and JAMES EARL RAY coming into the bank. [redacted]

[redacted] stated [redacted] has not seen them since that time.

(It should be noted that [redacted] wife of [redacted] when interviewed, advised she had received a letter from her husband dated April 25, 1968, stating in part, "I guess you should remember the one guy that we met that time at the bank. He's the one that they are trying to rap that King death on". She was unable to recall the incident to which he referred. It is further noted that [redacted] was interviewed May 14, 1968, almost a month after he wrote the above-mentioned letter.)

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary # [redacted] is a native of the state of Georgia and is due to be released soon to a Federal Detainer filed against him.

In [redacted] he worked in the kitchen at the Missouri State Penitentiary at which time RAY was pushing a food cart to the hospital. He stated he probably did not ever speak to him and does not recall having heard RAY speak. He has no information about RAY, his plans, or his possible whereabouts.

[redacted] was interviewed at the Ramsey Unit, Texas State Department of Corrections, Houston, Texas. He advised he and JAMES EARL RAY had been inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary for about five years. He and RAY handled minor narcotics in order to get money for commissary items.

[redacted] was [redacted] at the penitentiary and RAY worked as a slicer in the bread room.

[redacted] refused to discuss any of the facts concerning RAY's 1967 escape since the escape route was probably still in use.

He stated RAY had a bad stomach which necessitated his eating special foods [redacted]. This included eggs for which RAY was very partial.

While at the Missouri State Penitentiary RAY quit smoking.

RAY enjoyed tinkering with mechanical things, had built an air-conditioner out of spare parts for his prison cell, and was handy in the repair of radios, parts for which he would obtain from the penitentiary machine shop.

[redacted] stated he would in no way render assistance to aid in the capture of RAY.

[redacted], Missouri State Penitentiary # [redacted], knew JAMES EARL RAY at the penitentiary but was not too well acquainted with him. He stated no one was well acquainted with RAY as he was a quiet individual. He never knew RAY to express strong opinions on any subject, including racial matters, and he never heard of a bounty mentioned in connection with Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[redacted] did not feel that RAY was involved in the sale of amphetamines or "pills", or to operate or play in poker games.

JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN advised he is 69 years of age and he knew JAMES EARL RAY for about 6 months during 1959. He and RAY robbed a supermarket at Alton, Illinois, which was the only score they pulled together. He claimed RAY cheated him, AUSTIN, of his part of the loot from the robbery.

AUSTIN was unaware that RAY had escaped from prison or that he was being sought in the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[redacted] Georgia, and was formerly incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY for approximately three years. [redacted] RAY worked as a bread slicer.

He described RAY as an avid reader who participated in softball games as a pitcher and would watch all the baseball games at the prison.

In 1966, a group of Black Muslims petitioned for the right to have their own religious services and a subsequent

search recovered weapons in their possession. This was followed by white prisoners arming themselves which in turn was followed by a riot. Three Negro prisoners were killed and, in his opinion, if RAY did not knife them himself he would know who did knife them. RAY was a racist and hated Negroes.

RAY often talked of going to the Lake of the Ozarks when he got out of prison. RAY was particularly interested in Western Music and a number of orchestras from the Lake of the Ozarks had played at the penitentiary.

[redacted] stated RAY's dope habit was costing him from $35 to $40 per week for shots and he appeared to be well fixed and never wanting for anything. While in prison he used amphetamines which he took in shots in the "main line" and he had known RAY to give free amphetamines to prisoners who needed a shot.

[redacted] was RAY's closest friend in the Missouri State Penitentiary and was responsible for bringing RAY in to the kitchen. [redacted]

[redacted] claimed he had not been contacted by RAY and had heard nothing to indicate RAY had attempted to contact him. RAY had talked about traveling all over the United States but never mentioned anything to indicate RAY was associated with anyone in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

[redacted] #[redacted] of the Missouri Training School for Men, had been in the Missouri State Penitentiary at the same time JAMES EARL RAY was there and he knew him from going back and forth to the dining room to eat. Everyone knew JAMES EARL RAY by his reputation as he had attempted to escape several times.

[redacted] reported RAY missing at the time of his April, 1967, escape to Lt. BILLY TURNER. It was rumored at the time that RAY was going to the State of Georgia if he was successful in his escape.

[redacted] had no knowledge or information concerning RAY's current location nor had he been contacted by RAY since his escape.

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[redacted] was located at [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, at which time he advised his last Missouri State Penitentiary number was [redacted] He first entered the penitentiary in [redacted] on a [redacted] sentence for [redacted] re-entered the penitentiary in [redacted] on a [redacted] sentence for [redacted], and the third time in [redacted] for a [redacted] sentence for [redacted] He was released on parole on [redacted]

[redacted] knew JAMES EARL RAY casually while both were inmates at the penitentiary. During the period of this casual acquaintance, they had some slight association in the yard and personal association based on the fact that RAY worked on the food detail [redacted] he considered RAY to be a neat individual and clean.

Close associates of RAY at the penitentiary were identified to be [redacted] and [redacted]

At the time of RAY's escape, [redacted] was not confined at Jefferson City but was on the honor farm at Springfield, Missouri. He has no knowledge of where RAY would be now or whom he would seek out once he had escaped.

JOHN KENNETH HURTT is an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, having number [redacted]. In 1966 he celled in the same hall at the Missouri State Penitentiary as did JAMES EARL RAY for two or three weeks. He was not close to RAY and knows of no close associates of RAY.

RAY was always "planning an escape" but HURTT does not know who helped RAY escape in April 1967, if anyone did help him.

He never heard RAY mention a bounty on the life of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, nor did he ever hear anything from RAY to indicate one way or the other his feelings toward the Negro race.

In return for sending about a $15 money order to a stationery company under the pretext of ordering some paper, all done at the direction of RAY, he (HURTT) was given cigarettes in return by RAY for accomplishing this feat. RAY was always talking about the man who owned the stationery company, and it is this person whom HURTT thought RAY said lived in Kansas City. The name it was directed to he believes was PEPPER. The paper never came and when he asked RAY about delivery RAY told him the paper would be delivered directly to RAY.

HURTT further advised that he never heard of "COOLEY's Organization" and he has been in the Missouri State Penitentiary for the past 15 years. He also has no information to indicate RAY was involved with the sale of amphetamine in the penitentiary.

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary inmate [redacted] believes that when he was in the penitentiary during the [redacted] era he believes he may have known who RAY was during that time but was not associated or acquainted with him personally.

He returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary in [redacted] and worked in the bread room of the penitentiary in the early part of the year and he was working the morning shift during the time RAY escaped.

He does not know whether or not another inmate aided RAY in his escape and he does not subscribe to the theory that RAY escaped in the bread box being delivered to one of the prison farms. He [redacted] personally loaded

the bread into the wooden bread box and took it down the elevator operated by an inmate to the dock and assisted in placing the box on the truck.

[redacted] denied having knowledge of any plan by JAMES EARL RAY to escape and had no knowledge as to his possible whereabouts.

[redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, was in the Missouri State Penitentiary from [redacted] to [redacted]. He does not believe he was ever housed in the same hall as RAY and therefore was not that familiar with him.

He described RAY as a quiet type, seldom noticed. RAY did not gamble or play sports or do anything to attract attention to himself.

He recalls RAY's face from having seen him at the penitentiary. RAY's escape attempts attracted no attention to RAY as there were frequent such attempts by numerous inmates.

He has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

When reinterviewed, [redacted] admitted he ran a poker game and lottery at the penitentiary, having numerous inmates working for him. He knew all of them personally, but JAMES EARL RAY never worked for him.

[redacted] currently incarcerated San Quentin Penitentiary advised he was confined to the Missouri State Penitentiary from [redacted] through [redacted] on a [redacted] charge. He knew JAMES EARL RAY from about [redacted] until [redacted]. RAY came to the Missouri State Penitentiary with a man by the name of RAY PRUETT [redacted]

[redacted] RAY [redacted] worked in the prison bakery.

RAY, [redacted] and [redacted] (phonetic), were selling amphetamine and other stimulants to the inmates.

[redacted] estimates that the five of them made about $1,000 a month or more selling these pills each month. [redacted] paid a guard $100 to bring the jar in and after expenses cleared, about $1,000.

RAY had a friend who sent him narcotics, but [redacted] did not know any more about this matter.

He described RAY as closed mouth who never discussed with anyone and would not discuss any ideas or plans he had about escaping.

He stated RAY does not like Negroes and was capable of killing Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[redacted] who was a cell block mate, worked in the library and would bring books to RAY, who liked to read about foreign countries.

[redacted] and [redacted] each got [redacted] years so they are still in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Money earned in the penitentiary could either be in currency and/or script, such as commissary chits. Money could be sent out by guards who were bribed by the prisoners to act as couriers involving items leaving or entering the prison, but [redacted] would not identify any guard as he still might be in use by the present penitentiary inmates. RAY would earn $1.50 per month from his bakery work and $15 or $20 a month would be furnished to RAY by friends or the family outside of the prison for his personal use in purchasing commissary items.

[redacted] did not know how RAY handled his prison earnings.

[redacted] Moberly Training Center for Men, #[redacted] served from [redacted] until [redacted] at the Missouri State Penitentiary as a portion of his [redacted] sentence for [redacted] Subsequently he was transferred to his current place of confinement.

He knew JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate and remembers his hiding in the penitentiary as well as his escape.

He could furnish no information concerning his present whereabouts or close associates.

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[redacted] resides in [redacted] South Los Angeles.

[redacted] served time at Leavenworth with JAMES EARL RAY, becoming acquainted during the latter part of [redacted] when both were in the kitchen of the trusty farm. He believes RAY was from the Biloxi - Gulfport, Mississippi, area and was able to pilot an airplane.

In [redacted] returned to Los Angeles, California, from a trip and met JAMES EARL RAY at the Amber Room, Figueroa Hotel, Los Angeles. He estimated this to be August 12, 1967. RAY went with him to his room in the [redacted] and he did not hear again from him until April 19, 1968, at around noon or 4:00 P.M. when he received a telephone call and states the person calling was JAMES EARL RAY.

Interview of [redacted] contained many inconsistencies and conflicts in his story and therefore no credibility could be given to the alleged phone call received by him from JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted]

The substance of the telephone call allegedly received from JAMES EARL RAY on April 19, 1968, was that he was "hotter than a cow marshal's pistol" and made a request of [redacted] for money, which was denied.

[redacted] possessed Leavenworth Prison #[redacted]

He was located at [redacted] Mesa, Arizona, and stated he formerly served time at Leavenworth from [redacted] to [redacted] He denies any knowledge or association with JAMES EARL RAY and disclaims recognition of the photograph of RAY as a former inmate at Leavenworth. He states he has no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts.

WALTER TERRY RIFE, [redacted] was located at Quincy, Illinois, and disclaims having seen JAMES EARL RAY since he was incarcerated at Leavenworth, Kansas, in 1957. He has no information concerning the current whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY nor his close associates.

When arrested with RAY in 1955, he fabricated the name WILLIARD J. MC BRIDE as the individual from whom they purchased stolen money orders obtained in the Kellerville, Illinois, Post Office burglary. He also used the name VERNON ELMO RIFE on his first arrest.

RIFE stated that RAY was prejudiced against Negroes in a general way and he has never known RAY to belong to any organization or to make any threat against Negroes.

Both he and RAY were sentenced on July 1, 1955, to Leavenworth and RIFE was released in 1960.

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DYRELL DENNIS, located at the Towne Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, listed her home address to be [redacted] Los Angeles, California. When initially contacted on April 25, 1968, she advised she had no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY and through viewing his photographs said she did not know him or anyone named ERIC STARVO GALT.

Subsequently, she was recontacted on April 27, 1968, at the Belmont Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She advised she had resided at the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, from March 1 to March 9, 1968. One night in the Sultan Room, Hollywood Boulevard, she was approached by a man who introduced himself as ERIC (Last Name Unknown). She described him as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	Late 30's or early 40's
Height	5'10"
Build	Slender
Hair	Salt and pepper
Eyes	Light blue
Wearing apparel	Dressed very neatly
Characteristics	Appeared very nervous; pointed facial features; spoke with a nasal twang.

This person drank screwdrivers and claimed to have worked with computers. He had in his possession a large sum of money in $10 and $20 bills. She talked him into giving her a $20 bill after which they left the Sultan Room and went to another club where they continued to drink and then went to ERIC's room, #403 in the St. Francis Hotel. As they drank he told her on more than one occasion that he could become violent. She began to fear that he might possibly be a psychopath [redacted] Under pretext, she left the St. Francis Hotel.

Subsequently, she again encountered ERIC at the Sultan Room at which time he asked for and she returned his $20 bill.

She stated she has not seen this person since that time.

ANITA LOUISE KATZWINKEL, [redacted] Hollywood, California, was unable to identify photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT as anyone she knew. She also did not know CHARLES J. STEIN.

[redacted]

GINGER DAY, also known to her as GINGER NANCE, like the news broadcasts concerning GALT, favored beer and vodka and would listen only to country and western music.

KATZWINKEL has no knowledge of the location of JAMES EARL RAY, known as ERIC STARVO GALT.

MARIE MARTIN, [redacted] Los Angeles, California, listed her original name to be MYRIAL TOMASO, and she has also used the names MARIE DENNINO and MARIE MARTINELLO. [redacted]

She first met a person who introduced himself as ERIC GALT on approximately December 4, 1967, in the Sultan Room. He had been drinking at the bar and carried on a conversation with her while she was waiting on other customers.

She obtained GALT's agreement to drive her cousin, RITA STEIN to New Orleans, Louisiana, to pick up RITA's two children and return them to Los Angeles. GALT agreed to make the trip if MARIE MARTIN and RITA STEIN and her brother, CHARLES STEIN, would register to vote and list the political party sponsoring former Governor GEORGE C. WALLACE as their political candidate.

The day after the group registered for the WALLACE political party, MARIE MARTIN, RITA STEIN and CHARLES STEIN were issued registration receipts. Subsequently, MARIE MARTIN went to her room and brought a box of clothing

down to GALT's car which she had requested to be delivered to her mother, [redacted] at New Orleans. At this point, RITA and CHARLES STEIN and GALT left.

About one week later, she again saw GALT at the St. Francis Hotel, and he gave her a $20 bill after asking her if she were short of money. GALT told her he had visited some friends who lived in the Industrial Canal area of New Orleans near Chef Menteur Highway. GALT became a regular customer at the Sultan Room and on her recommendation, he moved into the St. Francis Hotel.

On February 14, 1968, GALT came to her room and they arranged to trade television sets. He took her portable set and gave her his set and a $20 bill. He told her he was going south and agreed to drop off another package at her mother's house at New Orleans.

She said that GALT used Spanish phrases on occasion, though he told her he could not speak Spanish. He told her he had lived in Mexico for about six years and knew a girl in Guadaljara.

Referring back to her portable television set, she described it as a 21 inch General Electric set of plastic material with built in rabbit ear antennas and a handle on top.

The last time MARIE MARTIN saw GALT was on the day they traded television sets, February 14, 1968.

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RITA STEIN resides at [redacted] Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT in mid-December 1967 at the Sultan Room, St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California. In conversation with GALT relative to her two children residing at her mother's home in New Orleans, Louisiana, she was able to determine that GALT would drive to New Orleans in his own car and return the children to Los Angeles. He agreed to take her brother, CHARLES STEIN, with him on the trip. Conditions for making this trip were that she, her brother and her cousin, MARIE MARTIN, all register with GEORGE WALLACE's party in California.

The following morning GALT drove the three of them to a location where they registered for the WALLACE party. Following this, they all returned to her residence, after which her brother left for New Orleans with GALT.

She next saw GALT when he returned with her two children approximately one week. He entered her house upon his return but stayed only a few moments and then departed. He returned again the next day to bring one of her children's toy blackboard which had been left in his car the previous day.

Following this, she saw GALT in the Sultan Room in mid-January 1968 and had no conversation with him. This was the last time she saw him.

A photograph of ERIC S. GALT obtained from the International School of Bartendering, Los Angeles, California, when displayed to RITA STEIN, reflected that this indeed was the ERIC S. GALT known to her.

JEROME WALLIS VERNON, known also as Jay Wallis Vernon, resides in [redacted] Upland, California.

He operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, Los Angeles, from January 16 to March 23, 1968, and a man by the name of GALT was a regular customer at the laundry. He believes GALT came in each Saturday afternoon.

He first saw GALT on Saturday, January 20, 1968, and last recalled seeing him on March 16, 1968. GALT would always leave a bundle of laundry consisting of underwear, T-shirts and dress shirts, and he would pick up the finished laundry the following Saturday. Photographs of the T-shirt and shorts recovered near the scene of the assassination were similar to the ones brought in by GALT, according to VERNON, but he could not be sure whether the two pieces belonged to him. The laundry markings on the underwear were identified by him as being similar to the mark used by his laundry.

GALT always paid for his laundry in cash, using $10 and $20 bills.

GINGER LEE NANCE (nee CUNNINGHAM) resides [redacted], Dixon, Illinois. On the first Saturday or Sunday of May, 1967, she and ANITA KATZWINKEL left Dixon, Illinois, and proceeded to Los Angeles, California, where they established residence at the Palms Apartments on Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood.

After about three weeks, she and KATZWINKEL moved to 1535 Serrano and resided there for about a month and a half.

In June, 1967, she hitchhiked back to Dixon, Illinois, accompanied part of the way by her boy friend, JIM LEEHY. She cannot recall writing her name and address on any paper nor did she give any name and address on a paper to any of the people who gave her a ride in a car. She did enjoy several rides across country during her hitchhiking trip in Mustangs.

[redacted]

NANCE further advised the name ERIC S. GALT is unknown to her.

CHARLES J. STEIN resides at [redacted] Los Angeles, California, and first met ERIC S. GALT at the Sultan Room of the Saint Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, on December 24, 1967. His sister, RITA STEIN, was present along with his cousin, MARIE MARTIN, at the time of the meeting.

GALT offered to drive STEIN to New Orleans to pick up RITA's two children, and return them to Los Angeles.

The morning after the initial meeting, the three of them registered at GALT's request in the political party of GEORGE WALLACE.

STEIN and GALT traveled to New Orleans along the southern route through Yuma, Tucson and El Paso. While en route, GALT made several telephone calls, mostly while traveling through Texas and these calls were made from pay telephones.

GALT mentioned that he had recently returned from Mexico where he had formerly had a part ownership in a bar and that his former partner, a Mexican, had bought out his interest in the bar. This bar was located near a seaport or boats.

At New Orleans, GALT expressed the desire not to stay at STEIN's mother's residence, but to stay at a motel and he was directed to a motel in the 1000 block of Charter Street (determined to be the Provincial Motel), New Orleans. They had driven straight through from Los Angeles, arriving on December 17, 1967.

On the following day, he met GALT in the street near the residence of [redacted] STEIN's mother, and GALT told him he had contacted the individuals he needed to contact and wanted to begin the trip back to Los Angeles. Subsequently, he telephoned STEIN and delayed the departure due to a storm blocking their present route.

They returned to Los Angeles on December 19, 1967, with RITA STEIN's two children. GALT paid for all expenses of food and gasoline in cash.

STEIN stated that a girl, with blond hair, about 5'2", by the name of JERI, according to information developed by he and LOUIS LOMAX, a Los Angeles newspaper man, had lived with GALT while GALT resided in Los Angeles. JERI is presently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and had used several names in the past, one of which he believed to be DYRELL.

STEIN further stated that he learned, following his initial meeting with GALT, that GALT must have thought he was being set up for a robbery because MARIE MARTIN told STEIN that GALT had made the comment following STEIN's departure from the Sultan Room that "He would hate to have to kill someone."

When STEIN loaded his suitcase into the trunk of GALT's Mustang, he noticed GALT's blue suitcase there, as well as what appeared to be a Kodak camera box. This box was yellow and black in color, two and one-half feet long and a foot wide.

Driving through New Orleans, STEIN told GALT he was grateful to him for driving down to pick up the children of RITA STEIN, but GALT mentioned that he was not doing anyone a favor because he had business to conduct in New Orleans, himself, and he mentioned an Italian-sounding name, which he cannot recall, but is a well-known name in New Orleans and the street he mentioned gave STEIN a mental picture of the Chalmette-Industrial Canal area of New Orleans.

Near El Paso, Texas, GALT purchased a used tire for the Mustang at a tire store. Later in the evening of the same date, December 16, 1967, STEIN recalled that he awoke from a sleep and found they had stopped and GALT was making a lengthy telephone call from a public coin box telephone booth. He believes this call was made somewhere in the vicinity of Houston, Texas, and since it was dark, he could recall the light in the telephone booth shining down on GALT while he made the call.

Later in the day, after arriving at New Orleans and GALT's going to the Provincial Motel, STEIN went for a walk with his sons through the French Quarter and over near the new Trade Mart Building on Canal Street. Later in the day, during the evening, GALT commented that he had seen STEIN and the two boys earlier that day near the Trade Mart Building while he was having a beer at a bar in the area. This was at the home of his sister, [redacted] that the conversation with GALT took place.

On the evening of December 19, 1967, GALT, STEIN and RITA STEIN's two children departed New Orleans for Los Angeles. They drove straight through, arriving on December 21, 1967, in the morning.

After this trip, STEIN did observe GALT on a couple of occasions in the Sultan Room of the Hotel Saint Francis. On one of these occasions, GALT mentioned the fact that he had "just finished bartending school." Sometime after this, either RITA STEIN or MARIE MARTIN

mentioned to STEIN that GALT was going to New Orleans again, and his comment was that GALT liked hamburgers because that was all he ate on the trip to New Orleans.

STEIN did advise that he had helped LOUIS LOMAX, the newspaper reporter, identify RUSSELL DENNIS, who is now in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, who allegedly dated GALT on one occasion while he resided in Los Angeles. STEIN feels that LOMAX "Used" him for publicity purposes, identifying STEIN as the "Key to the case." This upset STEIN because he felt whoever shot KING might take a shot at him.

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JOHN EUGENE GAWRON, residing at [redacted], St. Louis, Missouri, was born on July 12, 1897, at Chicago, Illinois, and estimates that he has spent about 45 years of his life in penal institutions.

Paroled in 1954 to a Soldier's Home, Quincy, Illinois, GAWRON became acquainted at a tavern in Quincy with LUCILLE RYAN who was separated from her husband, JERRY RAYNES. LUCILLE had a daughter named CAROL, then living with her; a son named JERRY, who was also living with her; a son named JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY), who was then serving a Federal sentence in the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas; a son named FRANKLIN DENNIS RAYNES, deceased; a daughter named MELBA, who was in a mental hospital in Jacksonville, Illinois; a son named MAX, who was in an orphanage located in the vicinity of Springfield, Illinois; a daughter named SUSAN, who was in a Catholic orphanage located at Alton, Illinois; and a son named JOHN (JACK), who was serving a sentence in the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois.

GAWRON, allegedly involved in a burglary at Quincy, Illinois, in 1956, had his parole revoked and was returned to the Illinois State Penitentiary, but in 1959 he escaped from this institution. After a few days, he went to the home of LUCILLE RYAN (RAYNES) where her mother, MARY MAHGR, was operating a rooming house [redacted]

During a period of several months in 1959, he was closely associated with JAMES EARL RAY and taught him to be a burglar and they went together on a number of burglaries, estimated to be twelve. They were committed outside St. Louis in the northern part of Missouri, in Iowa, and in Illinois. GAWRON taught JIMMY (JAMES EARL RAY) to always wear gloves on any kind of a job, and he was surprised that he would now go on any job without wearing gloves at the risk of leaving fingerprints.

Together they spent a great deal of time, and in St. Louis they frequented a tavern known as Ruby's Bar, later known as the Haven Bar, Lafayette Street, just west of 18th.

RAY generally drank bourbon, which he mixed with sweet soda. He did not drink beer or smoke. When meeting any girl for the first time, he (RAY) had a tendency to lisp or stutter in his speech. When RAY wanted a girl, GAWRON usually found a girl for him and on such occasions, his relationship with the girl was only brief and temporary at some second or third rate hotel room.

RAY dresses extremely well when he has money, likes good food, and buys expensive clothes, but he always chooses a second or third rate hotel or a cheap rooming house in which to live.

GAWRON, RAY, and JAMES OWENS, with whom RAY was arrested and sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary, cased the Kroger Store in East St Louis, Illinois, for a robbery. GAWRON declined to participate because of the danger involved.

The following day RAY and OWENS were arrested and subsequently RAY was transferred to the Missouri State Penitentiary. GAWRON has not seen RAY since that time.

In 1961, GAWRON, ALBERT PEPPER, and JOHN RAY, brother-in-law and brother of JAMES EARL RAY, respectively, were arrested at Louisiana, Missouri, and while his parole was revoked, the other two persons received sentences of ten days in jail. He does not believe that JAMES EARL RAY knows ALBERT PEPPER, who is married to RAY's sister.

GAWRON is on friendly terms with JERRY RAY and CAROL RAY PEPPER. All of RAY's family referred to him as "Uncle JACK," although he has no family relationship. The PEPPERs have two young sons [redacted] The PEPPERs operate the Grapevine Tavern, and JOHN RAY is active in the operation of this tavern at St. Louis, Missouri.

GAWRON stated that insofar as he knows, the subject has not been in St. Louis since his escape from the

Missouri State Penitentiary in view of the fact he is too well known. GAWRON has not seen JAMES EARL RAY since 1959.

GAWRON believes JAMES EARL RAY trafficed in drugs or barbiturates at the Missouri State Penitentiary and also had a loan shark business there. On three different occasions, he made purchases of inhalers, normally used for colds, at the request of RAY. His request, though originating from RAY in prison, was relayed to him by CAROL PEPPER. On each of these occasions, GAWRON purchased a gross of these inhalers (probably Benzedrine) and on three separate occasions, he was contacted by a guard from the prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, who would pick up the inhalers and take them to RAY at the prison. Reportedly, the guard told GAWRON that each trip was worth a "C" to the guard.

GAWRON recalls being told by JOHN RAY that JAMES EARL RAY was in Omaha, Nebraska, during well, making good money as some sort of a salesman. This was in June, 1967. Shortly thereafter, JOHN RAY told GAWRON that JAMES was now in Los Angeles, California. GAWRON had no knowledge as to how JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER would have come into possession of information relative to the location of JAMES EARL RAY in June, 1967.

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Army	James Earl Ray #16 163 129	2/19/46		
Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, Calif.	James Earl Ray #B-119908	10/11/49	suspicion of burglary	
PD, Los Angeles Calif	James Earl Ray #139648	10/11/49	suspicion 459 Penal (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 12/30/49 Cs129438
SO Cedar Rapids, Iowa	James E. Ray #5937	4/18/50	vagrancy	
PD Alton, Ill.	James Earl Ray #7514	7/23/51	no operator's license - no City License	released to pay later
PD Chicago Ill	James Ray #D90696	5/6/52	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury $3000
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State Penitentiary Pontiac, Ill.	James E. Ray #19121	7/7/52 1952 in transfer from Joliet	robbery	1 to 2 years 3/12/54 discharged
SO Edwardsville, Ill.	James Earl Ray #2640	8/30/54	burglary & larceny	
PD Hannibal Missouri	James E. Ray #40714	3/23/55	investigation of breaking & entering Post Office	
State Highway Patrol Macon, Mo.	James Earl Ray #B-3376	3/23/55	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspector Kansas City Mo., 3/24/55
USM Kansas City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #12018	3/28/55	forgery U.S. Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody Attorney General
SO Kansas City Mo.	James Earl Ray #29637	3/28/55	forgery - Government	3/7/55, 3 years and 9 months
U. S. Penitentiary Leavenworth, Kan.	James Earl Ray #72498-L	7/7/55	Post Office Laws Forge Money Orders	3 years and 9 months 5/20/58, conditional release 3/31/59, maximum 4/5/58, conditional release on charge of Post Office forgery Post Office Money Orders
PD St. Louis, Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/10/59	suspicion of robbery	

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PD St. Louis Mo.	James Earl Ray #81071	10/16/59	suspicion of robbery stealing & fugitive other authorities	
State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Mo.	James Earl Ray #00416	3/17/60	"TC" operating motor vehicle without permission of owner robbery first "b/m DDW" (2 charges)	20 years (20, 7, 5, concurrent)

The following is a description of the subject, obtained from sources set out elsewhere in this report:

Name:	JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Date of Birth:	March 10, 1928
Place of Birth:	Alton, Illinois
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	163 - 174 pounds
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FBI NEW ORLS

659PM URGENT 5-2-68 CDC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, AND HOUSTON

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673

MURKIN.

RE: CALL MADE FROM COIN TELEPHONE, ALPINE, TEXAS ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST TO NINE THREE EIGHT FIVE SIX THREE EIGHT, GREENWOOD, LA.

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

IS LISTED TO R. L. HAMMETT, GREENWOOD, LOUISIANA. UPON INTERVIEW HAMMETT ADVISES HE CAN NOT SPECIFICALLY RECALL WHO CONTACTED HIM ON DEC. SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS., HOWEVER, HAMMETT STATES DURING DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN HE RECEIVED NUMEROUS LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS FROM HIS UNCLE, ED HUNSUCKER, INQUIRING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HAMMETT'S FATHER WHO WAS IN POOR HEALTH. THESE CALLS WERE RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS AREAS IN TEXAS INASMUCH AS HUNSUCKER IS A TRUCK DRIVER AND TRAVELS EXTENSIVELY THROUGHOUT TEXAS. HAMMETT VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES THAT RAY IS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN TO HIM. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH HAMMETT OR HUNSUCKER.

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RE [redacted]

[redacted] BATON ROUGE, LA.

IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, NEW ORLEANS POSSESSED INFORMATION CONCERNING REMARKS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY [redacted] THAT THE NEGRO RACE NEEDED A "NEW MONUMENT," AS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD TWO THOUSAND YEARS AND IT WOULD BE BETTER IF KING OR JAMES FARMER WERE KILLED. THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM [redacted]

IN JUNE, SIXTYFIVE, DECLINED TO REVEAL HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted]

ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, [redacted] BATON ROUGE, ADVISED [redacted] IS [redacted] AND RESIDES [redacted] BATON ROUGE. FURTHER [redacted] SINCE FIFTYTWO AND DURING

THAT TIME HAS NOT ENGAGED IN ANY ACTIVITIES TO AGITATE MEMBERS [redacted] OR ENGAGED IN ANY CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES. [redacted] STATED [redacted] WELL RESPECTED [redacted] AND LIKED [redacted]

[redacted] BATON ROUGE, LA., CONTACTDD MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME [redacted] ADVISED HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted] IS NOW DECEASED. [redacted] STILL DECLINES TO DISCLOSE IDENTITY OF THIS SOURCE. [redacted] STATED HOWEVER, HIS SOURCE HAD ADVISED HIM ON MARCH FIVE, SIXTYFIVE, THAT [redacted] HAD TOLD SOURCE THAT MOST NEGROES CONSIDERED JAMES FARMER OF REVISIONIST AND CONSIDERED MARTIN LUTHER KING A MESSIAH. FURTHER, [redacted] STATED THE NEGROES MEED A NEW

MONUMENT AS JESUS CHRIST HAD BEEN DEAD FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS. [redacted] STATED SOURCE TOLD HIM "THE ASSASSINATION OF FARMER HAD BEEN A MATTER OF OPEN CONJECTURE." [redacted] SAID NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, HOWEVER, IT WAS [redacted] OPINION THAT PROBABLY ASSASSINATION OF BOTH FARMER AND KING A MATTER OF CONJECTURE.

APPROPRIATE RI-PROB SOURCE CONTACTED BATON ROUE AREA MAY ONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND [redacted] UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

FILES OF NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF BATON ROUGE MORNING ADVOCATE NEWSPAPER [redacted] WHICH REVEALS THAT [redacted] DESCRIBED AS [redacted] BATON ROUGE [redacted] HAD SIGNED A STATMENT REGRETING ACTION TAKEN AGAINST [redacted] FOR [redacted] DEMONSTRATIONS IN REGARDS TO THE RACIAL QUESTION. NEW ORLEANS FILES CONTAIN NO OTHER INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH [redacted]. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE [redacted] IS NOT NOT BEING CONTACTED FOR INTERVIEW.

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RE: TELEPHONE CALLS ORIGINATING FROM
PROVINCIAL MOTEL, NEW ORLEANS.
DEC. SEVENTEEN THRU NINETEEN ,
NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

[redacted] SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY ADVISES THAT SOUTHERN BELL, NEW ORLEANS, HAS NO TAPE OR IBM TYPE OF SYSTEM THAT WOULD ENABLE THE TELEPHONE COMPANY TO KEEP ANY RECORD OF OUTGOING LOCAL CALLS MADE FROM THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL.

RE: COOLEY (PH) OR COOLEY'S ORGANIZATION

NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION.

RE: [redacted] (PH)

KANSAS CITY OFFICE ADVISED MAY TWO INSTANT THAT [redacted] WAS PAROLLED ON [redacted] AND WAS ORIGINALLY FROM ATLANTA, GA. IN VEW OF THIS NEW ORLEANS HOLDING LEAD AT BATON ROUGE IN ABEYANCE IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE [redacted] UNTIL INFO RECEIVED FROM PRISON RECORDS. NEW ORLEANS INDICIES CONTAIN NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH [redacted] OR [redacted]

RE: CONTACTS WITH MOTELS AND HOTELS
LOCATED IN FRECH QUARTER, NEW ORLEANS.

INASMUCH AS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT JAMES EARL RAY STAYED AT A FRENCH QUARTER MOTEL IN DEC. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND THEN WAS IN NEW ORLEANS AGAIN ON PROBABLY MARCH TWENTY ONE SIXTYEIGHT, THE RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS IN FRENCH QUARTER HAVE BEEN

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CHECKED FOR REGISTRATION OF RAY UNDER HIS TRUE NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES. PERIOD CHECKED WAS FROM MARCH SEVENTEEN THRU TWENTY FOUR SIXTYEIGHT. RECORDS OF MOTELS AND HOTELS CONTAINED NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY.

HOUSTON OFFICE AT HOUSTON TEXAS. WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ED HUNSUCKER THROUGH [redacted] AND DETERMINE IF HE PLACED CALL ON DECEMBER SIXTEEN LAST FROM ALPINE, TEXAS TO R. L. HAMMETT AT GREENWOOD, LA. AND EXHIBIT PHOTO OF RAY.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING AT NEW ORLEANS. AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY, ATLANTA, DALLAS BIRMINGHAM, AND LOS ANGELES. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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~~CORR PAGE THREE LINE SIXTEEN WORD SHD BE~~

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (MAIL)
SAC CHICAGO
SAC DALLAS

FROM SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

MURKIN; THREATS TO MARTIN LUTHER KING.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DALLAS AND SPRINGFIELD MAY TWO, LAST.

[redacted] PROTECT IDENTITY, [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] RESIDES [redacted]

DALLAS, TEXAS.

DALLAS, HANDLE.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re San Francisco airtel to Bureau dated 5-16-68, a copy of which is enclosed for St. Louis.

On 5-22-68, 5-23-68, and 5-24-68, [redacted] Quincy, Illinois, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] aka [redacted] is a relative of his and normally resides at that address. [redacted] has been missing for several days. This is not unusual for [redacted] will be gone from Quincy for several days at a time before returning.

On 5-22-68, and 5-23-68, efforts to locate [redacted] in Quincy, Illinois, were unsuccessful as his whereabouts are unknown to the Quincy Police Department, Credit Bureau and other sources.

On 5-24-68, [redacted] advised that [redacted] aka [redacted] is presently residing at La Grange, Missouri, and either works as a [redacted] or [redacted] in La Grange [redacted] has a girlfriend in La Grange by the name of [redacted]

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11 MAY 28 1968

C.C. - Bishop

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LEADS:

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At La Grange, Missouri

Will interview [redacted] as set forth in enclosed airtel.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

At Quincy, Illinois

Will interview [redacted] when located.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1029PM URGENT 5-28-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN LARRY RAY. REINTERVIEWED. CONTINUES TO DENY CONTACT WITH SUBJECT OR KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS SINCE MSP ESCAPE. HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY BROTHER JERRY SINCE LATTERS RETURN TO CG. PRESSURE OF PRESS INQUIRIES SUBSIDED. BELIEVES SUBJECT PROBABLY OUT OF COUNTRY OR DEAD AS WOULD HAVE BEEN CAUGHT OTHERWISE. ASSOCIATE CLARENCE HAYNES IS IN LOCAL [redacted] BUSINESS WHICH EXPLAINS INABILITY TO LOCATE DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS. HAYNES WIFE RUBY IN HOSPITAL DUE TO HEART DIFFICULT. FULL INTERVIEW WITH JOHN NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO ARRIVAL OF CUSTOMERS.

[redacted]

RE JERRY RAYNES AND CAROL PEPPER. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS REVEAL NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

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RE FELLOW PRISONER [redacted] INTERVIEWED IN DEPTH TODAY BY

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[redacted]SA. KNEW RAY CASUALLY [redacted] TO ESCAPE. EXCHANGED GREETINGS AND FEW WORDS INFREQUENTLY. RAY QUIET, RESERVED ,KEPT TO SELF, NEVER JOKED OR MIXED. NEVER WORKED WITH IN SAME AREA OR RESIDED SAME HALL EXCEPT BRIEF PERIOD IN K HALL SIXTY FIVE. NO KNOWLEDGE OF READING HABITS. NO INDICATION RAY USED NARCOTICS, BUT HEARD ONCE HE TRIED TO SELL AMPHETAMINE POWDER. SCUTTLEBUT INDICATED INMATE [redacted] DEALT IN AMPHETAMINE. UNAWARE OF ANY RAY CONNECTION WITH [redacted] BUT [redacted] COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BEEN RAY SOURCE.

RAY NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANY CLOSE ASSOCIATES, BUT APPEARED FRIENDLY WITH INMATES [redacted] FROM ARKANSAS, BELIEVED NOW RELEASED AND [redacted] STILL INCARCERATED.

[redacted] BREAD TRUCK IN WHICH RAY ALLEGEDLY ESCAPE. TRUCK LOADED [redacted] ACCOMPANIED BY GUARD NAMED [redacted] ALL TIMES AFTER LOADING. NO STOPS EXCEPT FOR TRAFFICE SIGNALS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT RENZ FARM, WHERE BREAD DISCOVERED SCATTERED IN BOX. POSSIBILITY OF ESCAPE NOT RECOGNIZED UNTIL LATER BY [redacted] WHICH RESULTED IN REPRIMAND.

KC INTERVIEW [redacted] AND [redacted] IF NOT ALREADY DONE.

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RE [redacted] WILL INTERVIEW EXHAUSTIVELY TOMORROW AS TO ANY KNOWLEDGE OF IDENT OF ALTON BANK SUBJECTS SINCE PERSON PREVIOUSLY IDENT BY HIM COULD NOT HAAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE DUE TO INCARCERTAION. RE [redacted] AND [redacted] UNABLE TO APPEAR WIT [redacted] FOR INTERVIEW TODAY DUE TO ILLNESS OF FELLOW EMPLOYEE NECESSITATING HIS WORKING DOUBLE SHIFT. WILL POSTIVELY APPEAR TOMORROW MORNING.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE FELLOW PRISONER [redacted] INTENSIFIED.

CORR PAGE THREE LINE FOUR THE LETTER "I" SHOULD BE OMITTED.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) 2P

MURKIN CR.

REMYTEL MAY TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, AND BUTELCALL MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST.

ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, CONFERENCE HELD AT TEXAS DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU, DPS, AUSTIN, WITH [redacted] DRIVER AND VEHICLE BUREAU DIV., [redacted] DATA PROCESSING AND [redacted] DEC PROCESSING CO., CONTRACTOR ON FILM PROCESSING FOR DPS, HOME OFFICE FORT WAYNE, IND. [redacted] STATED FILM USED IS THIRTYFIVE MM, ONE THIRD FRAMME, STRIP FILM, AND IS A COLOR NEGATIVE. THIS FILM COULD BE VIEWED ON KODAK MICROFILM READER, BUT IT WOULD BE A NEGATIVE AND WOULD BE IN REVERSE. IT WOULD BE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY EXCEPT TO A TRAINED NEGATIVE READER. FURTHER, HIS COMPANY COULD INSTALL A PRINTING MACHINE AND PRINT FILM FOR APRIL AND MAY, SENDING IT TO FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, FOR DEVELOPING, AT APPROXIMATE COSE OF FOUR CENTS PER PHOTO. [redacted] STATED ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT, LAST, HE ASSEMBLED VARIOUS SECTION MANAGERS OF DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU AND PLAN

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WAS DEVELOPED WHEREBY INFORMATION COULD BE SELECTED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES AND ASSEMBLED TO REFLECT NEW DRIVER LICENSES ISSUED SINCE APRIL, LAST. HE ESTIMATED IT WOULD TAKE FOUR DPS EMPLOYEES TO ASSEMBLE THIS INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN APPROXIMATELY FIVE DAYS FOR LICENSES ISSUED IN APRIL AND IN APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN DAYS ON LICENSES ISSUED IN MAY, THE LATTER DELAY BEING CAUSED BY FILING BACKLOG. THIS INFORMATION WOULD CONTAIN NAME, ADDRESS, DOB, AND DRIVER LICENSE NO. ESTIMATED COST TO DPS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY ON HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR THIS SPECIAL PROJECT; HOWEVER, [redacted] STATED THESE CHARGES WOULD BE WAIVER FOR THE BUREAU.

PURSUANT TO [redacted] PLAN, UACB, SAN ANTONIO WILL MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION DESIRED FROM DRIVER LICENSE BUREAU FOR APIL ON APPROXIMATELY JUNE FOUR, NEXT, AND WILL CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY LICENSEE. ON APPROXIMATELY JUNE TWENTY, NEXT, THE ADDITIONAL LISTING FOR MAY WILL BE OBTAINED AND SET OUT.

AIRMAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

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549 PM URGENT 5-29-68 VCG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM JACKSON (157-9586) 2P

MURKIN

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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY NINE, INSTANT.

RE [redacted]

A REVIEW OF FILES OF THE JACKSON OFFICE REVEAL NAME [redacted] MENTIONED IN REPORT OF SA [redacted] AT NEW ORLEANS, DATED OCTOBER TWENTY SIX, SIXTY TWO, CAPTIONED "DESEGREGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI." A LARGE NUMBER OF AUTO LICENSES WERE RECORDED DURING RIOT AT UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI ON OCTOBER ONE, SIXTY TWO. SIXTY TWO MISSISSIPPI LICENSE [redacted] WAS OBSERVED AND DETERMINED LATER TO BE REGISTERED TO [redacted] FULTON, MISSISSIPPI, FOR A FIFTY SEVEN CHEVROLET. INDICES OF NEW ORLEANS AND MEMPHIS OFFICES NOT KNOWN TO REVEAL ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS [redacted]

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AND JACKSON INDICES REVEAL NO OTHER RECORD FOR HIM.

JACKSON FILES ALSO REVEAL ONE [redacted] JACKSON, MISS., INTERVIEWED DURING NEGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION, NOVEMBER TWENTY TWO, SIXTY SEVEN, SUBSEQUENT TO BOMBING OF RESIDENCE OF RABBI PERRY E. NUSSBAUM, THREE FOUR ONE ZERO OLD CANTON ROAD, JACKSON, MISS. INQUIRY ON MAY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, REVEALS ABOVE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME IS [redacted] WHO HAS OPERATED [redacted] AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS AND HAS NOT BEEN IN CALIFORNIA DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS.

CURRENT CITY AND TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, DO NOT REVEAL ANYONE NAMED [redacted] OR [redacted] NO FURTHER EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE [redacted] IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC LEAD.

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AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MEMPHIS, NEW ORLEANS, AND ATLANTA.

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Date: 5/29/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN

ReBuairtel, 5/9/68 to all SAC's and LEGATs.

In above referenced communication, the Bureau directed that all offices should contact the Bureau of Vital Statistics or similar agency in their States to cover the possibility that subject may have died since the commission of the crime. It was also pointed out that if no central record repository is maintained, appropriate inquiries relative to unidentified dead should be made during the course of normal business with appropriate agencies and reasonable investigation should be pursued.

In an effort to broaden this coverage, Dr. SAMUEL GERBER, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, National Association of Coroners and also coroner, Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Ohio, who has cooperated with this office in the past [redacted] was contacted and he advised he is presently the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the National Coroners Association. Dr. GERBER advised that this group consists of approximately 2400 members throughout the country. He stated that he has access to the addressograph plates and he would be most happy to make these plates available to circularize the Bureau's Identification Order to the various members.

Dr. GERBER stated that in his opinion, if the Identification Order would be accompanied by a short letter from the Director, indicating that this was being done with the cooperation of the National Coroner's Association, it would create much more interest in the recipients of the letter and would obtain a higher degree of cooperation and awareness as to the contents.

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2 - Milwaukee (44-1987) (Info)

2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)

1 - Cleveland

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Special Agent in Charge

Cleveland has prepared the following letter with the Bureau's approval, if the circularization meets with Bureau approval:

"Dear Sir:

In cooperation with the National Association of Coroners, I am enclosing an Identification Order which contains the name, aliases, description and fingerprint classification of James Earl Ray, who is wanted in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

I would appreciate your bringing the information and photographs contained in this Identification Order to the attention of your staff and request that they remain on the alert for a possible identification of James Earl Ray by them during the course of their employment.

Should any information come to your attention in this matter, I would appreciate your notifying the FBI Office nearest you as noted on the back of the enclosed Identification Order.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover,
Director"

Dr. GERBER stated that as a rule, only bodies that have met with violent deaths or have not been identified are taken to the morgue in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. However, he stated that many individuals who have died of natural causes do pass through a coroner's office where there is no physician available to sign the death certificate.

Dr. GERBER stated that many deceased do not pass through a coroner's office or medical examiners office when the death certificate is signed by a physician. In such cases, the body goes directly to a mortician. Dr. GERBER stated that the Executive Secretary for the National Funeral Directors Association is HOWARD RATHER, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Recommendations and Requests:

1.) Bureau will furnish the Cleveland Office with 2500 Identification Orders #4182, along with Bureau approval for Cleveland to circularize this Identification Order with a letter from the Director as set forth above.

2.) At Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Will contact HOWARD RATHER, Executive Secretary, National Funeral Directors Association, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in an effort to see if it is possible to utilize mailing list of members for circularization of Identification Order. This contact will be made subsequent to 6/6/68, UACB.

3.) Will consider furnishing National Headquarters of American Dental Association, dental chart of JAMES EARL RAY if available from records of Missouri State Penitentiary, and circularize same to members of the American Dental Association.

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6/5/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

To: SACs, Cleveland (44-565)
Milwaukee (44-388)
Memphis (44-1987)

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861)-4152

MURKIN

ReCVairtel 5/29/68.

In view of current Canadian developments, take no action on recommendations in reCVairtel at this time, UACB.

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TELETYPE UNIT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/31/68

SAC, PITTSBURGH (44-578) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: JAMES EARL RAY

Re Cincinnati teletype to Bureau 6/20/68.

On 5/21/68, [redacted] Johnstown, Pa., advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that for the past three weeks she has been doing domestic work for a [redacted] and a [redacted] at [redacted] Johnstown, Pa. She explained that [redacted] and [redacted] are not married, but are living together; that [redacted] is a [redacted] and that he has several employees working for him who meet at the residence of [redacted] each morning [redacted]

[redacted] initially denied making any statement to anyone that the "killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING" was in any way connected with [redacted] or [redacted] She then advised that she might have made a statement that [redacted] could be the killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING inasmuch as he drinks excessively and has made statements that he could see nothing wrong with KING's assassination. [redacted] stated that all of [redacted] are in their late teens or early 20's; that none of them look like JAMES EARL RAY, but that [redacted] bears some slight resemblance to the subject.

On 5/22/68, [redacted] Police Department, Johnstown, Pa., advised that he is personally acquainted with [redacted]; that [redacted] has been a [redacted] in Johnstown for many years; that one of SHAFFER's employees is his brother, [redacted] and that [redacted] could not in any way be identical to JAMES EARL RAY.

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2 - Memphis 1 - Cincinnati
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EX-105

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 5/31/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (P)

MURKIN

Re Memphis tel, 5/20/68.

On 5/26/68, [redacted] Flagstaff, Arizona, advised SA [redacted], that her husband, [redacted] telephoned her 5/10/68 from Grand Junction, Colorado, telling her he was coming home and had arranged with his employer, [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, to return to work. She stated, however, she has heard nothing further and she has contacted her husband's employer at Phoenix, who likewise has heard nothing from [redacted] said that in her 5/10/68 conversation with her husband the latter brought up the tape recording of the anonymous telephone call to the Coconino County Sheriff's Office and made the statement, "It sure sounds a lot like me, doesn't it?". [redacted] said that they discussed the possibility that he had made the call and he strongly implied that he knew it was his own voice on the tape but he did not specifically state or admit that he made the phone call.

FD-302 of this interview will be forwarded to Memphis by routing slip.

On 5/31/68, [redacted] Phoenix, Arizona, advised SA [redacted] that he has not heard from [redacted] and does not know the latter's whereabouts.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Phoenix

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Special Agent in Charge

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In view of the foregoing and the extensive record of [redacted] emotional instability, it is not felt that further efforts to interview [redacted] at this time are warranted.

The Bureau and Memphis will note that [redacted] was previously specifically interviewed concerning the information related by [redacted] Flagstaff Police Department, and [redacted] denied making statements attributed to him by [redacted]

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date 5/31/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947)

RE: MURKIN

Re Butel to all offices dated 5/22/68.

Re Driver's License Check.

Investigation conducted by the Louisville Office at both the Driver's License Bureau, Frankfort, Ky., State Capital, and at the Jefferson Co. Driver's License Bureau, Louisville, reflects that a check of individual driver's license applications would be highly impractical and virtually prohibitive for the following listed reasons:

On 5/24/68, contact was had with [redacted] Driver's License Bureau, Louisville, Ky., and with [redacted] 5/27/68, [redacted] Driver's License Bureau, Department of Public Safety, Frankfort, Ky., who advised as follows:

There are approximately 2 million separate files in the Drivers License Bureau representing holders of Kentucky Operator's Licenses. These records can be searched either through the code number assigned to each separate licensee or alphabetically. There is no manner by which the records can be searched as to a specific date of birth or age group and in order to accomplish this each file jacket would have to be searched individually. [redacted] stated even if sufficient manpower were available to search these records, it would take an extremely long time to accomplish, probably as much as several months.

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1- Louisville
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[redacted] stated his department searches and files the drivers license applications or renewals received from all of the 120 counties in the state as they are received in Frankfort. At the present time all of the April, 1968, applications and renewals have been filed and the department is working on the [redacted] group received in the Bureau as late as May 17, 1968. [redacted] also stated that the applications for new drivers licenses are not filed separate from the renewals and there is a standard card utilized through the service with check marks appearing thereon where the applicant for a driver's license checks whether his request is for a new license or for a renewal. It was only [redacted] estimate, but he stated that applicants for new licenses in the state total approximately 5,000 monthly.

[redacted] added that it would be a physical impossibility to check these drivers license records during a usual work day because of other commitments in the department, that his office is presently understaffed and if the work was to be done, in searching these 2 million records, it would have to be done after hours and time and a half overtime would have to be paid all of the employees. [redacted] stated that it was only a rough estimate, but he believed the cost of searching these records would run about four cents a file. There is no state appropriation to meet this expense. With regard to a team of FBI Agents searching these records, [redacted] stated that it would not be desirable to have any outsiders to go through the Bureau's records, no matter how responsible they might be. He pointed out that the Department of Public Safety has a responsibility to the public in reporting to the different examining stations prior traffic offenses for drivers license applicants and if one of these files on an offender was misplaced or misfiled and the offender was issued a legitimate driver's license and then became involved in a serious accident, the State of Kentucky would be liable from a civil standpoint for not identifying the applicant as a prior offender.

[redacted] advised that when any applicant for a new license in the State of Kentucky makes an application, he would do so through any of the 120 counties in the state and would be required to take a written examination and even a driver's test regardless of whether he was licensed in another state. [redacted] stated that these driver's tests are administered by examiners of the Kentucky State Police assigned to each of the counties in the state and as a practical manner in attempting to locate subject, JAMES EARL RAY, the individual license examiners would be contacted and shown the available photographs

of RAY to determine if he applied for a driver's license in the state.

In view of the above, UACB, the Louisville Office will contact each individual drivers license examiner in each of the 120 counties displaying and leaving wanted flyers on the subject with these examiners requesting that they be on the alert for any information indicating possible application for driver's license on the part of RAY. Efforts will be made at the same time to determine if anyone answering the description of RAY has made application during April and May of this year.

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FBI SPRNGFLD

200PM URGENT 6-1-68 KJF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 5P.

Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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MURKIN

REFERENCE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FIVE THIRTYONE SIXTYEIGHT.

LAWRENCE BUNDY, SUPERVISOR, TEEN CENTER, DECATUR, ILLINOIS, FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, STATED HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED AT THE CHURCH ON THE NIGHT OF FIVE TWENTYEIGHT LAST WHEN THE TEEN CENTER GROUP WAS LEAVING AND HE NOTICED THE PERSON APPEARED DRUNK AND WAS UNABLE TO TALK DISTINCTLY. THIS PERSON WAS SEARCHING FOR WORDS AND HIS MIND APPEARED TO GO ADRIFT. BUNDY NOTED HE GAVE HIS NAME AS [redacted] AND HE FIRST STATED "I AM NOT IMPORTANT" AND KEPT COMMENTING THAT THE GROUP WAS DOING A FINE JOB. THIS PERSON MENTIONED THAT HE WAS FROM PEORIA. BUNDY STATED THIS INDIVIDUAL KEPT BATTING HIS EYES. BUNDY MENTIONED THAT IT WAS DARK AND HAD BEEN RAINING. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT SEE THER PERSON COME OR LEAVE AND AFTER VIEWING NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY HE STATED THE PERSON WAS DEFINITELY NOT RAY.

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JAMES SMITH, SUPERVISOR, TEEN CENTER, STATED HE DID NOT SEE THE PERSON PARK HIS CAR, HOWEVER, HE NOTICED THE CAR WHICK APPEARED TO BE A FOUR DOOR FORD OR PLYMOUTH, WHITE OR LIGHT TAN IN COLOR WHICK WAS NOT A COMPACT OR A BIG MODEL CAR. HE MENTIONED THAT THIS PERSON WAS APPARENTLY PASSING AND SAW ALL THE YOUTHS AROUND THE CHURCH AND DECIDED TO STOP AND SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON FOR HE LEFT THE CAR MOTOR RUNNING WITH THE HEADLIGHTS ON. THE CAR WAS PARKED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CHURCH. SMITH STATED THE PERSON INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO SMITH WHIC A NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL. HOWEVER, IT DID NOT APPEAR TO SOUND THE SAME AS THE NAME HE PREVOUSLY GAVE WHICH NAME HE DOES NOT RECALL. HE STATED THE PERSON APPEARED DRUNK OR WAS ON DOPE AND HE DID NOT TALK DISTINCTLY. THIS PERSON COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT THIS GROUP WAS DOING A FINE JOB. THEN AT ONE TIME IN THE CONVERSATION HE MENTIONED HE WAS FROM PEORIA. SMITH MAINTAINS HE COULD NOT TELL THE FEATURES OF THE PERSON FOR IT WAS DARK WHERE THEY WERE ALL STANDING AND IT HAD BEEN RAINING. THIS PERSON STOOD AROUND FOR APPROXIMATELY

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FIVE OR TEN MINUTES, THEN WENT BACK TO HIS CAR AND LEFT AT A MODERATE SPEED. SMITH ADVISED AFTER VIEWING NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY THAT HE COULD IN NO WAY IDENTIFY THIS PERSON AS RAY.

JOE J. SLAW, SUPERVISOR, DID NOT SEE THE PERSON UNTIL HE NOTED HIM STANDING WITH A GROUP OF SUPERVISORS. HOWEVER HE SAW THE CAR PARKED ACROSS THE STREET AND NOTED THE MOTOR WAS RUNNING AND THE LIGHTS WERE ON. THIS CAR APPEARED TO BE A LIGHT BLUE TWO DOOR FORD, PLYMOUTH OR DODGE. SLAW STATED HE THOUGHT THE PERSON WAS DRUNK HOWEVER HE COULD NOT SMELL LIQUOR. THE OTHER SUPERVISORS KIDDED THIS PERSON AND SUPERVISOR SMITH MENTIONED THE GUY WAS ON DOPE FOR HE APPEARED TO FEEL NO PAIN. SLAW MENTIONED THAT HE THOUGHT HE HEARD THIS PERSON GIVE HIS NAME AS [redacted] AND ALSO HEARD HIM SAY THIS IS A NICE GOURP. SLAW STATED THAT HE FELT THE PERSON WAS DRUNK AND SAW THE GATHERING SO STOPPED BY TO SEE WHAT WAS GOING ON AND HE (SLAW) PAID NO PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO HIM. HE STATED THE PERSON DID NOT LOOK LIKE THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY.

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JOSEPH G. BLACK, SUPERVISOR, STATED HE WAS NEVER CLOSE TO THE PERSON THAN FIFTEEN FEET AND IT WAS DARK SO HE COULD NOT TELL WHAT THE PERSON LOOKED LIKE. HE HEARD THE PERSON SAY "WELL I GOT TO GO", AND TOOK OFF ACROSS THE STREET. BLACK STATED THIS IS THE FIRST TIME HE NOTED THE CAR ACROSS THE STREET WITH THE MOTOR RUNNING AND LIGHTS ON. THIS CAR APPEARED TO BE LIGHT BLUE IN COLOR, MAKE AND MODEL UNKNOWN. BLACK STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE TYPE OF TEEN CENTER THE CHURCH IS OPERATING NUMEROUS PEOPLE STOP BY TO OBSERVE AND THE WOUP HAS ALSO HAD SEVERAL INCIDENTS OCCUR WHEN THE GROUP WAS BREAKING UP AND BECAUSE OF THIS THE SUPERVISORS ARE ALWAYS ON EDGE. BLACK VIEWED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY BUT STATED HE COULD MAKE NO IDENTIFICATION FOR HE WAS TOO FAR AWAY.

REV. M. HARRIS OF DECATUR AREA COUNSEL OF CHURCHES AND SUPERVISOR STATED HE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION IN THIS MATTER FOR HE WAS TOO FAR AWAY. THE CAR DRIVEN BY THE INDIVIDUAL WAS DESCRIBED AS A LATE MODE CHRYSLER PRODUCT, RAMBLER, PLYMOUTH, DODGE OR FORD, TWO DOOR

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OR FOUR DOOR, COLOR WHITE, TAN, LIGHT BLUE OR GREEN, SPORTS CAR FASTBACK OR SMALL MODEL BUT NOT COMPACT. NO ONE OBSERVED LICENSE PLATE.

COMPOSITE DESCRIPTION OF THIS INDIVDUAL IS AS FOLLOWS: WHITE MALE, LATE TWENTIES TO FORTY, FIVE FEET SIX TO SIX FEET ONE INCH, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO NINETY LBS., WELL BUILT, ROUND FULL FACE, DISTINCTIVE SMALL LARGE WIDE LAZY EYES, DARK HAIR WITH RECEDING HAIRLINE, COMBED BACK, HANGING TO A POINT IN FRONT, THICK, WELL GROOMED, SPEECH SLURRED, NO SCARS OR MARKS NOTED, EARS NOT OBSERVED, DIMPLE IN CHIN NOT NOTED. HE WAS WEARING DARK TOPCOAT OVER CHECKERED OR GARY SUIT, NO HAT, LONG TIE.

PERSONS INTERVIEWED AFTER VIEWING RECENT PHOTOS OF RAY STATED THEY DO NOT BELIEVE HE IS IDENTICAL WITH RAY AND AS A RESULT OF THESE INTERVIEWS AND CONTRADICTING INFORMATION RECEIVED NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS OFFICE OF THIS INDIVIDUAL.

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AIRMAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO FOR INFORMATION

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FBI ST LOUIS

608PM URGENT 6-2-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN SUMMARY

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY.

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY. NO PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS OTHER PHASES OF INVESTIGATION TODAY.

RE DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN.

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO MYTEL THIS DATE CAPTIONED "DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN, ATTACKS AGAINST FBI", REGARDING REMARKS OF MOYNIHAN RE MURKIN AND KENNEDY CASES IN COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS SL UNIVERSITY.

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FBI CHICAGO

3:32PM URGENT 6/3/68 GMU

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861) AND NEWARK (44-854)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 1P

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Mr. Callahan
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MURKIN

RE JERRY WILLIAM RAY.

JERRY ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAS FINALIZED PLANS TO VISIT GIRL FRIEND IN CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, AND WILL LEAVE CHICAGO VIA UAL FLIGHT ONE TWO ZERO AT TWO TEN PM, JUNE FIVE NEXT, ARRIVE PHILADELPHIA FOUR THIRTY., PM. PLANS TO RETURN TO CHICAGO JUNE SEVEN NEXT LEAVING AIRPORT AT PHILADELPJIA EITHER TWO OR FOUR PM.

STATES PEOPLE MEETING HIM AT AIRPORT, PHILADELPHIA, WITH A RENTED CAR SINCE HE ALREADY HAS SENT THE MONEY FOR SAME. WILL STAY AT [redacted] CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY. JERRY STILL HAS NOT FURNISHED NAME OF GIRLFRIEND OR HOW HE MET HER. [redacted] JERRY WILL CALL PRIOR TO LEAVING AND ANY CHANGE IN PLANS WILL BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY. AM COPIES TO PHILADELPHIA AND NEWARK.

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Mr. [redacted]
Mr. [redacted]
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FBI DETROIT

11:34 PM.

URGENT 6-3-68 ETB

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) AND SACS, BUTTE (173-2) DEVER (157-203) LOUISVILLE (44-947) PITTSBURGH (44-578) SEATTLE.

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN.

RE BUTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE, MAY THIRTY ONE LAST AND LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JUNE ONE LAST.

[redacted] LINCOLN PARK, MICH., SISTER OF [redacted] ADVISED THIS DATE BROTHER [redacted] IS ONLY MEMBER OF FAMILY TO HAVE BEEN CONTACTED OR HEARD FROM [redacted] SINCE MAY NINETEEN THREE YEARS AGO. SHE HAS NO INFO RE [redacted] PRESENT WHEREABOUT.

[redacted] RIVER ROUGE, MICH., BROTHER OF [redacted] ADVISED HE NEVER GOT ALONG WITH [redacted] AND HAS NO INFO RE HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS. HE IS AWARE THAT [redacted] RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH AGO AND AT THIS TIME [redacted] WAS ALLEGEDLY IN DENVER, COLORADO.

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[redacted] LINCOLN PARK, MICH., BROTHER OF [redacted] WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL NINE THIRTY AM, JUNE FOUR NEXT.

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RESULTS OF THAT INTERVIEW WILL BE FURNISHED INTERESTED OFFICES.

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FBI PITTSBGH

352PM URGENT 6/3/68 RLC

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BUTTE, DENVER, DETROIT, AND
LOUISVILLE (44-947)

FROM PITTSBURGH (44-578)2P

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SIX ONE LAST, AND PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, SIX TWO LAST.

ON SIX THREE INSTANT, [redacted] WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE, WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA., WAS CONTACTED AND STATED THAT IN REFERENCE TO THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY DESCRIBED IN RETEL, THIS BODY HAD BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS JAMES FORD HEDGE, WHITE MALE, APPROXIMATELY SEVENTYFIVE, IN NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. [redacted] SAID BODY HAD BEEN RECOVERED IN DETERIORATED CONDITION AND WAS WRAPPED IN ARMY BLANKET. THE BODY HAD NO TEETH AND THE ANKLES WERE BOUND WITH STRING. HE SAID THE SKULL HAD NO METAL PLATE AND TEETH FOUND IN [redacted]'S APARTMENT WERE DETERMINED IN ALL PROBABILITY TO HAVE BELONGED TO UNIDENTIFIED BODY.

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ON SIX THREE INSTANT, [redacted], HUNTINGTON PD, STATED HIS RECORDS REFLECTED A MISSING PERSONS REPORT FOR JAMES FORD HEDGE, SEVEN THREE SEVEN SEVENTH STREET, HUNTINGTON, W. VA., IN AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX. HE STATED A BODY WAS RECOVERED ON ONE TWENTYTHREE SIXTYSEVEN, IN A DUMP OUTSIDE HUNTINGTON CITY LIMITS, IN WAYNE COUNTY, W. VA. HE STATED INVESTIGATION BY HIS DEPARTMENT REVEALED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY, UNIDENTIFIED BODY WAS THAT OF HEDGE. HE STATED AN AUTOPSY WAS MADE, WHICH REFLECTED NO METAL PLATE IN THE HEAD OF UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HE STATED HAIR FROM BODY MATCHED HAIR FOUND ON COMB IN HEDGE'S ROOM AND THAT DENTAL PLATE IN VICTIM'S ROOM MATCHED JAW OF UNIDENTIFIED BODY. HE SAID PATHOLOGIST'S REPORT INDICATED UNIDENTIFIED BODY APPROXIMATE AGE AND BUILD OF HEDGE. HE STATED ALTHOUGH NO POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION COULD BE MADE, IT IS REASONABLY CERTAIN THAT UNIDENTIFIED BODY IS IDENTICAL TO HEDGE.

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 3, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] who is a James Earl Ray look-a-like suspect, signed an escrow contract to purchase a home at Bonita, California, on 5-14-68, for $51,000. He gave a promisory-type check for $5,000 and indicated he had a $65,000 certified check in his hotel room. [redacted] claimed to be employed by International Harvester Company, Bloomington, Illinois, and recently transferred to the San Diego area. On 5-14-68, he attempted to purchase a 1967 Plymouth at Chula Vista, California, displaying the escrow contract. An automobile salesman gave the keys of the vehicle to [redacted] who then drove off in the car. [redacted] did not return the vehicle and as a result thereof, a description of the vehicle and of [redacted] was placed in an all-points bulletin by California authorities. Investigation indicated that the financial claims and maneuvers were fictitious and fraudulent.

On 5-28-68, the Covina, California, Police Department advised our Los Angeles Office that the Plymouth stolen in Chula Vista, California, had been recovered abandoned in Covina on 5-28-68, and had apparently been abandoned for several days. The Covina Police Department reported that the 1967 Plymouth had been involved in an accident with a car driven by one Allen Krause, Azusa, California, who stated the driver of the Plymouth identified himself as [redacted] and had given a check to reimburse him for damages. This check was found to have been stolen at Huntington Beach, California. Krause was shown a photograph of subject Ray and he stated that the driver of the Plymouth was not identical with Ray.

REC-106 44-38861-4161

The Covina, California, Police Department suspects that [redacted] is responsible for five armed robberies of real-estate agents in the Chula Vista area. Person of [redacted] description had contacted real-estate agents about home purchase as pretext before robbing them.

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[redacted] Huntington Beach, California, advised that on 5-15-68, a man (generally fitting previous description of [redacted] driving a gold and black car (same color as stolen 1967 Plymouth) came to her home in response to a sign in front indicating it was for sale by owner. This man indicated he was interested in buying the home and [redacted] left him in her living room to arrange for a later appointment. She was gone for approximately ten minutes and when she returned, the man indicated he would obtain $500 in cash and return the following day to handle details. After this man left, [redacted] discovered her checkbook and numerous credit and identification cards as well as her driver's license had been taken from her purse which had been in the living room. Several of the items stolen from [redacted] have been recovered.

We are continuing investigation to determine if subject Ray is involved in this matter in view of the fact that [redacted] examined photograph of James Earl Ray and indicated photograph somewhat resembled man who stole her identification but could not make any positive identification, and also that other individuals stated that James Earl Ray resembled person known as [redacted]

Allen Thompson, manager of the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, California, which is a former residence of subject Ray, advised an individual who he knows as [redacted] recently inquired about the relationship between Ray and one [redacted] Thompson recalls during period of March 1 through March 17, 1968, while he was operating the switchboard at the hotel, an individual called for Ray and left a message for him to call [redacted] collect. According to Thompson, calls were subsequently received from this individual from Atlanta and New Orleans. Thompson advised that later a person identifying himself as [redacted] came to the hotel during the period March 1 through March 17, 1968.

Thompson reported that [redacted] may be the subject of an outstanding warrant, and that he has seen [redacted] on an infrequent basis in the vicinity of Hollywood and Western area, Los Angeles, during the past six months. Thompson advised he has no knowledge of associates of [redacted] his residence past or present, his automobile, or his employment, if any. Thompson said sometime after the first of the year he believes he expelled [redacted] and another Caucasian male from the parking lot of the St. Francis Hotel where they were sleeping in an automobile. Thompson said that whenever and wherever he observes [redacted] he will immediately notify the FBI. We are thoroughly checking this matter out.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have been conducting an examination of Canadian passports issued to individuals since April 23, 1967 (date of subject's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary) in an attempt to locate our subject James Earl Ray. The RCMP advised our Legal Attache in Ottawa, Canada, that Canadian passport number BJ909324 was issued to an individual by the name of Ramon George Sneyd on April 24, 1968, at Ottawa and the photograph in the file is very definitely similar to Ray, and there is a good probability it is a photograph of Ray.

Sneyd's application for passport was filed on his behalf by the Kennedy Travel Bureau, Toronto, Canada, and the purpose for the passport was for Sneyd to fly to London, England, on May 6, 1968, by way of British Overseas Airline Company and return to Canada on May 21, 1968. Sneyd filed an affidavit in lieu of listing a guarantor as he had been in Toronto three weeks and did not know a guarantor. He also listed as a friend Paul Bridgman, Toronto, Canada. (The RCMP has not been able to locate Bridgman to date.)

The address of 968 Dundas Street, Toronto, Canada, as listed by Sneyd is a Chinese rooming house and investigation there by the RCMP has established that Sneyd arrived there on April 19, 1968, and roomed there for three weeks.

Our records indicate that one Paul Osborn Bridgeman was fingerprinted by the Department of Correction, Jefferson City, Missouri, on April 23, 1965, [redacted] Bridgeman received a five-year sentence which was commuted on January 16, 1968.* It is to be noted that subject James Earl Ray was confined to the Missouri State Penitentiary from 1959 to April 23, 1967.

The RCMP are conducting extensive investigation and are going all out in this matter to determine if subject James Earl Ray and Ramon George Sneyd are identical. Our Legal Attache in London has been instructed to check records of British Overseas Airline Company in a most discreet manner.

*Investigation being conducted to determine if Bridgeman was confined to Missouri State Penitentiary.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

This investigation is being handled on a top priority basis.

FBI

Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
RM

Re San Antonio airtel to Director, dated 5/20/68.

Re long distance telephone calls from public telephones on Highway 90 and Interstate 10, 12/15-17/67.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau and San Antonio is one copy each of an investigative insert. Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of the above mentioned investigative insert.

On 5/27/68, a review of the records of the Michigan Bell Telephone Company indicated that telephone number 517-867-[redacted] is non-existent. The exchange 517-867 would be in Twining, Michigan, and the phone numbers at that location start at the number 5,000.

Telephone number [redacted] is a non-published number listed to CHARLES F. DENT, Pullman, Michigan.

The above information was furnished by [redacted]

ENCLOSURE

(3) - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 15) (44-1987)
1 - San Antonio (Enc. 1) (44-1242) (RM)
2 - Detroit
1 - 137- (CSDE 931-C)

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Special Agent in Charge

DE 44-989
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on May 29, 1968:

Mrs. CHARLES F. DENT, [redacted] Pullman, Michigan, advised she has had Pullman, Michigan, telephone number [redacted] since prior to December, 1967. She said the party named WATKINS who reportedly received a call at that telephone on December 17, 1967, was undoubtedly SONETTA WATKINS who lives across the street; has no telephone, but frequently receives telephone calls at the DENT residence.

ROSALEE WATKINS, [redacted] Pullman, Michigan, advised her daughter, SONETTA WATKINS FISCHER, had a boyfriend, ROGER JACK, who is in the Air Force in Texas and undoubtedly it was this individual who called SONETTA at the DENT residence in December, 1967. Mrs. WATKINS advised she did not know suspect RAY or have any information regarding captioned case.

SONETTA WATKINS FISCHER, interviewed at [redacted] Pennville, Michigan, home address [redacted] Pullman, Michigan, advised she had received a telephone call on or about December 17, 1967, at the telephone of her neighbor, CHARLES DENT, in Pullman, which call was from her boyfriend, ROGER JACK who was then stationed in the United States Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. She said this was purely a personal call; that she did not know suspect RAY or have any information concerning the captioned case.

All of the above individuals are Negroes who expressed great interest in the apprehension of the murderer of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. and no one had any pertinent information.

44-38861-4162
ENCLOSURE

6/3/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Atlanta (44-2338) - Enclosure
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta airtel 5/23/68, submitting rental agreement signed "S. M. Schneiderman, " 2357.

Four latent fingerprints of value developed on the rental agreement. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #4053420.

Rental agreement enclosed to Atlanta.

Laboratory reporting separate.

REC-103
44-38861-4163

2 - St. Louis (44-775)
(1 - 26-32047)
1 - Atlanta (26-43439)
1 - Mr. Rosen

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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FBI

Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MARKIN
CR

ReButel to NY, 5/28/68.

[redacted] Dale Carnegie and Associates, Inc., International Exporters, 1475 Franklin Ave., Garden City, NY, advised that above organization has 74 domestic and 20 overseas franchises. Each franchise covers a designated area and each franchise holder has agreements with as many sponsors as he desires. Sponsors are promoters who establish and promote the schools and arrange for lecturers. The sponsors submit rosters of students to the franchise holder, who in turn submits copies of student rosters to international office.

[redacted] stated that students throughout the US and overseas amount to over 90,000 per year. Student rosters submitted to international office are not alphabetized and to cover pertinent period, approximately 140,000 names would have to be checked to determine if subject, under true name or aliases, had been enrolled. It is estimated that it would take approximately 15 agent days work to check aforementioned records.

(3) - Bureau
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(INFO)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(INFO)
1 - New York

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[redacted] stated it was possible that some or all of the sponsors may have students listed alphabetically or possibly on mailing list and that sponsors would have additional background information concerning each student other than his name which is submitted to international office.

In view of the above, UACB, records of international office will not be reviewed.

Armed and Dangerous

FBI

Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re [redacted]

Re Bureau telcall to New York and New York telcall to Bureau, both on 5/31/68.

[redacted]

3- Bureau (44-38861)
2- Memphis (44-1987)
2- Savannah
1- New York (44-1609)

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[redacted] is [redacted] Savannah, Georgia. This business is owned by [redacted] father of JAMES H. ANDERSON.

[redacted] banks at [redacted] Savannah, Georgia, account number [redacted]

[redacted] verified the address and employment of [redacted] and has been known to [redacted] since 1960. It reports [redacted] was single and age 32 in 1967.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI WASH DC

FBI BUTTE
7-46 PM URGENT 6-3-68 FLC
TO DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861
FROM BUTTE 173-2
MURKIN
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

REBUTEL, JUNE THREE INSTANT.

RE SUSPECT [redacted] AKA [redacted]

BUTTE TEL TO BUREAU, JUNE THREE, INSTANT, NOTED [redacted] ONLY PERSON REPORTED BY SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, AS RESEMBLING RAY.

AS [redacted] HE REGISTERED MAY THIRTY, LAST, AT SALVATION ARMY, GAVE ADDRESS GLASGOW, MONT., SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER [redacted]

THREE BUTTE PD OFFICERS CHECKED OUT [redacted] AND TWO COMPANIONS MAY THIRTY, LAST, AND STATE NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY.

ALL THREE DONATED BLOOD, BUTTE, MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST. [redacted] GAVE NAME AS [redacted], SAME ADDRESS, SAME SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, AND AGE AS FORTY NINE. SAID LAST DONATED BLOOD BILLINGS, MONTANA, JUNE, LAST.

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INVESTIGATION GLASGOW DEVELOPED AS [redacted]
AT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE END OF FEBRUARY LAST. SAME SOCIAL
SECURITY NUMBER, DOB [redacted] (NOTE AGE FORTY NINE
WOULD BE NINETEEN NINETEEN), OCCUPATION [redacted] WORLD
WAR TWO VETRAN, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE TO NINETEEN FIFTY SIX,
FIVE FEET FOUR, ONE TWENTY POUNDS, WORKED FOR [redacted] IN
AREA.

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED RE [redacted]

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND SEATTLE.

END

GLCC

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PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE URGENT

TO SACS MEMPHIS (44-1987)
ATLANTA (44-2386)
BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
CHICAGO
KANSAS CITY (44-760)
SPRINGFIELD
ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)
MURKIN.

1 - Mr. Martindale 1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough 1 - Mr. McGowan

PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THEY DO NOT WANT ANY MENTION MADE THAT PASSPORT OFFICE WAS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. IN INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS NO STATEMENT WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE MADE INDICATING THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM PASSPORT OFFICE IN CANADA NOR SHOULD IT BE INDICATED THAT BUREAU BELIEVES SUBJECT IS IDENTICAL WITH SNEYD AND HAS DEPARTED FROM U. S. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO OBTAIN FACTUAL INFORMATION FROM PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED. THERE IS NO NECESSITY TO MENTION TO INDIVIDUALS THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPH BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT IN WHICH HE IS NOW WEARING GLASSES OR THAT HE HAS NOW BEEN USING ADDITIONAL ALIASES. SUBJECT REARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TELETYPE

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

NOTE:

Legat, Ottawa advised that the passport office has specifically requested that no mention whatsoever be made that the passport office was the source of the information on Sneyd. Teletype being directed to the principal offices to insure that they do not disclose information to the subject's relatives and associates which might tip off subject or others to the facts that Ray may have obtained a passport under the name of Sneyd.

0-4a (Rev. 1-19-67)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: June 4, 1968

Re: MURKIN

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

UNSUBS (2);
The Bank of Alton,
Alton, Illinois,
7/13/67;
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Invoice of Contents

- ☐ Crypt.-Trans.
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- ☐ Radio Engineering
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17 glass microscope slides containing hairs
6 glass microscope slides containing fibers

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: June 4, 1968 Re: MURKIN

TO: SAC, Springfield (44-561) UNSUBS (2);
The Bank of Alton,
Alton, Illinois;
7/13/67;
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Invoice of Contents

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Glass microscope slides containing hairs

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9-15 AM DEFERRED 6/4/68 CLV

DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861 PLAINTEXT

FROM SAC, SACRAMENTO 100-427

MURKIN, CR.

REBUTEL JUNE ONE, LAST.

RE REVIEW OF DRIVERS LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

REVIEW OF UNFILED APPLICATIONS INSTITUTED AT NO COST TO BUREAU AND IS INVOLVING NO UNDUE PROBLEMS. FIVE SPECIAL AGENTS BEING UTILIZED FOR TWO TO FOUR HOURS DAILY.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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END.

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FBI BUTTE

8:13 AM URGENT 6/4/68 SPR

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND DETROIT (44-989)

FROM BUTTE (173-2) 1P

MURKIN, CR, OO MEMPHIS.

DETROIT, DISCONTINUE RE [redacted]

[redacted] AKA, HARRY CARVER, WAS ONLY ONE OF THREE AT SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, REPORTEDLY RESEMBLING RAY AND [redacted] HAS NOW BEEN ELIMINATED.

END.

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FBI LOS ANG

919PM DEFERRED 6-3-68 NLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND DALLAS (44-2469)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS MAY TWENTY THREE LAST, CONCERNING [redacted]

[redacted] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SUPERVISOR [redacted] LOS ANGELES OFFICE, INSTANT DATE AT TWO FORTY ONE P.M., APPARENTLY CALLING LONG DISTANCE. [redacted] STATED FBI WANTED TO INTERVIEW HIM CONCERNING HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH KING AND SAID HE TALKED TO KING CONCERNING THE BIBLE. HE STATED AT TIME KING WAS KILLED HE WAS AT THE ARLINGTON MASONIC HOME, REFUSED TO GIVE ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER, STATED "GOOD NIGHT SIR" AND HUNG UP.

REC-34 44-38861-4170

MR. LEE SHALCK, MASONIC BOARD OF RELIEF, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED MASONIC HOME FOR AGED LOCATED IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS, SUPERVISED BY DR. C.S. WOODWARD.

END PAGE ONE

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DALLAS AT ARLINGTON, WILL CONTACT OFFICIALS, ARLINGTON MOSONIC HOME, DETERMINE IF [redacted] AT HOME AT TIME OF MURKIN AND ADVISE BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES.

MEMPHIS ADVISED AIR MAIL.

END

BGM

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FBI ATLANTA

1034A URGENT 6/4/68 PML/VSC

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS AND MIAMI

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386 2P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, JUNE THIRD, LAST.

FOR INFO MIAMI, RETEL REFLECTS ONE RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTO MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APR. TWENTYFOUR, LAST. IN APPLYING FOR PASSPORT, HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION: W/M, BORN OCT. EIGHT, 'THIRTYTWO, TORONTO, ONE SIX EIGHT LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDES NINE SIX EIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CAN., WHICH IS CHEAP ROOMING HOUSE WHERE SNEYD RESIDED SINCE APR., 'SIXTYEIGHT. PROPRIETOR COULD NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO. PASSPORT APPLICATION OBTAINED THRU TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR ROOMING HOUSE AND TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATE SNEYD HAD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN MAY TWENTYONE, LAST. EX-114 44-3886-4171

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION INDICATES EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHTS THREE TWO ZERO AND THREE TWO EIGHT ARE DAILY FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA TO TORONTO AND EASTERN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX IS DAILY FLIGHT FROM ATLANTA TO MONTREAL. REC'D - BOREN

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AT 44-2386

UACB, MIAMI REQUESTED TO CHECK ABOVE FLIGHTS FOR DATES APR. FIFTH THRU APR. NINETEEN, 'SIXTYEIGHT, FOR NAME AND VARIATIONS OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

ARMED & DANGEROUS. P

[redacted] was advised to check under name Paul Bridgman & variations

END

GFH

FBI WASH DC

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FBI LOS ANG.

906PM URGENT 6-3-68 NLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) P

MURKIN.

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO LOS ANGELES MAY TWENTY EIGHT LAST AND LOS ANGELES TEL TO DIRECTOR MAY THIRTY ONE LAST.

RE REQUEST TO CHECK LOS ANGELES VENEREAL DISEASE RECORDS.

[redacted] CONCEAL [redacted] LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ADVISED JUNE THREE INSTANT THAT SEARCH OF VENEREAL DISEASE RECORDS COVERING SYPHILIS, GONORRHEA AND OTHER VENEREAL DISEASES DISCLOSES NO RECORD OR INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH NAME OR ALIASES OF SUBJECT. [redacted] ADVISED THE HOLLYWOOD-WILSHIRE HEALTH CENTER HAD NO RECORD OF SUBJECT EVER BEING TESTED FOR PRESENCE OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

REC-34 44-38861-4172
SEARCHED-104
4 JUN 6 1968

RE LOS ANGELES TIMES INFORMANT [redacted] PAREN LNU PAREN

ALBANY ADVISED [redacted] RECONTACTED MAY TWENTY NINE LAST AT [redacted]

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SYRACUSE, NEW YORK, AND IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted] AS THE INDIVIDUAL HE MET AT BAR IN VICINITY OF CLARK HOTEL APRIL SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT . STATED HE RECALLED THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD SOUTHERN ACCENT AND MADE SOME COMMENT ABOUT BEING FROM TENNESSEE.

AIR MAIL COPY TO SAN FRANCISCO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END

BGJXX BGM

FBI WASH DC

FBI

Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIR TEL

Via _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: Bureau teletype to All SACs, 5/21/68, requesting all offices covering state capitols check all drivers license applications for months of April and May, 1968, concerning all male caucasians over 30 years of age and under 55 years and conduct appropriate investigation to determine if identical with subject.

For the information of the Bureau, Newark has completed a review of drivers license applications for the month of April, 1968, which have resulted in approximately 3,000 leads. It is noted that the State of New Jersey does not differentiate between Negro and causasian.

A conservative estimate is that an additional 3,000 leads will result for the month of May, thus making a grand total of over 6,000 individuals who would have to be personally contacted in order that they might be eliminated as being identical with subject.

(2) SACB, Newark will discontinue this avenue of investigation.

REC-101 44-38861-4173

1 - Bishop
1 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.)
2 - Newark
RMH:cmt
(6)

1 JUN 5 1968

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

Laboratory Transmittal Form
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1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
1 - Foreign Liaison

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 4, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680603033 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Reference: None

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1 - Legat, Ottawa (44-4) Enclosure (Lab report)

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
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Bureau Request received
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Qc288 Additional photocopy of money order previously submitted

Qc358 Photocopy of Canadian Postal Money Order, C-35,273,307, payable to "E.Z. Formula" amount of $1.00, remitted by "Eric Galt"

Qc359 Photocopy of Canadian Postal Money Order, C-31,600,648, payable to "Futura Books, Inc." amount of $9.00, remitted by "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Qc358 and Qc359 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting appears on K171, K211 and K257.

Qc358 and Qc359 have been retained in Bureau files.

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1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
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Examination requested by: Bureau

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Bureau Request received 5/31/68
Sp[redacted]

Qc360 Photocopy of lease form for Harkay Apartments signed "Eric S. Galt"

Bureau Request received 5/31/68

Qc361 Photocopy of registration card for Hotel "Tropicana" No. 11133, bearing the signature "Eric Galt"

Result of examination:

Although handwriting characteristics noted indicate the common authorship of the questioned "Galt" signatures on Qc360 and Qc361 and the other signatures in this name, partly because of the indistinctness of the photocopies and partly because of the presence of some variations, a definite conclusion was not reached.

Specimens Qc360 and Qc361 have been retained in Bureau files.

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IMMEDIATE 6-4-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 44

MURKIN.

REBUCABS JUNE ONE AND JUNE THREE LAST.

NEW SCOTLAND YARD ADVISES INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD ARRIVED LONDON MAY SEVEN LAST BOAC FLIGHT SIX ZERO ZERO. MANIFESTS BEING SEARCHED FOR DEPARTURE INFO. ALSO CHECKING TICKETING INFO. AND RESERVATION CLERKS TO DETERMINE IF HE GAVE CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER.

SINCE SNEYD HAS CANADIAN PASSPORT HE HAS FREE ENTRY AND EXIT AS COMMONWEALTH CITIZEN, DOES NOT HAVE TO GO. THRU IMMIGRATION CONTROLS OR FILL OUT TRAFFIC INDEX CARD ON ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE CONSEQUENTLY NO OFFICIAL RECORD EXISTS OF ENTRY OR WHERE DESTINED IN ENGLAND.

HUNDREDS OF FLIGHTS FROM VARIOUS AIRPORTS ENGLAND TO SWITZERLAND THIS PERIOD. IF SNEYD TRAVELED TO SWITZERLAND HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT FORM THERE WHICH WOULD GO TO SWISS ALIEN POLICE. SUGGEST BUREAU REQUEST LEGAT BERN TO HANDLE WITH HIS SOURCES.

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IN ABSENCE SPECIFIC INFO AT THIS TIME WHERE HE STAYED IN

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REC'D - ROSEN

cc - Mr. Gowan

ENGLAND, [redacted] IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YARD TO CONDUCT LOGICAL INVESTIGATION THESE ANGLES.

YARD WILLING TO CIRCULARIZE HOTELS, BANKS, PORTS AND ALL POLICE AGENCIES IN BRITAIN BUT POINT OUT THERE IS EXTREMELY HIGH RISK OF PUBLICITY. UACB THIS WILL NOT BE DONE.

INDENT ORDERS AND WANTED FLYERS RE RAY PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED POLICE CONTACTS BRITAIN, SCANDINAVIA AND IRELAND.

[redacted]

BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFO. AVAILABLE RE SNEYD'S PURPOSE IN TRAVELING TO LONDON. ALSO PASSPORT PHOTO OF SNEYD AND ADVISE IF YARD SHOULD INTERVIEW BOAC PERSONNEL ON FLIGHT CONCERNED.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT IMMEDIATELY ADVISED.

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1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 4, 1968

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Re: CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680531091 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 5/29/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q362 and Q363.

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2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
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Date: June 4, 1968
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Specimens received 5/31/68

Q362 Check drawn on Security First National Bank, Long Beach, California, dated May 15, 1968, payable to "Alan A. Krause," signed [redacted]

Q363 Gulf Oil invoice No. 6686906, dated 5/15/68, bearing the signature [redacted]

ALSO SUBMITTED: Five cards bearing latent prints

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Q362 and Q363 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #4059426.

Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations, the writings on these two items could not be satisfactorily compared with the [redacted] signatures appearing on Q343 and Q344 which were previously submitted.

The submitted items will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (P)

MURKIN
CR
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re San Antonio airtel to Director, 5/21/68.

On 5/29/68, Mrs. BEATRICE PERDEW, [redacted] "E" S.E., Winter Haven, Fla., advised that she received a telephone call to her home, telephone [redacted] on 12/17/67, from her son, TOM A. PERDEW, who is in the U. S. Air Force. Mrs. PERDEW advised that her son was stationed in San Antonio, Texas in 12/67.

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3-Bureau (RM)
2-Memphis (RM)
2-Tampa
[redacted]:dmr
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C. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

6-5-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Buffalo (44-374)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo letter of 6-4-68, submitting photographs of note and latent palm print.

Five latent fingerprints and one latent palm print of value in photographs. Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No palm prints here for Ray.

Confirming.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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DIRECTOR F.B.I. ATT: FBI LAB.
FROM: SAC BUFFALO (44-374)

SUBJECT: MALCOLM

Forwarded herewith are the following:

1- Passport photo of RAMON GEORGE LOPEZ taken at Toronto, Ont. Can. April 11, 1965

2- Photographic copy of Punted note dated 4/20/65 signed Ramon George Lopez

3- Photographic copy of partial palm print of front side of note.

Request handwriting comparison with that of James Edward Ray. Also comparison of palm print with same of Ray if available.

PM

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

HURKIN

REURTEL JUNE FIVE.

[redacted] WITH FBI [redacted] HAS FOLLOWING ARREST RECORD IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FILES SINCE THAT FURNISHED TO YOUR DIVISION SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE SIXTY-SEVEN. [redacted]

COMPLETE RECORD BEING FORWARDED AMSD THIS DATE.

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FBI NEW YORK

8:22 PM 6-5-68 AWS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND SAN FRANCISCO 173-65 (PLAIN)

SAN FRANCISCO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609

MURKIN

RE: [redacted]

RE SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU JUNE FIVE INSTANT.

[redacted] AKA, FBI NUMBER [redacted] HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS AN UNRELIABLE PERSON WHO HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION UNWORTHY OF BELIEF [redacted]

AM COPIES TO MEMPHIS, NEWARK AND PHILADELPHIA.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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WA...JDR R RELAY

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FBI ATLANTA

615PM URGENT 6-5-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND NEW YORK

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE FIVE INSTANT.

[redacted] NEW YORK CITY, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ATLANTA OFFICE THIS DATE WHILE IN ATLANTA AREA. [redacted] STATES AFTER OBSERVING NEWS COVERAGE DISPLAYING PHOTOS OF SUBJECT RAY, HE BELIEVES HE MET A PERSON WHO APPEARS IDENTICAL TO RAY AT THE OASIS BAR, SEVENTH AVE. AND TWENTYTHIRD STREET, NYC, APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS AGO. [redacted] ADVISES THIS INDIVIDUAL INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS [redacted] (LNU), INDICATED HE WAS A SEAMAN, AND WAS RESIDING AT A PLACE [redacted] BELIEVED WAS CALLED THE TERMINAL HOTEL AT TWENTYTHIRD AND ELEVENTH STREET WHICH IS A HOTEL FOR TRANSIENTS. [redacted] ADVISED THAT HE MET [redacted] (LNU) IN BAR AND CONVERSED FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES TO HALF HOUR, BUYING A DRINK FOR [redacted] (LNU). [redacted] DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, FIVE FT. TEN AND ONE HALF IN., ONE SIX FIVE LBS., BLACK HAIR, NO VISIBLE SCARS OR MARKS, WEARING CHINO TROUSERS, LOAFERS, AND BLAZER JACKET. [redacted] OF THE OPINION [redacted] (LNU) AND RAY IDENTICAL.

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cc- Tony

RACIAL INFORMANTS, ATLANTA, HAVE BEEN RECONTACTED FOR ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ASSASSINATION. EFFORTS CONTINUING ATLANTA TO VERIFY STORY OF USP INMATE [redacted]

NEW YORK WILL DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY AT OASIS BAR AND TERMINAL HOTEL IN ATTEMPT TO ELIMINATE [redacted] (LNU) AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

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647PM URGENT 6-5-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS DALLAS AND MINNEAPOLIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE DALLAS TEL JUNE FIVE LAST CONCERNING PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

[redacted] PAUL J. BRIDGEMAN WAS ARRESTED [redacted] AT KANSAS CITY, MO., FOR [redacted] AND [redacted] AND COURT DATE SET FOR [redacted] KANSAS CITY, MO., ADVISED BRIDGEMAN WAS BONDED [redacted] BY PAYING FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS FOR A THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR BOND. BRIDGEMAN LISTED OCCUPATION AT [redacted] AND RESIDENCE AS [redacted] ROELAND PARK, KANS., AND THE NETHERLANDS HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, MO. [redacted] STATED [redacted] OF [redacted] ALSO SIGNED BRIDGEMAN'S BOND, AND [redacted] IS SHOWN AS BRIDGEMAN'S ATTORNEY.

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cc - Long

[redacted] ATTORNEY [redacted] KANSAS CITY, MO., STATES HE WAS HIRED BY [redacted] SOMETIME AFTER APRIL ELEVEN LAST AT WHICH TIME [redacted] INDICATED THAT BRIDGEMAN HAD LEFT TOWN. [redacted] STATED [redacted] WAS ABLE TO GET BRIDGEMAN'S CASE CONTINUED ON APRIL ELEVEN LAST, AND [redacted] HAS OBTAINED TWO CONTINUATIONS AND THE NEXT APPEARANCE DATE IS JUNE TWENTY NEXT. [redacted] SAID HE NEVER MET BRIDGEMAN AND HE DOES NOT KNOW BRIDGEMAN'S WHEREABOUTS. [redacted] STATED [redacted], TOLD [redacted] THAT [redacted] HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BRIDGEMAN BY LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS SINCE BRIDGEMAN LEFT KANSAS CITY.

[redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED AND DENIES KNOWING THE WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted] OR BRIDGEMAN. [redacted] STATED [redacted] CALLED HER SUNDAY, JUNE TWO LAST AND SAID SHE WAS LEAVING KANSAS CITY, MO., BUT WOULD NOT SAY WHERE SHE WAS GOING.

RECORDS AT THE NETHERLANDS HOTEL SHOW THAT [redacted] CHECKED OUT ON JUNE TWO LAST, AND [redacted] TOLD HER EMPLOYER ON JUNE TWO LAST THAT SHE WAS LEAVING TOWN AFTER FINISHING WORK THAT DAY AND [redacted] SIXTY-EIGHT CHEVROLET WAS PACKED WITH HER PERSONAL BELONGINGS. ALSO RECORDS AT THE NETHERLAND HOTEL INDICATE PAUL BRIDGEMAN, [redacted], DALLAS, TEXAS., STAYED ONE NIGHT, MARCH TWO TWO LAST, HAD NO LUGGAGE AND PAID IN ADVANCE. NO TELEPHONE CALLS WERE MADE BY BRIDGEMAN FROM THE NETHERLANDS HOTEL ON MARCH TWO TWO LAST.

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

SEARCH STILL BEING MADE FOR PHONE CALLS MADE BY [redacted] KANSAS CITY, MO., PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH [redacted] NAMED BY [redacted] AS CONTACT OF BRIDGEMAN. [redacted] CLAIMED HAD NOT SEEN BRIDGEMAN FOR TWO MONTHS.

DALLAS ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE BRIDGEMAN AT ABOVE DALLAS ADDRESS AND CONTACT [redacted] DAILY [redacted] IMPERATIVE BRIDGEMAN BE LOCATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

MINNEAPOLIS LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] FORMER CIVILIAN COOK, MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, PROBABLY ACQUAINTED WITH SUBJECT RAY WHO WORKED AS INMATE IN BAKERY. [redacted] LISTED [redacted] JACKSON, MINNESOTA, AS PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN AN EMERGENCY.

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~~CORR PAGE 2 LINE 15 WD 8 SHLD B "DAY,"~~

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Date: 6/4/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (66-760)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City daily summary 6/4/68.

Enclosed to Bureau and each office is one photograph of PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, [redacted] for use in investigation requested in referenced daily summary.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)
1 - Dallas (Enc. 1)
1 - Indianapolis (Enc. 1)
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent In Charge

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Paul Osborn Bridgeman

28, [redacted]
WM
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blond hair
blue eyes

[redacted]

5-17-68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1897)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re suspects [redacted] and [redacted]

Reference is also made to your teletype 4-5-68 setting forth information furnished by [redacted] driver, Yellow Cab Company, Memphis, Tennessee, who reportedly had taken [redacted] and [redacted] to the Municipal Airport after they had checked out of the William Len Hotel, Memphis. Bureau files indicate investigation conducted by Kansas City, San Francisco, and Houston regarding the identities of the above named individuals was negative. No information is located in Bureau files regarding what action your office has taken.

If not already handled, you should exhibit photographs of Ray to [redacted] and personnel at the William Len Hotel. You should attempt to obtain registration cards and/or any other identifying data which would disclose handwriting and/or possible latent fingerprints of [redacted] and [redacted] Determine whether or not [redacted] or received any telephone calls while registered at the hotel and if so attempt to determine whom they may have contacted or by whom they were contacted. Recontact personnel at Delta Airlines, Memphis, and personnel at the Municipal Airport in an effort to further identify [redacted] and [redacted] and conduct necessary investigation to determine whether or not [redacted] or [redacted] are identical with [redacted] and [redacted]

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If above action has not been taken, this matter should be given expeditious attention so that the activities and the identities of the above named may be definitely established.

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FBI WASH DC

232PM URGENT 5-24-68 JDG

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN.

RE KC TEL, MAY TWENTYTHIRD, LAST, REQUESTING JAMES L. OWENS REINTERVIEW TO DETERMINE PUBLICATIONS HABITUALLY READ BY SUBJECT, IN CONTEMPLATION OF PLACING AD.

JAMES LOAMA OWENS ADVISED RAY READ ALMOST EVERYTHING HE COULD GET HANDS ON, ESPECIALLY NEWSPAPERS, PARTICULARLY TWO SL DAILY METRO NEWSPAPERS GLOBE DEMOCRAT AND POST DISPATCH. UNABLE TO RECALL SPECIFIC MAGAZINES PERTAINING TO CARS AND GUNS, BUT VARIOUS SPORT MAGAZINES OF TYPE REPRESENTED BY FIELD AND STREAM AND ARGOSY WERE INCLUDED IN RAY'S READING. UNABLE TO BE MORE SPECIFIC IN IDENTIFYING PUBLICATIONS.

SUBJECT A & D. P

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FBI MEMPHIS

1023 PM 4/11/68 URGENT TSJ

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, SEVEN FORTY SEVEN PM TODAY AND SAN FRANCISCO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, FIVE ZERO ONE PM TODAY, BOTH REGARDING HARVEY EDWARD LOHMYER.

PHOTO OF LOHMYER NOT YET RECEIVED AT MEMPHIS OFFICE. IF FURTHER EVIDENCE REQUIRED TO ELIMINATE LOHMYER, SUGGEST BUREAU ELIMINATE HIM THROUGH FINGERPRINTS [redacted] P. Eliminate by Bow brake

~~CORR LAST WORD PAR 1 LOHMYER. END~~

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FBI WASH DC

CALLED:
Mr. Gale
By [redacted] Time 11:30 P
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CC- MR. TROTTER

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FBI LOUISVLE

829 PM URGENT 6-1-68 JBR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), BUTTE, DENVER, DETROIT AND PITTSBURGH

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947)

OMURKIN.

RE BUTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE MAY THIRTYONE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF OTHER OFFICES REFERENCED BUTTE PHONE CALL ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ON MAY THIRTYONE LAST, PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN TO LOCAL SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, AT WHICH TIME OFFICIALS THERE CHOSE FROM THEIR REGISTER THE FOLLOWING THREE INDIVIDUALS AS CLOSELY RESEMBLING THE PHOTO OF RAY*

[redacted] SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [redacted]

[redacted] BORN [redacted]

[redacted] SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [redacted]

[redacted] BORN [redacted]; [redacted] SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [redacted]

BORN [redacted] FIVE FEET SIX, ONE FORTY LBS., BLUE EYES, GRAY HAIR; PARENTS - [redacted] (DECEASED)

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cc - Long

NEAREST OF KIN, [redacted] MELVIN, KY. (SISTER); OCCUPATION [redacted] LAST PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT, LOGAN, UTAH. HE, [redacted] HAS PERFORMED HIS MILITARY OBLIGATION AND RECEIVED AN HONORABLE DISCHARGE.

ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS AT SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS WERE ALL TOGETHER DRIVING A SIXTYONE - SIXTYTWO (NOT FURTHER DESCRIBED) STATION WAGON. OFFICIALS OVERHEARD CONVERSATION AMONG THREE TO EFFECT THEY WERE TRAVELING TO SPOKANE, WASHINGTON. THEY REGISTERED NIGHT OF MAY THIRTY LAST AND CHECKED OUT MORNING OF MAY THIRTYONE LAST.

ON JUNE ONE INSTANT, [redacted] WEEKSBURY, KY., BROTHER OF [redacted] ADVISED HE HAS NOT SEEN HIS BROTHER [redacted] IN OVER TWO YEARS. [redacted] ADVISED HE THOUGHT HIS BROTHER HAD BEEN KILLED IN WAYNE COUNTY, W.VA. OVER A YEAR AGO. [redacted] STATED A SKELETON WHICH STRONGLY RESEMBLED HIS BROTHER WAS FOUND. [redacted] STATED THE SKELETON WHICH HAD STEEL PLATE IN THE SKULL AND NO TEETH WAS FOUND WRAPPED IN ARMY BLANKET IN WOODS IN WAYNE COUNTY. [redacted] STATED AUTHORITIES HAVE NEVER OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED HIM BUT HE BELIEVES BODY IS NOW IN CHARLESTON, W. VA.

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[redacted] ADVISED, HOWEVER, HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM HIS BROTHER IN FEB. SIXTYEIGHT AND AT THIS TIME HIS BROTHER ADVISED HIM HE WAS IN DENVER, COLORADO AND WAS DOING FINE. [redacted] STATED ON APR. FIVE LAST HE RECEIVED A COLLECT CALL FROM HIS BROTHER IN DENVER. THE PHONE NUMBER THE CALL ORIGINATED FROM WAS [redacted] AND [redacted] ADVISED IT SOUNDED LIKE IT CAME FROM A BAR BECAUSE OF BACKGROUND NOISES. [redacted] STATED HIS BROTHER ADVISED HIM AT THIS TIME TO CONTACT ALL THE FAMILY IN DETROIT AND TELL THEM TO BE READY TO MOVE OUT BECAUSE THE "NIGGERS IN DETROIT ARE GOING TO CAUSE A LOT OF TROUBLE OVER THE DEATH OF THAT NIGGER, MARTIN LUTHER."

[redacted] STATED HIS BROTHER SOUNDED DRUNK AND WENT ON TO SAY HE HAD GOT HIS TEETH FIXED AND HAD GAINED SOME WEIGHT. [redacted] WAS ADVISED BY [redacted] THAT HE NOW HAD A GOOD JOB, IN DENVER, AND EVERYTHING WAS FINE. [redacted] STATED HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM HIS BROTHER SINCE THAT TIME. [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] WAS ON HIS WAY TO VA HOSPITAL IN HUNTINGTON, W. VA. APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE DISAPPEARED. [redacted] STATED HE HAD NOT HEARD ANYTHING FROM HIS BROTHER UNTIL HE RECEIVED PHONECALL IN FEB. FROM DENVER. [redacted] FURNISHED FOLLOWING BACKGROUND ON HIS BROTHER:

[redacted] AKA [redacted] DOB [redacted] [redacted] OR [redacted] BLUE EYES, GRAY HAIR, FIVE FT. SIX, ONE FIFTY LBS., STOCKY BUILD, HAS STEEL PLATE IN HEAD, NO TEETH, POSSIBLY WEARING DENTAL PLATES NOW; FORMERLY EMPLOYED [redacted] LAGRANGE, KY.; BROTHERS [redacted] WEEKSBURG, KY., [redacted] LINCOLN PARK, MICH.; [redacted], RIVER ROUGE, MICH.; SISTERS: [redacted] LINCOLN PARK, MICH.; [redacted] WEEKSBURY, KY. SERVED U.S. ARMY WW II; DRINKS QUITE HEAVILY AND IS MEAN WHEN DRUNK. ASSOCIATES WITH UNDESIRABLE INDIVIDUALS WHEN DRUNK. [redacted] ADVISED HIS BROTHER DOES NOT DRIVE A VEHICLE AND HAS NEVER OWNED A CAR THAT HE KNOWS OF.

[redacted] AND [redacted] INTERVIEWED JUNE ONE INSTANT, WEEKSBURY, KY. AND THEY COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF THEIR BROTHER.

DETROIT, CONTACT RELATIVES OF [redacted] AT RIVER ROUGE AND LINCOLN PARK FOR BACKGROUND AND PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted].

DENVER, DETERMINE SUBSCRIBER OF PHONE NUMBER [redacted] AND DETERMINE IF [redacted] PRESENTLY EMPLOYED IN DENVER AREA. ALSO DISPLAY PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY TO PEOPLE RESIDING AT ABOVE PHONE NUMBER.

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PITTSBURGH, AT VA [redacted],

OBTAIN BACKGROUND ON [redacted]

AT CHARLESTON, DETERMINE IF BODY FOUND IN WAYNE COUNTY W. VA. OVER A YEAR AGO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.

LOUISVILLE AT [redacted] LAGRANGE, CHECK EMPLOYMENT RECORDS FOR BACKGROUND ON [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 2, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 9:30 p. m., 6/1/68, [redacted] Legal Attache, Ottawa, Canada, telephonically advised that the Roayl Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are conducting a survey of Canadian passports in an attempt to locate James Earl Ray. RCMP investigators have located Canadian passport number DJ909324 for one Ramon George Sneyd issued 4/24/68, at Ottawa. This passport contains a photograph of Sneyd which RCMP advises is very definitely similar to Ray and there is good probability it is a photograph of Ray.

Sneyd's application for passport was filed on his behalf by the Kennedy Travel Bureau, 962 Dundad Street West, Toronto, and was handled by Miss L. Spencer who RCMP is attempting to locate for interview. Sneyd filed an affidavit in lieu of listing a guarantor that he had only been in Toronto three weeks and did not know a guarantor. Passport data listed Sneyd as white male, born 10/8/32, at Toronto, five feet ten inches in height, 168 pounds in weight, black hair, blue eyes, residence 968 Dundad Street, Toronto (RCMP established this to be a Chinese rooming house where Sneyd arrived 4/19/68, and roomed for three weeks). He also listed as a friend Paul Bridgman, 102 (or 108) Ossington Street, Toronto (RCMP has been unable to locate Bridgman to date).

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The purpose for the Canadian passport was for Sneyd to fly to London, England, 5/6/68, via British Overseas Airlines Company (BOAC) and return to Canada 5/21/68. RCMP as yet has no information as to what BOAC flight Sneyd may have taken to London and there is no indication he has returned to Canada.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

RCMP has instructed their personnel to go all out to further identify and locate Sneyd. The handwriting on the application is being examined by the RCMP and will be forwarded to FBI Laboratory by the Legal Attache, Ottawa, along with a photograph of Sneyd.

Based on name checks and data furnished, there is no identifiable record of Sneyd in Bureau Indices, Bureau Fugitive Indices, National Crime Information Center or Identification Division files.

The Identification Division has a record on one Paul Osborn Bridgeman [redacted] who was last fingerprinted by Department of Correction, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 4-23-65, [redacted] Bridgeman received a five-year sentence which was commuted on 1-16-68.

ACTION: The Legal Attache, London, has been instructed to have investigation conducted through his sources to attempt to identify and locate Sneyd in London and to determine through BOAC if Sneyd did arrive in London and his movements subsequent to arrival.

We are affording this case top priority attention.

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FBI DENVER

12:09 PM MDT URGENT 6-2-68 FCD

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOUISVILLE, BUTTE, DETROIT, AND PITTSBURGH

FROM: DENVER (157-203) 2P

MURKIN.

RE LOUISVILLE TEL JUNE ONE, LAST.

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] LISTED TO ETHEL T. GEORGE, [redacted] DENVER, COLO. ONE NINE TWO TWO GRANT IS ADDRESS OF GRANT HOTEL.

ON THIS DATE GEORGE ADVISED SHE IS ASSISTANT MANAGER OF GRANT HOTEL AND RESIDES IN [redacted] SHE HAS PRIVATE PHONE LISTED ABOVE AND ONLY OTHER TELEPHONE IS LISTED TO GRANT HOTEL.

[redacted] STAYED IN ROOM [redacted] BY HIMSELF FOR TWO MONTHS AND MOVED OUT APPROXIMATELY SIX WEEKS AGO TO HERD SHEEP BELIVED TO BE SOMEWHERE IN MONTANA. EMPLOYMENT IN DENVER UNKNOWN.

GEORGE ADVISED [redacted] USED TELEPHONE TO CALL BROTHER OR SISTER IN KENTUCKY. SHE EXHIBITED TELEPHONE BILL SHOWING CALL MADE TO MELVIN, KENTUCKY, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] ON APRIL FIVE, LAST. THE BILL ~~WAS~~ ONE DOLLAR THIRTY FIVE CENTS WHICH [redacted] PAID GEORGE IN CASH.

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GEORGE RECALLS CONVERSATION WAS ABOUT RELATIVES AND THAT SOME RELATIVE HAD DIED.

THIS WAS ONLY TIME [redacted] USED TELEPHONE.

GEORGE DESCRIBED [redacted] AS FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, SLIM BUILD, GRAY HAIR, APPROXIMATELY FIFTYFIVE YEARS OLD. PHOTO OF JAMES EARL RAY SHOWN AND GEORGE ADVISED [redacted] IS DEFINITELY NOT RAY.

TEL FURNISHED LOUISVILLE, BUTTE, DETROIT AND PITTSBURGH IN VIEW OF THEIR INVESTIGATION.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI PITTSBGH
5:37 PM EDST URGENT 6-2-68 WRJ
TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, BUTTE, DENVER, DETROIT AND LOUISVILLE
FROM PITTSBURGH 44-578

MURKIN

RE LOUISVILLE TEL JUNE ONE, LAST.

[redacted] VARO, HUNTINGTON, W.VA., FURNISHED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM RECORDS TODAY:

[redacted] LAST ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL FOUR EIGHTEEN, 'FIFTYSIX FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND DIAGNOSIS REVEALED MILD HYPERTENSION, RESIDUALS OLD FRACTURES - SKULL AND NOSE, PERIAPICAL DENTAL INFECTION, AND TEETH EXTRACTED.

RECORDS REFLECT [redacted] SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED DENTAL TREATMENT, WAS GIVEN APPOINTMENTS WHICH WERE NOT KEPT BY HIM. HE CORRESPONDED WITH PRESIDENT JOHNSON RE DENTAL PROBLEM AND WAS AFFORDED TREATMENT VA HOSPITAL SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH WHERE HE WAS FURNISHED FULL UPPER AND LOWER DENTURES ON FEB. FOURTEEN, 'SIXTYSIX. [redacted] ADVISED

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[redacted] HAS FILE AT VARO, LOUISVILLE, KY. VA HUNTINGTON RECEIVED INFO FROM VARO, LOUISVILLE THAT AS OF MAR. TWELVE, 'FIFTYSIX, [redacted] BORN [redacted] AT [redacted] MILITARY SERVICE NOV. TEN 'FORTYFOUR TO NOV. THIRTY, 'FORTYSIX, HONORABLE DISCHARGE, ARMY SN [redacted] SSN [redacted] VA CLAIM NO. [redacted] DEPRESSION LEFT TEMPLE, FATHER [redacted] MOTHER [redacted] BOONS CAMP, KY., PERMANENT ADDRESS - WEEKSBURY, KY., ADDRESS OF JAN. 'SIXTYSIX, [redacted], SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

INVESTIGATION RE UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND WAYNE COUNTY, W.VA., CONTINUING.

LOUISVILLE REVIEW VARO RECORDS FOR ANY RECENT INFO RE [redacted] WHEREABOUTS.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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June 3, 1968

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TELETYPE URGENT

1 - Mr. Hudson

TO SACS BUTTE
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI

O MURKIN.

RELSTEL JUNE ONE LAST AND PGTEL JUNE TWO LAST.

RELSTEL INDICATES THAT LOCAL SALVATION ARMY AT BUTTE SELECTED [redacted] AND [redacted] AS CLOSELY RESEMBLING PHOTO OF RAY. INVESTIGATION INDICATES [redacted] IS FIFTY-SIX YEARS OLD AND DOES NOT ANSWER PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF RAY. UNLESS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE WHICH WOULD INDICATE [redacted] IS IDENTIFIABLE WITH RAY, NO FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO LOCATE HIM.

REPGTEL INDICATES INVESTIGATION CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED BODY FOUND IN WAYNE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA, IS CONTINUING. LSTEL INDICATED THAT PERSON DIED OVER A YEAR AGO, AND THERE APPEARS TO BE NO REASON TO CONTINUE THAT PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION.

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TELETYPE TO SACS BUTTE, DENVER, DETROIT, LOUISVILLE,
AND PITTSBURGH
RE: MURKIN

BUREAU NOT AWARE OF ANY LEADS SET OUT TO IDENTIFY [redacted] OR [redacted]. BUTTE, ADVISE BY RETURN TEL WHAT ACTION CONTEMPLATED REGARDING THOSE TWO, IT BEING NOTED THAT PERSONNEL AT SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, CONSIDER ALL THREE AS CLOSELY RESEMBLING RAY.

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222PM URGENT 6-3-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM & MEMPHIS

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

OMURKIN.

RE LATEL MAY THIRTY-ONE LAST.

RE JAMES PAUL THORNTON.

JOHN HARTLEY ORTMAN, [redacted] YORBA LINDA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE RECALLS THORNTON AS VOLUNTEER WORKER AT ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, HEADQUARTERS, GEORGE WALLACE CAMPAIGN. ADVISED THORNTON A LONER AND DOES NOT KNOW ANY OF HIS ASSOCIATES. ORTMAN UNABLE IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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MURKIN

RE JERRY RAYNES. REINTERVIEWED. HAD NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT SUBJECT OR WHEREABOUTS. BELIEVES SUBJECT PROBABLY DEAD OR HEX HE WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND BY NOW. DOES NOT THINK SUBJECT WOULD EVER CONTACT HIM, BUT MIGHT CONTACT CAROL PEPPER OR JOHN OR HERRY RAY.

COPY OF ABSTRACT FOR THIS SERIAL IS PLACED IN FILE IN LIEU OF THE MAIL WHICH HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED

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FBI ATLANTA

616PM URGENT 6-3-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

OMURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE THREE INSTANT.

REVIEW OF APPROPRIATE RECORDS REFLECT NO WITHDRAWAL FROM ANY BANK IN ATLANTA METROPOLITAN AREA IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS DURING MONTH OF APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

JIMMIE D. GARNER, ONE ZERO SEVEN FOURTEENTH ST., NE, ATLANTA, REINTERVIEWED AND HAS OBTAINED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBJECT. GARNER STATED THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE SUBJECT DID NOT HAVE TYPEWRITER AND DEFINITELY DID NOT LEAVE A TYPEWRITER AT THE ROOMING HOUSE AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH STREET WHEN HE LEFT THE ROOMING HOUSE.

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MISS ROBBIE LEE GARNER, SISTER OF JIMMIE D. GARNER, REINTERVIEWED AND STATED THAT NO TYPEWRITER

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WAS LEFT AT THE ROOMING HOUSE BY THE SUBJECT. SHE AND JIMMIE GARNER STATED THERE HAS NOT BEEN A TYPEWRITER AT ONE ONE THREE FOURTEENTH ST. FOR AT LEAST ONE YEAR. GARNER STATED HE HAD ONE IN THE ROOMING HOUSE ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO, BUT IT WAS STOLEN AND TO HIS KNOWLEDGE SUBJECT WOULD HAVE HAD NO TYPEWRITER AVAILABLE DURING HIS STAY AT THE ROOMING HOUSE.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

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MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST.

RESIDENCES TWELVE HUNDRED BLOCK FOURTH STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS, CANVASSED; PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ASSOCIATED DISPLAYED WITHOUT EFFECTING IDENTIFICATION. INFORMANTS ALTON RA RECONTACTED AND CAN PROVIDE NO INFORMATION INDICATING RAY IN ALTON, JULY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

[redacted]

SUSPECTS [redacted] AND [redacted] CONTACTED; STATE THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY AND DENY AND CONTACT BY HIM.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO MEMPHIS FOR INFORMATION.

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Date: JUNE 5, 1968

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to Memphis, 4/17/68, and Memphis airtel to Bureau, 5/13/68.

The information set out hereinafter concerns cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau offices for the period 5/1 through 5/31/68 and for the period 4/4/68 through 5/31/68. The following concerning the period 5/1 through 31, 1968:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	TOTAL
1. A. Special Agents	26,218	6,205	32,423
B. Clerical Employees	5,835	166	6,001
	32,053	6,371	38,424

2. Total mileage traveled during May, 1968, by Bucars on this matter - 115,531 miles

3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs:

a. Per diem		$ 56.00
b. Communications		1,298.57
c. Photography expense		1,012.74
d. Plane fares		30.00
e. Misc.: Zeroxing	$207.58	
Zeroxing supplies	4.75	
Mailing wanted flyers to laundries in U. S.	287.00	
Misc. supplies	52.27	551.60
TOTAL		$2,948.91

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4. Peak number of Special Agents working on this case during month of May, 1968 - - - - - - - - - - -1,492

The following are the cumulative totals for the period of April 4 through May 31, 1968:

		Regular Hours		Overtime Hours		Total Hours	
1. A. SAs	Apr.	60,530		19,113		79,643	
	May	26,218	86,748	6,205	25,318	32,423	118,[illegible]
B. Clks	Apr.	11,722		1,535		13,257	
		5,835	17,557	166	1,701	6,001	19,[illegible]
			104,305		27,019		131,[illegible]

2. Mileage traveled by Bucars on this matter:

April - - - -	332,849
May - - - - -	115,531
Total	448,380

3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs:

a. Per diem:	April	$6,498.00	
	May	56.00	
	Total - - - -		$6,554.00
b. Communications - - - - - -	Apr.	2,332.46	
	May	1,298.57	3,631.03
c. Photography Expense - - -	Apr.	797.44	
	May	1,012.74	1,810.18
d. Hotel Room Expense - - -	Apr.	59.48	
	May	-0-	59.48
e. Plane fares - - - - - - -	Apr.	807.00	
	May	30.00	837.00

f. Misc.: Zeroxing - Apr. $119.36
May 207.58 $326.94

Zeroxing paper & Sup Apr. 9.50
May 4.75 14.25

Mailing wanted flyers to laundries in the US Apr. -0-
May 287.00 287.00

Misc. supplies Apr. -0-
May 52.27 52.27

Total Misc. (Apr. $10,623.24 for April May 2,948.91) and May, 1968 $13,572.15

4. Peak number of Special Agents on this case during:

April - - - 3,075
May - - - - 1,492
Total 4,567

The above expenses do not include certain expenses such as telephone and teletype expenses and other miscellaneous expenses which have been incurred during the month of May but for which the Memphis Division has not as yet been billed. These expenses will be included in succeeding Cost Data communication.

It is noted any expense incurred at the SOG or by Legal Attaches is not known to the Memphis Division and therefore any such expenses encountered in this matter have not been included in the above totals.

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Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (P)

MURKIN
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Re SA airtel to the Director, dated 5/21/68.

RE TELEPHONE CALLS BY SUBJECT RAY EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW ORLEANS.

Page 2 of referenced airtel sets out leads for the El Paso Office at El Paso, Guadalupe Peak, and Alpine, all Texas, regarding telephone calls received by individuals in those communities.

The telephone calls to El Paso and Alpine were checked out and it was determined that the persons receiving these telephone calls were not acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY and had never been in contact with him, according to their own statements.

It was determined that the telephone number at Guadalupe Peak, namely 915-828[redacted] was a non-existent or incorrect number.

On 5/31/68, an FTS telephone call was made to the San Antonio Office, at which time SAC J. MYERS COLE was requested to have the telephone company records rechecked in an effort to ascertain the correct telephone number at Guadalupe Peak, Texas.

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3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - San Antonio (44-1242) (Info)
1 - El Paso

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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A subsequent FTS telephone call was received from SA [redacted] of the San Antonio Office, who advised that the telephone company records were no longer available and that the telephone number at Guadalupe Peak could not be rechecked.

This completes the investigation by the El Paso Office under the above caption.

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638PM IMMEDIATE 6-3-68 DJB

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, DALLAS, MEMPHIS,
SPRINGFIELD & ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 3P

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DAILY SUMMARY

RE BUCALL TO SAC, KANSAS CITY, JUNE TWO, SIXTYEIGHT FURNISHING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APR. TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. IN APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION: WM, BORN OCT. EIGHT, THIRTYTWO, TORONTO, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE NINE SIXTYEIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS A CHEAP CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE WHERE SNEYD HAD RESIDED SINCE APR. NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT PROPRIETOR COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ON SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO. FRIEND NAMED IN PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS PAUL BRIDGMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSINGTON ST., TORONTO, CANADA. PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR SNEYD'S ROOMING HOUSE. REC-103 44-38861-4199 TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATED SNEYD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN ON MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT. INVESTIGATION IN CANADA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN.

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PAUL BRIDGMAN MAY BE IDENTICAL TO FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, AKA PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, MSP NO. [redacted] BORN [redacted] WHO WAS RECEIVED AT MSP FROM JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CITY, MO., ON APR. TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE, AND WAS DISCHARGED JAN. SIXTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND WAS NOT ON PAROLE. BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO PRISON LIMITED SECURITY SECTION AT MOBERLY, MO., ON MARCH SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, BRIDGEMAN WORKED IN THE MSP KITCHEN AND COULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT RAY. BRIDGEMAN'S FRIEND OR POSSIBLE GUARDIAN WAS SHOWN IN PRISON RECORDS AS [redacted] FORMERLY KANSAS CITY, MO., AND IN SIXTYSEVEN RESIDING AT [redacted] DALLAS, TEXAS, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY [redacted] BRIDGEMAN IN FIFTYSIX INTERVIEW CONFESSED IN SIGNED STATEMENT TO ITSMV VIOLATION USA, KANSAS CITY, MO., DECLINED PROSECUTION IN FAVOR OF STATE PROSECUTION. IN FIFTYSIX BRIDGEMAN IDENTIFIED PARENTS AS [redacted] BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

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BRIDGEMAN ARRESTED KANSAS CITY, MO. PD FEB. EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT ON DISTURBING THE PEACE CHARGE AND RELEASED ON TWENTYFIVE DOLLAR BOND SAME DAY. CHARGE DISMISSED FEB. TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT. GAVE INCORRECT RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND INCORRECT EMPLOYMENT ON THIS ARREST BUT CLAIMED PARENTS DECEASED AND GAVE HIS SISTER AS [redacted] LANTON, MO. PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRIDGEMAN WILL BE FORWARDED TO ABOVE OFFICES JUNE FOUR. BRIDGEMAN DESCRIBED WM, SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES.

DALLAS, INTERVIEW [redacted]

SPRINGFIELD, INTERVIEW [redacted] IF LIVING

KANSAS CITY INTERVIEWING [redacted] AND POSSIBLE GIRL FRIEND OF BRIDGEMAN.

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FBI BUTTE

10:14 AM URGENT 6/3/68 SPR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND DENVER (157-203) AND DETROIT AND LOUISVILLE (44-947) AND MINNEAPOLIS AND PITTSBURGH (44-578) AND SEATTLE

FROM BUTTE (173-2) 2P

MURKIN.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RE BUTTE TELEPHONE CALL TO LOUISVILLE, MINNEAPOLIS, SEATTLE, AND SALT LAKE CITY, MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST; LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE ONE, LAST; AND PITTSBURGH TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE TWO, LAST.

[redacted] MENTIONED RE BT PHONE CALL MAY BE [redacted] AND IS ONLY PERSON REPORTED BY SALVATION ARMY, BUTTE, AS RESEMBLING OR POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

ON MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST, THREE OFFICERS BUTTE PD, BELIEVED CHECKED SAME [redacted] THREE INDIVIDUALS REPORTED RE PHONE CALL; HOWEVER, FAILED TO OBTAIN LICENSE OR NAMES OF OCCUPANTS. STATION WAGON NOW BELIEVED CHEVROLET BEL AIR. BUTTE POLICE OFFICERS STATE NONE OF OCCUPANTS STATION WAGON BELIEVED IDENTICAL OR RESEMBLE RAY.

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BUTTE SENDING SALVATION ARMY REGISTRATION CARDS FBI LAB AIR MAIL, AND STILL ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THREE INDIVIDUALS TO ELIMINATE [redacted] AKA [redacted] AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AM.

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FBI MIAMI

7:05 PM URGENT 6-4-68 PJL

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, KANSAS CITY, AND MEMPHIS

FROM MAIMI (44-1854)

MURKIN - CR.

RE ATLANTA TEL TO DIRECTOR SIX FOUR SIXTYEIGHT.

ALL TICKETS MAINTAINED IN EASTERN AIRLINES RECORDS, MIAMI FOR PASSENGERS TRAVELING ON EASTERN FLIGHTS ONE ZERO SIX, THREE TWO ZERO, AND THREE TWO EIGHT FROM APRIL FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT TO APRIL NINTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT REVIEWED THIS DATE WITH REFERENCE TO NAMES RAMON GEORGE SNEYD AND PAUL BRIDGEMAN AND ALL CHECKS NEGATIVE.

ONLY TICKETS PURCHASED THROUGH EASTERN AIRLINES ARE MAINTAINED IN EASTERN RECORDS.

RECORDS FOR OFF LINE TICKET PURCHASES BY PASSENGERS WHO ALSO USED ABOVE FLIGHTS MAINTAINED IN COMPUTER RECORDS AND ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE AND REVIEW SAME AND SET FORTH LEADS. 44-38861-4201

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438PM URGENT 6/4/68 MAL

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

OMURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE THREE LAST.

WILLIAM MAHER, UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY, ALTON, RECONTACTED, STATES NONE OF FAMILY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND DOES NOT KNOW JOHN EUGENE GAWRON.

[redacted] ALTON, OBSERVED TWO MEN CROSSING BROWN STREET, ALTON, ON JULY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, SHORTLY AFTER BAND (BANK?) OF ALTON ROBBED. BELIEVES SHE COULD IDENT EITHER BUT FAILED TO EFFECT IDENTIFICATION FROM PHOTOS OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES.

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OFFICERS AND FORMER OFFICERS, ALTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, WHO KNEW RAY INDICATE THEY FEEL IT WOULD HAVE COME TO THEIR ATTENTION HAD HE RETURNED TO ALTON ANYTIME IN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN BECAUSE ROBBERY WARRANT OUTSTANDING FOR HIM FOR ROBBERY WEGENER'S FOODLINER, ALTON, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 2P

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MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS.

REMYTELS THIS DATE.

RCMP, TORONTO, HAVE REQUESTED FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION THROUGH BUREAU AND LEGAT, LONDON.

THROUGH BOAC, LONDON, DETERMINE IF PERSON TRAVELING UNDER NAME SNEYD RETURNED CANADA VIA BOAC AND IF NOT, WAS UNUSED PORTION OF TICKET TURNED IN? NOTED DEPARTED TORONTO FIVE SIX LAST VIA BOAC FLIGHT SIX HUNDRED AND WAS TO HAVE RETURNED FIVE TWENTYONE LAST VIA BOAC FLIGHT SIX ZERO ONE. TICKET SERIES NUMBER IS ZERO SIX ONE TWO AND TICKET NUMBER IS TWO ZERO SEVEN FIVE - NINE FOUR SIX SIX.

EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN NEGATIVE OF PASSPORT PHOTO FROM ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO SO ADDITIONAL COPIES MAY BE MADE AND FORWARDED BUREAU THROUGH BUFFALO OFFICE.

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CHECK WITH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHOWS CANADIAN PASSPORT HONORED WITHOUT VISA IN U. S., ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES EXCEPT GHANA WHICH REQUIRES PERMIT, ALL WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BRAZIL, TUNISIA AND MOROCCO. SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA MAY REQUIRE SOME OTHER PROOF OF IDENTITY BUT THAT INFO. NOT AVAILABLE TO CANADIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 4P

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

REMYTEL CALL THIS DATE.

RESULTS OF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION.

CHECK ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO DISCLOSED SUSPECT USED NAME PAUL BRIDGMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OSSINGTON STREET, AT TIME HAD PICTURE TAKEN APRIL ELEVEN LAST. THIS DATE, WHICH APPEARED ON BACK OF PHOTO, INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM PARA TWO, PAGE TWO OF MY TEL THIS DATE.

INVESTIGATION OSSINGTON STREET ADDRESS RESULTED IN LANDLADY IDENTIFYING PASSPORT PHOTO AS MAN KNOWN TO HER AS PAUL BRIDGMAN AND SAID HE STAYED THERE FOR SHORT TIME IN APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, EXACT DATES NOT AVAILABLE. SHE TOLD INVESTIGATOR THAT AT TIME RAY'S PHOTO APPEARED IN LOCAL PAPERS, SHE TOLD HER HUSBAND "BRIDGMAN IS THE MAN WHO KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING." SHE SAID SHE TRIED TO GET HER HUSBAND TO CALL THE POLICE AT THE TIME BUT HE REFUSED.

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INVESTIGATION NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET INDICATES SUSPECT DEPARTED LEAVING FLIGHT BAG, SIX UNEXPOSED ROLLS OF FILM, CITY MAPS OF MONTREAL AND TORONTO AND AN EMPTY CASH BOX. THE ADDRESS NINE SIX TWO IS CORRECT, AND THE CONFUSION AS TO NINE SIX TWO AND NINE SIX EIGHT AROSE FROM THE HANDPRINTING ON THE APPLICATION. THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE BEING PROCESSED FOR LATENT PRINTS AND PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY OF SAME WILL BE GIVEN SA [redacted] OF THE BUFFALO OFFICE BY THE TORONTO OFFICE OF RCMP THIS DATE FOR FORWARDING BUREAU ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY OF HANDWRITTEN NOTE BY SNEYD TO KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY, REFERRED TO IN MY TEL THIS DATE.

RCMP INVESTIGATORS HAVE NOW REVIEWED BOAC MANIFESTS AND VERIFIED DEPARTURE ON MAY SIX LAST FROM TORONTO.TO LONDON OF MAN USING NAME SNEYD;HOWEVER, MANIFEST FOR MAY TWENTYONE LAST DOES NOT, REPEAT NOT, CONTAIN HIS NAME AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO RCMP BY BOAC PERSONNEL JUNE THREE LAST.

ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION REQUESTED.

IN VIEW RESIDENCE MONTREAL SUMMER SIXTYSEVEN OF RAY, MAP OF MONTREAL IN POSSESSION AT NINE SIX TWO.DUNDAS AND LIKELIHOOD WOULD NOT RETURN TORONTO, LEGAT REQUESTED APPROPRIATE CHECKS

MONTREAL RE BRIDGMAN AND SNEYD. ON CONTACT, MONTREAL ADVISED AS RESULT PRIOR CIRCULARIZATION OF DANCE STUDIOS, CALL WAS RECEIVED TWO DAYS AGO FROM DANCE STUDIO INDICATING MAN BELIEVED IDENTICAL RAY HAD BEEN THERE. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AND STUDIO STAKED OUT TO NO AVAIL. COPY OF PASSPORT PHOTO SENT THIS DATE MONTREAL BY WIRE PHOTO FOR EXHIBITING WITNESSES AND OTHER INVESTIGATION.

ADDITIONAL INFO RE ITEMS LOCATED NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS SUCH AS DESCRIPTION FLIGHT BAG, ANY OTHER LUGGAGE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN AT THAT ADDRESS, ANY MARKINGS ON MAPS OF TORONTO AND MONTREAL AS WELL AS TO CONSIDER OUTSIDE CHANCE SUSPECT MAY RETURN TO RETRIEVE BELONGINGS.

CHECK THROUGH BOAC TO DETERMINE IF RETURN TRIP PORTION OF TICKET EVER USED AND IF SO PARTICULARS OF SAME. ALSO TO REVIEW ALL BOAC MANIFESTS ON FLIGHTS TO AND FROM CANADA FROM MAY SIX LAST TO DATE FOR TRAVEL OF INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD.

INVESTIGATION CAPREOL HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY DELAYED DUE TO INACCESSIBILITY OF AREA. PHOTOS BEING DRIVEN BY RCMP PERSONNEL TO AREA THIS DATE AND INVESTIGATION TO BE CONDUCTED TONIGHT AND TOMORROW.

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REQUESTS OF BUREAU BY RCMP.

ONE. GOOD PHOTOGRAPHIC COPY OF RAY'S PRINTS FOR USE IN LATENT EXAMINATION OF PRINTS ON PASSPORT. — Sent 6/4/68 mlw

TWO. ANY PALM PRINTS OF RAY ALTHOUGH IT IS UNDERSTOOD SUCH ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

THREE. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY PUBLICITY RESULTING FROM THE CURRENT INVESTIGATION INDICATE THE LEAD CAME AS A RESULT OF A REVIEW OF PASSPORT RECORDS. THIS IS A SPECIFIC REQUEST OF CANADIAN PASSPORT OFFICIALS.

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CC- MR. TROTTER
3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

FBI

Date: 6/4/68

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Via TELETYPE URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR 44-38861 (AIRMAIL) AND ST. LOUIS 44-775

FROM: KANSAS CITY 44-760

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU MAY TWENTYNINE LAST.

INVESTIGATION AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MO., THROUGH [redacted] RECORDS OFFICE, ON JUNE FOUR INSTANT, REVEALED THAT THE [redacted] REFERRED TO IN REAIRTEL IS [redacted] MSP NO. [redacted] WHO WAS RECEIVED AT MSP [redacted] FROM ST. LOUIS ON A CHARGE OF [redacted] TO SERVE A [redacted] SENTENCE AND WHO WAS DISCHARGED [redacted] HE LISTED THE FOLLOWING RELATIVES: WIFE - [redacted] ST. ANNS, MO.; SISTER - [redacted] SLMO; [redacted] SLMO; AUNT AND UNCLE - [redacted] SLMO.

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1 Bureau (AM)
2 Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
1 Kansas City
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Approved: [redacted] Sent [redacted] M Per [redacted]
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SAINT LOUIS. AT ST. LOUIS, MO. LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] THROUGH RELATIVES LISTED ABOVE AS SET FORTH IN REAIRTEL.

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FBI MEMPHIS

440PM URGENT 6-4-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN

SUMMARY

REVIEW OF RECORDS, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, METROPOLITAN AREA REFLECTS NO WITHDRAWAL FROM ANY BANK IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS DURING MONTH OF APRIL LAST.

MONTHLY COST DATA FOR MURKIN FOR MONTH OF MAY LAST HAS BEEN COMPILED AND TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED TO BUREAU TODAY.

SUMMARY REPORT DATED JUNE FIVE NEXT NOW BEING RUN OFF AND COPIES SHOULD REACH BUREAU BY JUNE SIX NEXT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. END

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Date: 6/4/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Director 5/8/68 and Los Angeles airtels to Director 5/16/68 and 5/22/68.

[redacted] General Telephone Company, Santa Monica, California, and Pacific Telephone Company, Los Angeles, have advised that they are unable to locate any record of telephone calls made to Auckland, New Zealand, from San Bernardino, California, in March 1968 and from Santa Barbara, California, in April 1968, as reported in Auckland, New Zealand, press.

General Telephone source checked all calls to Auckland from Santa Barbara and San Bernardino during March and April 1968, however, was unable to locate record of instant calls.

Pacific Telephone source advised that without billed telephone number it is impossible to check overseas calls.

No further action being taken on Auckland calls by Los Angeles.

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(3) - Bureau (AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(AM)
2 - Los Angeles
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FBI

Date: 6/4/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (44-563)

MURKIN

Re: Driver's License Data

Re Indianapolis airtel dated 5/28/68, and Bureau teletype dated 6/1/68.

[redacted] Driver's Licensing, advised computer system used to issue license but system has no way of throwing out a new license say issued in April or May of this year except by name and address. It cannot be done by description or year of birth.

Review under this system while not impossible would entail extensive use of personnel and liaison would have to be worked out whereby this must be done at night in order not to hamper operation of DMV during regular business.

[redacted] pointed out that Indiana like a number of states use the National Driver's Register Service, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. He stated this source is used in out-of-state applicants and on those over 21 who apply for beginner's permit.

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[redacted] stated he was not sure as to what computer program this organization has but believes it can be checked for date of birth and description.

[redacted] stated an IBM card is made out which is provided by the organization which carries name and descriptive data, also records all drunk driving or other violations on each person arrested in the state.

FBI

Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: [redacted] SUSPECT CO-CONSPIRATOR

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, dated 5/2/68.

Avis Rent-A-Car National Headquarters telephonically advised the NYO at 10:30 AM, 6/4/68, as follows:

[redacted] South Bend, Indiana Airport Office, telephonically contacted Avis Headquarters and said that [redacted] about five minutes ago tried to rent a car at the airport. He stated that [redacted] was then at the Budget Rent-A-Car counter at the South Bend Airport. [redacted] desires to travel to Gary, Indiana. He is carrying a Michigan driver's license with a Dearborn, Michigan address. He has credit cards belonging to Hertz, National, and Air Travel.

The above information was immediately furnished telephonically to the Memphis and Indianapolis Offices by the NYO and contents of referenced teletype was furnished to the Indianapolis Office.

LEAD

MEMPHIS

Advise NYO when stop regarding [redacted] may be removed.

SUBJECT RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3 Bureau REC-101 44-38861-4209
1- Indianapolis
1- Memphis (44-1987)
1- Minneapolis
1- New York

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FBI MINNAPLS

5:22PM URGENT 6-4-68 AGL

TO DIRECTOR AND DALLAS

FROM MINNEAPOLIS 157-450 2P

MURKIN.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MINNEAPOLIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS TODAY.

RECORDS HOTEL HARMON, MINNEAPOLIS CHECKED FOR SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY UNDER ALL KNOWN ALIASES, AS WELL AS THE NAME OF RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO RECORD LOCATED FROM MAY ONE TO DATE.

JAMES JAMAR, MANAGER, [redacted] HARMON HOTEL. ADVISED ON AFTERNOON OF JUNE THREE LAST PAUL BRIDGEMAN ADVISED THAT A GIRL FROM TEXAS, WHOM HE HAD BEEN EXPECTING, HAD FINALLY ARRIVED. BRIDGEMAN LEFT THE HOTEL TO SPEND THE EVENING WITH HER. BRIDGEMAN CHECKED OUT OF THE HARMON HOTEL TEN FIFTEEN A.M. JUNE FOUR INSTANT, STATING THAT HE MAY RETURN IN A FEW DAYS BUT WAS NOT SURE. HE DID NOT INDICATE WHERE HE WAS GOING WITH THIS UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE. NO INFORMATION RE BRIDGEMAN ON HOTEL REGISTRATION CARD. JAMAR CAN NOT FURNISH ANY BACKGROUND RE BRIDGEMAN. NO CONNECTION INDICATED BETWEEN CHECK OF RECORDS AND

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cc - Tolson

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Mr. [illegible]p
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Mr. [illegible]nrad
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Mr. Ga[illegible]
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INQUIRY CONCERNING BRIDGEMAN. SA INDICATED THE TWO WERE SEPARATE INQUIRIES.

DALLAS REINTERVIEW [redacted] AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY WOMAN WHO PICKED UP BRIDGEMAN IN MINNEAPOLIS JUNE FOUR INSTANT AND THEIR PROBABLE DESTINATION. SET OUT APPROPRIATE LEADS TO HAVE HIM INTERVIEWED. STOP PLACED AT HOTEL HARMON SO THAT MINNEAPOLIS OFFICE WILL BE NOTIFIED IN THE EVENT BRIDGEMAN RETURNS.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AIR MAIL. P.

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FBI DALLAS

131PM URGENT 6-4-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR AND MINNEAPOLIS, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS, SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS.

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 5P

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MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TEL JUNE THREE LAST WHICH REFERRED TO BUCALL TO KANSAS CITY JUNE TWO FURNISHING THE FOLLOWING:

RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. IN APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION: W/M, BORN OCT. EIGHT, THIRTYTWO, TORONTO, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE NINE SIXTYEIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS A CHEAP CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE WHERE SNEYD HAD RESIDED SINCE APRIL NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT PROPRIETOR COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ON SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO. FRIEND NAMED IN PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS PAUL BRIDGMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSINGTON ST., TORONTO, CANADA. PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR SNEYD'S ROOMING HOUSE. TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATED SNEYD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN ON MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT. INVESTIGATION IN CANADA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN.

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cc - Mr. Bowan

PAUL BRIDGMAN MAY BE IDENTICAL TO FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN AKA PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, MSP NO. [redacted] BORN [redacted] WHO WAS RECEIVED AT MSP FROM JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CITY, MO., ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE, AND WAS DISCHARGED JAN. SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AND WAS NOT ON PAROLE. BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO PRISON LIMITED SECURITY SECTION AT MOBERLY, MO., ON MARCH SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, BRIDGEMAN WORKED IN THE MSP KITCHEN AND COULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT RAY. BRIDGEMAN'S FRIEND OR POSSIBLE GUARDIAN WAS SHOWN IN PRISON RECORDS AS [redacted] FORMERLY KANSAS CITY,MO., AND IN SIXTYSEVEN RESIDING AT [redacted], DALLAS, TEXAS, WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED BY [redacted] BRIDGEMAN IN FIFTYSIX INTERVIEW CONFESSED IN SIGNED STATEMENT TO ITSMV VIOLATION. USA, KANSAS CITY MO., DECLINED PROSECUTION IN FAVOR OF STATE PROSECUTION. IN FIFTYSIX BRIDGEMAN IDENTIFIED PARENTS AS [redacted] BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS. BRIDGEMAN ARRESTED KANSAS CITY , MO., PD FEB. EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT ON DISTURBING THE PEACE CHARGE AND RELEASED ON TWENTYFIVE DOLLAR BOND SAME DAY. CHARGE

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DISMISSED FEB. TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT. GAVE INCORRECT RESIDENCE ADDRESS AND INCORRECT EMPLOYMENT ON THIS ARREST BUT CLAIMED PARENTS DECEASED AND GAVE HIS SISTER AS [redacted] LANTON, MO. PHOTOGRAPHS OF BRIDGEMAN WILL BE FORWARDED TO ABOVE OFFICES JUNE FOUR. BRIDGEMAN DESCRIBED W/M, SIX FEET TALL, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY POUNDS, BLOND HAIR, BLUE EYES.

[redacted] DALLAS, INTERVIEWED AT EMPLOYMENT JUNE FOUR AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING: HE HAS KNOWN PAUL BRIDGEMAN FOR MANY YEARS AND BRIDGEMAN'S SON PRESENTLY RESIDING WITH HIM IN DALLAS. [redacted] VISITED BRIDGEMAN MANY TIMES WHILE BRIDGEMAN WAS IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY. BRIDGEMAN RELEASED IN JAN. SIXTYEIGHT, AT WHICH TIME [redacted] ACCOMPANIED HIM TO HOME OF BRIDGEMAN'S SISTER, [redacted] IN A SMALL UNKNOWN TOWN IN MISSOURI. BRIDGEMAN'S SISTER REFUSED TO ADMIT THEM TO HER HOME, STATING SHE WANTED TO HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM. IN JAN., BRIDGEMAN RECEIVED ABOUT THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS INHERITANCE FROM ESTATE OF DECEASED PARENTS. PARENT'S DEATH WAS RESULT OF MURDER AND SUICIDE.

SINCE JAN., SIXTYEIGHT, [redacted] HAS MET BRIDGEMAN IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA, DATE UNRECALLED; OKLAHOMA CITY ON FEB. SIXTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT; NEW YORK CITY THE FIRST WEEK IN APRIL LAST.

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BRIDGEMAN CAME TO DALLAS FROM KANSAS CITY THE DAY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING'S FUNERAL AND THEY WATCHED IT ON TELEVISION. BRIDGEMAN LEFT DALLAS SOON THEREAFTER AND HIS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN TO [redacted] UNTIL MAY SEVEN LAST WHEN BRIDGEMAN RETURNED TO DALLAS AND STAYED OVERNIGHT AT THE HOLIDAY INN, CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, DALLAS. THE FOLLOWING MORNING BRIDGEMAN FLEW TO MINNEAPOLIS WITH ONE-WAY PLANE TICKET PURCHASED FOR HIM BY [redacted]

[redacted] HAS BEEN PAYING BILLS FOR BRIDGEMAN AND WIRING HIM MONEY SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON IN JAN. HIS LAST CONTACT WITH BRIDGEMAN WAS MAY TWENTYNINE LAST WHEN HE WIRED THIRTY DOLLARS TO HIM VIA WESTERN UNION TO PAY HIS RENT AT THE HOTEL HARMON (PHONETIC), MINNEAPOLIS. [redacted] ATTEMPTED TO CALL BRIDGEMAN THE EVENING OF JUNE THREE LAST, AT THE HOTEL HARMON, BUT WAS TOLD BRIDGEMAN WAS OUT. WAS TOLD BY HOTEL CLERK BRIDGEMAN WAS STILL REGISTERED THAT HOTEL AND MESSAGE WAS LEFT FOR HIM TO CALL [redacted]

[redacted] AND BRIDGEMAN DISCUSSED JAMES EARL RAY AFTER HIS NAME CAME OUT IN NEWSPAPER IN CONNECTION WITH KING MURDER. BRIDGEMAN SAID HE KNEW RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PEN BUT DID NOT KNOW HIM ANY BETTER THAN ANY OF THE OTHER INMATES. [redacted] STATED

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HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF BRIDGEMAN EVER BEING IN CANADA, DOES NOT KNOWN A RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, AND DOES NOT KNOWN IF BRIDGEMAN HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH JAMES EARL RAY SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON.

BRIDGEMAN'S OCCUPATION IS [redacted] AND HE IS BELIEVED TO BE EMPLOYED AS SUCH IN THE MINNEAPOLIS AREA.

MINNEAPOLIS INTERVIEW BRIDGEMAN. P

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FBI JACKSVLE

6:02 PM EDT URGENT 6/5/68 JLC TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 1P

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MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JUNE ONE, LAST, REGARDING REVIEW OF DRIVERS LICENSES FOR STATE OF FLORIDA.

AUTHORITIES, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, WERE ADVISED THE BUREAU WAS NOT GOING TO SEARCH THE SIXTY THOUSAND DRIVERS LICENSES APPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME.

[redacted] VOLUNTEERED A SEARCH TO BE MAKE BY HIS PERSONNEL AT THE ONE HUNDRED TEN EXAMINING POINTS ON APPLICATIONS THAT HAVE NOT MATERIALIZED. HE ANTICIPATES SENDING A WANTED FLYER OF RAY TO EACH OF THE EXAMINING STATIONS WITH THE REQUEST THEY MAKE A SEARCH BY NAME AND ALIASES OF THE APPLICATIONS AND THESE WANTED FLYERS WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL THE EXAMINERS FOR FUTURE USE.

JACKSONVILLE WILL FURNISH [redacted] NECESSARY WANTED FLYERS FOR THIS USE.

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STOPS HAVE BEEN PLACED AT THE DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION, TALLAHASSEE, OF SUBJECT'S NAME AND KNOWN ALIASES.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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DAILY SUMMARY.

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL JUNE THREE LAST CONCERNING [redacted]

[redacted] AND [redacted]

MEMPHIS TELEPHONE NO. FIVE TWO SEVEN - SIX SIX ONE ONE IS LISTING FOR CITY HALL WHERE MEMPHIS CITY COUNCIL MAINTAINS OFFICES. TELEPHONE NOS. FIVE TWO SIX - EIGHT EIGHT ONE ONE AND FIVE TWO SIX - TWO ONE FOUR ONE ARE LISTINGS TO "MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR" AND "COMMERCIAL APPEAL," TWO MEMPHIS DAILY NEWSPAPERS. IT IS NOTED LAST TELEPHONE NO. PREFIX IS FIVE TWO SIX AS THERE ARE NO FIVE ONE SIX LISTINGS AS CONTAINED IN RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL.

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IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, ALERT 1968 LEGATS PARIS, BONN AND ROME FOR POSSIBILITY SUBJECT MAY HAVE FLOWN THERE.

ALSO SUGGESTED FOR BUREAU'S CONSIDERATION, THE POSSIBILITY THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE FLED TO SOUTH AFRICA, ASSUMING THAT A

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RACIAL CRIME OF THIS MAGNITUDE MIGHT ENDEAR HIM TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU JUNUE FOUR LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM PETERSO (NA) ALTON PD ADVISED ALL OFFICERS HIS DEPARTMENT DISPLAYED PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY TO INFORMANTS AND SOURCES BUT RESULTS UNPRODUCTIVE.

CI'S AND PCI'S ALTON WERE RE-CONTACTED, BUT COULD PROVIDE NO POSITIVE INFORMATION RAY IN ALTON, JULY L967. SPOT CHECKS WILLIAM MAHER RESIDENCE, [redacted] RAY'S UNCLE CONTINUING.

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AIRMAIL COPIES SENT ST. LOUIS, CHICAGO, AND MEMPHIS FOR INFORMATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/4/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReWFOtel and airtel to Bureau 5/10/68, Butel 5/14/68, re review of passport applications.

In view of recent developments in this matter in Canada, and to conserve manpower urgently needed for other matters in the WDC area, WFO is postponing further review of records at the Passport Office, USDS.

It is to be noted that WFO has completed about one-third (about 750,000 applications) of the project to date. WFO has maintained notes of work completed in the review of passport applications and is in position to reinstitute such review without duplication at any time completion of work might be deemed necessary. Further, arrangements have been made with authorities at the Passport Office for postponement of review of records.

WFO is also postponing further steps in review of DMV, WDC, records for locating an operators permit for RAY. WFO has taken steps to have all pertinent records preserved in connection with this matter and the project can be renewed at any time the Bureau desires.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

HURKIN, CR, 00: MEMPHIS.

REMYTEL THIS DATE.

RCMP ADVISE SUSPECT USED CASH IN CANADIAN FUNDS IN PAYING FOR BOAC TICKET AND APPLICATION AND MONEY ORDER WAS THAT OF KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY. NO INFO AS TO ANY OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE. IT HAS NOW BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, TORONTO, THAT ON FOUR SIXTEEN LAST, ADDRESSED LETTER TO DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS ENCLOSING TWO DOLLAR MONEY ORDER AND REQUESTING NEW BIRTH CERTIFICATE UNDER NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. AT THAT TIME, FURNISHED DEPARTMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS CANADA CORRECT NAME OF TORONTO POLICE OFFICER'S FATHER AND MOTHER, INCLUDING MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER. RCMP AND METROPOLITAN TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT VIGOROUSLY PURSUING THIS ASPECT BEARING IN MIND SNEYD MAY HAVE IMMEDIATE RELATIVES KNOWN TO SUSPECT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 5, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

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Supervisor [redacted] of the Kansas City Office on 6/4/68 telephonically furnished the following information.

In connection with efforts to locate Paul Bridgman, the individual who served time with Ray in the Missouri State Penitentiary and whose name Ray listed as the person to be notified in the event of an emergency in connection with Ray's application for a Canadian passport, inquiry has identified [redacted] also known as [redacted] and [redacted] as Bridgman's girlfriend.

[redacted] resided in an apartment at [redacted] Mission, Kansas (a suburb of Kansas City) until 5/22/68 when she moved to the Netherlands Hotel, 3835 Main Street, Kansas City. She left the Netherlands Hotel on 6/2/68 indicating she was going to join Bridgman in some unidentified city.

Investigation by the Kansas City Office developed that [redacted] made two telephone calls from the Netherlands Hotel to an unknown number in Minneapolis, Minnesota, one on 5/29/68 and one on 5/30/68.

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FBI DALLAS

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TO DIRECTOR, MINNEAPOLIS , MEMPHIS AND KANSAS CITY

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2P

MURKIN.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE FOUR INSTANT. CONCERNING PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

[redacted] REINTERVIEWED JUNE FOUR INSTANT AND ADVISED THAT HE KNEW OF NO GIRL FROM TEXAS THAT WOULD BE VISITING BRIDGMAN IN MINNEAPOLIS. [redacted] ADVISED THAT THE ONLY POSSIBLE GIRL THAT WOULD VISIT BRIDGMAN WOULD BE [redacted] AKA, [redacted] FROM KANSAS CITY. [redacted] DESCRIBED BY [redacted] TO BE HEAVYSET, FIVE FEET FIVE INCHES, WITH EITHER RED OR DARK BROWN HAIR.

[redacted] FURTHER ADVISED THAT BRIDMAN JUMPED BOND IN KANSAS CITY FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS AND WAS TO APPEAR IN COURT MAY TWENTYTHREE INSTANT. BOND WAS POSTED BY PASSANTINO BONDING COMPANY, KANSAS CITY. [redacted] ADVISED THAT HE SENT BRIDGMAN FIFTYFIVE DOLLARS TO PAY FOR THE BOND.

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[redacted] FURTHER ADVISED THAT BRIDGMAN OFTEN CHECKS OUT OF ONE HOTEL AND MOVES INTO ANOTHER HOTEL THE SAME DAY, GIVING A PHONY REASON TO THE HOTEL CLERK.

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT A FRIEND OF BRIDGMAN NAMED [redacted] (PHONETIC) MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS BOND IN KANSAS CITY.

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT [redacted] (PHONETIC) IS CONNECTED IN SOME WAY WITH [redacted] IN KANSAS CITY, TELEPHONE [redacted] [redacted] ADVISED THAT [redacted] (PHONETIC) MAY KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF BRIDGMAN IF HE CANNOT BE LOCATED.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE HE EXPECTS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH BRIDGMAN SINCE, A WEEK DOES NOT PASS THAT BRIDGMAN DOES NOT CALL COLLECT. [redacted]

MINNEAPOLIS ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN IN HOTELS YOUR AREA AND INTERVIEW, SINCE [redacted] FEELS BRIDGMAN STILL IN MINNEAPOLIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM DALLAS (44-2649)

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RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU AND DALLAS, JUNE THREE LAST, CONCERNING [redacted]

ON JUNE FIVE INSTANT, [redacted] HOME FOR AGED MASONS, ONE FIVE ZERO ONE WEST DIVISION ST., ARLINGTON, TEXAS, ADVISED [redacted] EMPLOYED THERE AS GENERAL KITCHEN WORKER FROM APRIL FOUR LAST TO JUNE THREE LAST. [redacted] GIVEN TWO FULL DAYS PER WEEK OFF AND HAD EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTERNOON FREE. FILE REFLECTS NO EXTENDED ABSENCES FROM JOB. [redacted] QUIT ON JUNE THREE LAST, AND ONLY ADDRESS ON FILE IS [redacted] WEATHERFORD, TEXAS.

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[redacted] ABOVE HOME, ADVISED [redacted] 16 JUN 6 1968 LEFT WORK SUDDENLY BY TAXICAB DURING MORNING OF JUNE THREE LAST, STATING HE HAD BUSINESS TO TEND TO. DID NOT ADVISE NATURE OF BUSINESS OR WHERE HE WAS GOING. [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] WHEN HE TOOK JOB IN APRIL THAT HE HAD UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND

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MIGHT HAVE TO LEAVE AT ANY TIME". [redacted], PROBABLY A JEHOVAH'S WITNESS, DESCRIBED BY [redacted] AS AN AGITATOR CONCERNING RELIGIOUS MATTERS AND TRIED TO AROUSE CO-WORKERS AT THE HOME. [redacted] ADVISED "HE WAS STRICTLY FOR THE COLORED PEOPLE AND VERY MUCH FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING". [redacted] WHO WAS EMPLOYED AT THE HOME ON THE DATE OF KING'S ASSASSINATION WAS "VERY NERVOUS AND UNHAPPY OVER THE MURDER". [redacted] DISCOURAGED POLITICAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG EMPLOYEES WHILE ON THE JOB, AND WAS, THEREFORE, UNAWARE OF [redacted] POLITICAL VIEWS.

PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted] UNKNOWN TO [redacted] AND [redacted] BUT THEY INDICATE HE MAY HAVE RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE WAS ORIGINALLY FROM.

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TO DIRECTOR, INDIANAPOLIS, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS AND MINNEAPOLIS

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 3PP

MURKIN.

REFERENCE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE SIX FOUR LAST AND KANSAS CITY TELETYPE SIX FOUR LAST.

[redacted] BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED DATE THAT PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN WROTE HER APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO STATING THAT HE WAS REMARRIED AND TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED HER APPROXIMATELY THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AGO. SHE ADVISED THAT HIS PRESENT WIFE'S PARENTS OPERATE [redacted] KANSAS CITY, ACCORDING TO BRIDGEMAN AND THAT HE MET HIS WIFE WHILE EMPLOYED THERE AS [redacted]

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[redacted] ADVISED THAT BRIDGEMAN HAD TOLD HER THAT HE HAD WORKED AT A PAWN SHOP IN KANSAS CITY, NAME UNKNOWN. SHE STATED SHE DID NOT KNOW WHERE BRIDGEMAN COULD BE CONTACTED.

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ON INSTANT DATE [redacted] BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT SHE IS THE FORMER WIFE OF PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN AND STATED SHE HAS BEEN SEPARATED AND DIVORCED FROM HIM FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AND HAS NOT SEEN HIM FOR FIVE OR SIX YEARS. SHE STATED HE HAS A SISTER [redacted]LAND REPORTEDLY LIVING IN WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI. [redacted] SHE STATED THAT SHE HAS HEARD HIM MENTION HIS UNCLE, [redacted] NEWCASTLE, INDIANA, BUT HAS NEVER HEARD HIM MENTION THE NAME [redacted] SHE ADVISED THAT SHE BELIEVED THAT [redacted] DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, ARE RELATIVES OF BRIDGEMAN'S DECEASED MOTHER AND THAT WHEN THEY WERE MARRIED HE USED TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEM.

SHE STATED SHE IS NOT SURE IF [redacted] WOULD PROTECT BRIDGEMAN OR NOT. SHE ADVISED THAT [redacted] IS A COUSIN OF BRIDGEMAN, WHO HAS RESIDED IN THE DAYTONA BEACH AREA FOR THE PAST

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[redacted] YEARS, STREET ADDRESS UNKNOWN, AND THAT [redacted] HAS PROTECTED BRIDGEMAN IN THE PAST WHEN IN TROUBLE AND WILL NOT TELL WHERE BRIDGEMAN IS IF KNOWN.

SHE ADVISED SHE HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHERE HE IS AT THE PRESENT TIME IN VIEW OF THEIR DIVORCE AND HER REMARRIAGE.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE HAD HEARD APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO THAT BRIDGEMAN WAS IN THE DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, AREA BUT THAT SHE DOES NOT KNOW IF THIS IS TRUE OR NOT.

[redacted] LATHAM, ILLINOIS, CONTACTED. COULD FURNISH NO INFORMATION NOT ALREADY KNOWN REGARDING BRIDGEMAN, HIS WHEREABOUTS OR ADDITIONAL RELATIVES.

KANSAS CITY CONTACT OWNERS OF [redacted] AND DETERMINE IF THEY ARE IN-LAWS OF BRIDGEMAN AND INTERVIEW REGARDING HIS WHEREABOUTS.

JACKSONVILLE INTERVIEW [redacted] REGARDING WHEREABOUTS OF BRIDGEMAN.

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6-5-68

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To: SAC's, San Diego (44-387)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re San Diego teletype of 5-31-68.

Two latent fingerprints previously reported on the deposit receipt dated 5-14-68, signed [redacted] not identical fingerprints named suspects [redacted] or

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
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1 - Mr. Conrad
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 5, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
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Examination requested by: Bureau

Reference: None

Examination requested: Document

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 5, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680603164 JK

Re: MURKIN
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Specimens received: Request received 6/3/68
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Request comparison of handwriting on registration cards in the name [redacted] (Q349) and [redacted] (Q350) with signatures on fingerprint cards of [redacted]

Result of examination:

Because the [redacted] name on Q349 is hand printed, the handwritten signatures of the individuals mentioned above cannot be satisfactorily compared with the [redacted] name on Q349.

Partly because of the distorted nature of the questioned signature on Q350 and partly because the known signatures in the name [redacted] are not comparable with the handwriting on Q350, it could not be determined whether this questioned item was prepared by any of the individuals whose names are set forth above.

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JUN 7 1968
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STATE 886

IMMEDIATE 6-7-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 48

MURKIN.

REMYCAB JUNE SIX AND TELEPHONIC CONVERSATIONS WITH BUREAU.

INVESTIGATION HERE DETERMINED SNEYD ON MAY SEVEN LAST AT DOWNTOWN TICKET OFFICE BOAC TURNED IN RETURN PORTION BOAC TICKET ISSUED HIM IN TORONTO. IN EXCHANGE BOAC ISSUED HIM TICKET NO. ZERO SIX ONE FOUR - FOUR TWO FIVE SIX - EIGHT SEVEN FIVE THREE, ONE WAY LONDON TO LISBON ON BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS FLIGHT ZERO SEVEN FOUR DEPARTING LONDON TEN : FIVE FIVE PM MAY SEVEN LAST ARRIVING LISBON ONE : TWO ZERO AM MAY EIGHT LAST.

BOAC ALSO ISSUED SNEYD AN "MCO," VOUCHER NUMBER ZERO SIX ONE ZERO FOUR FOUR FOUR FOUR THREE SEVEN THREE ONE IN AMOUNT FOURTEEN DOLLARS SIXTY CENTS, HE MAY APPLY THIS TO FURTHER TRAVEL OR CASH IT. ANY ACTION THIS VOUCHER WILL CLEAR BOAC OFFICE TORONTO AND STOP AGAINST IT SHOULD BE PLACED THERE.

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cc - Mr. Rosen

PHOTOS OF SUBJECT WERE CUT OUT OF WANTED FLYER, MIXED WITH MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS FROM SCOTLAND YARD AND CLERK HANDLING TRANSACTION AT BOAC PICKED OUT WHAT WOULD BE CENTER PHOTO ON FLYER AS BEING SNEYD.

SNEYD'S NAME DEFINITELY ON MANIFEST BEA FLIGHT ZERO SEVEN FOUR TO LISBON AND COPY WILL BE POUCHED BUREAU.

PASSPORT PHOTOS RECEIVED. SCOTLAND YARD COMMENCING INTERVIEW BOAC CREW AS SOON AS CREW MEMBERS AVAILABLE. YARD ALSO IDENTIFYING CREW MEMBERS BEA FLIGHT ZERO SEVEN FOUR AND WHEN AVAILABLE WILL INTERVIEW THEM.

PHILCOX ARRIVING HERE TWO : FOUR ZERO PM, MARTINDALE WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL, BOTH BOOKED BEA FLIGHT ZERO SEVEN TWO DEPARTING LONDON TO LISBON TEN : FOUR FIVE AM JUNE EIGHT. THIS IS FIRST AVAILABLE FLIGHT. ONE WAY TICKET PURCHASED FOR MARTINDALE. SUGGEST IF MARTINDALE IS TO CONTINUE TO OTHER COUNTRIES HE HAVE SUFFICIENT CASH OR TRAVELERS CHECKS TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL AIRLINE TICKETS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED ANY CHANGE TRAVEL PLANS.

SUGGEST MARTINDALE USE THIS OFFICE FOR COMMUNICATIONS RELAY TO BUREAU. HE CAN TALK CRYPTICALLY TO ME KEEPING ME ADVISED HIS WHEREABOUTS AND I CAN RELAY TO BUREAU VIA CABLE OR TELEPHONE.

BUREAU WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED OF ANY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS.

RECEIVED: 10:40 AM LRC

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 5-31-68

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: PHONE CALLS MADE FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONES ON HIGHWAY 90 AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10, DECEMBER 15-17, 1967, SAN ANTONIO CR

CO: MEMPHIS

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68.

The following investigation was conducted at Waterbury, Connecticut, by SA [redacted] in connection with phone call from listing 223-7689, San Antonio, on December 17, 1967, to listing 203-754-6121 to a [redacted] Palace Hotel, Waterbury, Connecticut.

Mr. HENRY DESSUREAULT, Manager, Palace Hotel, 94 East Main Street, Waterbury, on May 27, 1968, advised [redacted] JAMES, first name unknown, registered at this hotel sometime in December, 1967, and remained until the middle of February, 1968. DESSUREAULT did not have the exact dates available at this time. [redacted]

DESSUREAULT advised [redacted] while here JAMES received several long distance telephone calls from Texas [redacted] He appeared to be an intelligent individual and worked locally, exact place unknown. He on occasion frequented Mel's Bar, East Main Street.

44-38861-4226

3- BUREAU (44-38861)
2- MEMPHIS (44-1967)
2- NEW HAVEN (157-818)
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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ROBERT

Mr. JOHN MELCHIONNE, Proprietor, Mel's Bar, 165 East Main Street, Waterbury, on May 27, 1968, advised he knows no one by the name of JAMES but that a Negro by the name of BLACKBURN on occasion frequents this bar. He is employed at [redacted] Waterbury, and on occasion he has cashed his checks.

[redacted]

Waterbury, on May 27, 1968, advised records reflect LANDSON ROBERT BLACKBURN, Jr., date of birth [redacted] residence [redacted] Waterbury, Social Security [redacted] entered on duty September 6, 1967, and is employed here as a [redacted] On an application filed September 5, 1967, he indicated he served in the United States Air Force, had no police record, no physical defects, father [redacted] no address; mother [redacted], Winston Salem, North Carolina. He attended Atkins High School, Winston Salem, and thereafter "Automotive Institute". He listed his wife as HELEN J. SHAW, [redacted] San Antonio, and that she was moving to Waterbury.

[redacted] stated that BLACKBURN has been a satisfactory employee [redacted] his wife has on occasions in the past made phone calls here to BLACKBURN from San Antonio, Texas, and reversed the charges. BLACKBURN told him that he has two children who are living with his wife in San Antonio, one of which is in need of heart surgery, and that the calls from his wife pertained to the health of the children. She has not called in six weeks. He further advised that BLACKBURN indicated that he did not plan to bring his wife to Waterbury until he found a suitable apartment as he did not plan to live in "a ghetto area". [redacted] related that from their conversations he gathered that BLACKBURN "was much in sympathy with the aims of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr."

LANDSON ROBERT BLACKBURN, Jr., [redacted] Waterbury, residence [redacted] Waterbury, was interviewed on May 28, 1968, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] at which time he furnished the following information:

BLACKBURN stated that he has no knowledge whatsoever of JAMES EARL RAY and has never been in contact with him. He advised that he first came to Waterbury, in August of 1967, to visit friends from Winston Salem, North Carolina. He decided to accept employment here. He registered under the name JAMES at the Palace Hotel [redacted] While at the Palace Hotel, and specifically on December 17, 1967, he received phone calls from his wife HELEN BLACKBURN, residen[redacted], San Antonio, Texas, telling him about his two daughters, one of which is 2 years old and under a doctor's care because of a heart condition. This call was made from the Suzanne Hotel, corner of New Brunsfel and East Commerce Streets, San Antonio. She made several other calls from a phone booth at Ellison's Liquor Store, same location, and a Gulf Service Station at the corner of East Commerce and Gevers Streets, San Antonio. This was during December, 1967 and January and February of 1968. The above booths are located about one and one half miles from Highway 90 and Interstate 10. BLACKBURN concluded by stating that he had no knowledge whatsoever regarding the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. other than what he read in the papers.

FBI

Date: 5/31/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

UNSUBS (2);
The Bank of Alton,
Alton, Illinois,
7/13/67;
BR

Re Springfield airtel to the Director, Attention FBI Laboratory, dated 5/28/68, captioned as above, and Laboratory letter to Memphis dated 4/17/68 concerning examination PC-A5498-BX.

Being submitted under separate cover by AMSD Registered Mail are the following hairs and fibers identified in referenced Laboratory communication:

Q 29 and 30
Q 38 (2 slides)
Q 46
Q 26 (2 slides)
Q 24
Q 15 (4 slides)
Q 1 (2 slides)
Q 13 (2 slides)
Q 2

C. C. - Bishop

4 - Bureau (3 - 44-38861)
(1 - 91-27494)
(1 - Package) (AMSD) (RM)
2 - Springfield
1 - 44-561
1 - 91-3699
1 - Memphis
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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

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UNDER LAB FILES

Copy is separated to Lab for Lab action & report 6-2-68

The slides listed on the previous page are contained on a total of 12 slide cartons which were obtained in connection with the MURKIN case.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the above submitted evidence with the items submitted in referenced Springfield airtel to determine if there is any similarity or identification between the two cases.

Upon completion of the examination, the Laboratory is requested to return the submitted items to the Memphis Division that they may be returned to the State Attorney General's Office for retention as evidence.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI WASH DC

FBI LOS ANG.

12:09PM URGENT 5-24-68 LLR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

REBUTEL CALL MAY TWENTY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT.

RE LOCAL SWINGER.

PATRICIA ANDERSON, NEE SCHUBERT, INTERVIEWED MAY TWENTY FOUR INSTANT. STATES NEVER PLACED AD IN LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS OR LOCAL SWINGER. NOT AWARE OF HOW LOCAL SWINGER DESCRIBED HER IN SWINGER LIST. HAS NEVER SUBSCRIBED TO EITHER LOS ANGELES FREE PRESS OR LOCAL SWINGER.

[redacted] U. S. POSTAL INSPECTOR, LOS ANGELES, ADVISED POST OFFICE NOT IN POSSESSION OF ANY INFORMATION RE MANNER IN WHICH ANDERSON DESCRIBED IN LOCAL SWINGER.

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INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION

INTERPOL

NEW ZEALAND

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE:
SECRETARY-GENERAL
26, RUE ARMENGAUD
92-SAINT-CLOUD
PARIS, FRANCE

NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE:
THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
P.O. BOX 494
WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

TELEX: POLICENZ NZ3369

CABLE: MOMEN WELLINGTON

YOUR REF:

OUR REF: 68/569

30 May 1968

The Director,
United States Department of Justice,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

re James Earl RAY :
Suspect for murder

1. Your letter of 25 Apri[illegible] carrying Wanted Flyers regarding the suspect Ray, were rece[illegible] at this Headquarters on 27 May 1968, having been posted by surface mail.

2. The circulars have been distributed to the 16 Police Districts in this country and all arrival points have been fully covered. You will be advised of any information that comes to hand.

3. Please be assured of our co-operation.

[redacted]

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FBI

Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Los Angeles 5/29/68.

On 5/31/68 EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY, [redacted] North Hollywood, California, telephonically advised SA [redacted] as follows:

BRADLEY said he had heard from friends in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and from relatives at Rudy, Arkansas, that FBI Agents had been making inquiries as to his whereabouts on 5/17/68. Mr. BRADLEY said that, as he understood the situation, one [redacted] had alleged that BRADLEY had told [redacted] that BRADLEY was with ERIC GALT in Oklahoma on that date.

BRADLEY advised that he wished to volunteer that he had been a close childhood friend of [redacted] in Arkansas. However, he has not seen [redacted] since he was 15 or 16 years old and has lost track of him. He had heard that after World War II [redacted] had become a preacher. He said he had now heard that [redacted] had apparently had some mental problems, and the accusations against BRADLEY by GARRISON must have triggered a mental reaction.

BRADLEY said that, in fact, on 5/17/68 he was in North Hollywood, California, working on some accounts and making a bank deposit. He said he had talked with a number of people on that day, and his whereabouts can definitely be proved should it

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3 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
1 - Denver (157-203)(AM)
1 - Little Rock (157-1215)(AM)
1 - Los Angeles

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Special Agent in Charge

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be necessary to do so.

BRADLEY mentioned that his extradition hearing scheduled for 6/5/68 at Sacramento, California, has been postponed until 6/26/68 because of an injunction against GARRISON by a Federal Judge in New Orleans in a related case. BRADLEY said that he is anxious to get the matter settled and over with.

BRADLEY was informed that the above information would be made a matter of record.

Information as to BRADLEY's whereabouts will be verified.

FBI

Date: 6/3/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MIRKIN

Re WFO telephone call to Bureau, 6/1/68.

POSSIBLE LOOK-A-LIKE OF JAMES EARL RAY
AT SHOREHAM HOTEL, WDC, ON 6/1/68.

On 6/1/68, at about 4:45 p.m., [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., telephonically advised SA [redacted] that STEVE ISAACS, City Editor, "The Washington Post," reported a female reporter covered a meeting that date where RALPH ABERNATHY for the Poor People's Campaign was supposed to speak. For some reason, ABERNATHY was replaced by ANDY YOUNG. The female reporter mentioned to ISAACS that a "red neck" in the crowd closely resembled JAMES EARL RAY. This reporter noted the "red neck" left abruptly when it was learned ABERNATHY would not speak. ISAACS indicated another reporter covering this meeting also thought the "red Neck" resembled RAY.

At 5:03 p.m. on 6/1/68, Mr. STEPHEN ISAACS, City Editor, "The Washington Post", advised SA [redacted] that reporter CAROL HONSA (Mrs. CARL BERNSTEIN) covered a

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3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - WFO

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E. C. Bishop

1 JUN 6 1968

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Special Agent in Charge

conference of the Capital Trust Club at the Shoreham Hotel this date, and that at about 10:30 a.m. she saw a white man, who was wearing no socks, that she believed to look like an old photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and like the artist's sketch which appeared in the "Commercial Appeal," a Memphis, Tennessee, newspaper. She said that LARRY STILL, who was formerly a reporter for "The Evening Star," a Washington, D. C., newspaper, had also seen this individual.

On 6/1/68, CAROL HONSA, City Editor, "The Washington Post," whose married name is Mrs. CARL BERNSTEIN, advised that she was assigned to cover the Capital Press Club, Washington, D. C., conference at the Shoreham Hotel concerning the urban crisis. She said that she arrived at the Palladium Room of that hotel at about 10:45 a.m., at which time a conference concerning religion and the ghetto was just ending. She observed a young white man sitting in the rear of the room studying the program of the conference. This individual did not appear to be listening to the proceedings, and he was not observed to talk to anyone. HONSA stated that because of his dress he appeared out of place; and she was suspicious of him. She said that most persons were dressed in business clothing, but this individual wore a sport shirt, open at the neck, possibly beige or dirty white, a long sleeve rust colored cardigan sweater, dark trousers, possibly gray, and black shoes with no socks. She said that she had never seen this individual attending any meeting of this type on previous occasions. HONSA stated that this individual appeared to be waiting for the next sermon of the conference, which concerned civil rights organizations and the ghetto; Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY, President of the Southern Christain Leadership Conference, was scheduled to speak.

HONSA stated that after a coffee break, about 11:00 a.m., speakers for the conference were introduced; and at this time the above mentioned individual was standing at the rear of the

room near a steel service door. He appeared to be confused, and shortly after the speakers were announced, he left the room by the steel service door. She said that she did not know why he was standing, as there were plenty of seats with only about 70 - 75 people present at the meeting. About 10 minutes later he re-entered the room but left again almost immediately.

HONSA stated that because of this man's appearance and actions, she was suspicious of him; and when he left immediately after it was learned that Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY would not be a speaker, she suspected he might be there to cause some harm to ABERNATHY. She said that she spoke to LAWRENCE STILL, President of the Capital Trust Club, about this individual; and at the time she talked to STILL, AL SWEENEY was present.

HONSA stated that she had never seen this individual before or since he left the meeting, and that she could furnish no information to identify him. She suggested that he might be known to STILL or SWEENEY.

HONSA commented that her husband considers her an "alarmist".

HONSA advised that dfshe returned to the Washington Post offices around 4:00 p.m., she was thinking about this individual and about the possibility of ABERNATHY being assinated as KING was; and at this time she thought about this individual possibly looking like JAMES EARL RAY. Upon arriving at the newspaper offices, she had the photographs of RAY obtained from the newspaper morque and reviewed them. She stated that the individual she had seen somewhat resembled the 1966 Missourt State Penitentiary photograph of RAY and the "Commercial Appeals" artist's sketch.

HONSA described the individual she had seen as a white male, approximately 30 - 35 years of age, 6 feet tall, slender build, 160 - 180 pounds, thin face, light brown cropped hair with side burns to the middle of the ears, fair complexion which was slightly pink as though sun burned or wind burned. She said the individual reminded her of a "red neck".

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on 6/1/68, SA [redacted] was unable to find any individual in the lobby of the Shoreham Hotel fitting the description as furnished by HONSA.

On 6/2/68, Mr. LAWRENCE STILL, [redacted], advised SA [redacted] that he did not see the individual that HONSA had spoken to him about. He said that he may have seen the individual, but did not recall him. STILL stated that he did not have any recollection of seeing anyone at the meeting mentioned by HONSA that looked like RAY. STILL stated that he would immediately report any such thing to authorities. STILL advised that ALFRED L. SWEENEY, who is Chairman of the conference, Telephone [redacted] could possibly furnish additional information.

On 6/2/68, Mr. SWEENEY, who resides at [redacted] Silver Spring, Md., advised that he had seen the individual pointed out by CAROL HONSA, and that he had not been disturbed by this person present at the above mentioned conference. He said that his first thoughts were that the person was a worker at the hotel, but he had no information in this connection. He said that he had no way of identifying the individual. Mr. SWEENEY stated that he has seen photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and he does not consider the individual mentioned by HONSA to at all resemble RAY. SWEENEY further stated that because of his interest in civil rights and the urban crisis, he would be the first to notify authorities in the event he saw an individual he believed to resemble RAY.

In view of no identifying information being obtained by HONSA, and since other individuals do not believe the individual resembled JAMES EARL RAY, WFO is taking no further action in this matter.

FBI

Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

RE: [redacted] AKA

[redacted] Fairfax, California Police Department, advised that [redacted] age 23, and [redacted] age 18, were arrested on [redacted] in a stolen Volkswagen. [redacted] advised after the arrest, [redacted] was searched. [redacted] stated a hand-printed document consisting of four pages was found among [redacted] personal effects and when it was read, noted it referred to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. [redacted] said the letter was rambling and did not make much sense but did contain telephone numbers which might possibly relate to this case.

[redacted] furnished this four-page document which actually consists of two sheets of paper with hand-printing on both sides. This letter will comprise the next four pages of this airtel.

1 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(AM)(RM)
2 - Birmingham (AM)(RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - San Francisco
(2 - 173-65)
(1 - 25-87044)
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Approved: 6JUN12 1968 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted] (BRING PEN & PAPER) (1

VISIT ME SAT- 10 clock BE HERE - BRING the TWO GIRLS - THAT WILL BE WITH US - BE SURE THE CAN PROVE THEY ARE 21. BE SURE TO BE HERE by 10 Clock! COME, MON - TUE - ECT UNTILL IAM OUT.

ASK TO SEE - [redacted] - CITY PRISON!

(BRING - TELL GIRLS - NAKED - UNDER COAT - [redacted] WITH CHUG OIL - SMILE - L.S.D)

[redacted] CALL TODAY - KEEP CALLING You TO REACH - ALL NUMBERS - THE ONES YOU DONT REACH TODAY - BE SURE YOU CALL IN THE MORNING BEFORE YOU VISIT ME!! - BUT TRY ALL TODAY! - CALL - THE below

1. [redacted] = HELLO! My bro. ask ME TO CALL HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW DO YOU HAVE A RIFLE 30.06 FOR SALE? (YES) IS IT IN GOOD CONDITION? HOW MUCH ARE YOU ASKING, (105 - 150) THANK YOU - MY BRO WILL CALL YOU TOMORROW - [redacted] THANK YOU!!

CALL INFORMATION - ATHNTA GA.

I WOULD LIKE THE NUMBER OF THE EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH - ON AUBURN AVE. [redacted] UNLISTED

ALSO - THE No. OF - REV. MARTIN L. KING SR.

THAN CALL KING AT HOME! = HELLO MAY I SPEAK TO THE REV. KING SR. HELLO REV. IAM CALLING FOR A FRIEND, HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF YOU RECEIVE HIS LETTER? [redacted]

(IF HE SAYS NO - TELL HIM IT WAS SENT TO THE CHURCH - HIS Church - & TELL HIM IT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE HE READS

THE LETTER, IT CONCERNS YOUR SONS MURDER - MAY HE REST IN PEACE! (CHECK church) I WILL CALL YOU BACK IN A HOUR - MY FRIEND [redacted] CAN GET THE GUN - THE OTHER ONE, THAT WAS USE AS A LETTER THAT WAS SENT TO GALT, CONCERNING THE CONSPIRACY - THE DETAILS. ALSO WHERE HE CAN BE LOCATED - OTHER PERSONS -

YES - YOU DID GET THE LETTER, ([redacted] read this to him) DID YOU UNDERSTAND HIS LETTER - PLAN. DID YOU READ HIS WIFES LETTER.

HE SAID FLY OUT TO HERE - [redacted] WITH TWO OF YOUR CLOSES - TRUSTED AIDS - CHECK IN TO THE HILLTON HOTEL - OR FAIRMONT HOTEL - OR HOLIDAY INN MOTEL. TAKE A CAB TO THE FOUR-SEAS - RESTURANTS - ON GRANT AVE - CHINA TOWN! BE THERE, AT 6:30 - GO TO THE BAR - I'LL MEET YOU THERE, OR IF IT IS CLOSE - GO TO IMPERIAL PALACE ON GRANT AVE! (BUT FOUR-SEAS - SHOULD BE OPEN - SO GO THERE FIRST. JUST SIT & TILL I COME THERE - BETWEEN 6:30 - 7:30 I'll be there. REV. KING - WHO WILL BE WITH YOU?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

PLEASE KEEP CONFIDENTAIL - NO - F.B.I - AGENTS OR ANY LAW OFFICALS - BUT US. [redacted] SAID PLEASE - WILL EXPLANE WHEN HE SEES - YOU -

PLEASE BRING - WITH YOU - $ - 10,000 CASH - FOR HIS BAIL - ALSO FOR THE GUN - AND EXPENSES MONEY - PLANE FARE - FOR US - TO NEW ORLEANS - WE WILL DISCUSS THE WHOLE MATTER AND PLAN [redacted] WE MEET. I WILL ILL SEE YOU TOMORROW

NIGHT - SAT - OR SUN NIGHT ??

WE CAN GET THE GUN RIGHT AWAY - AND LETTER - [redacted] - AND ONE OF YOUR AIDS WILL PICK IT UP - I WILL STAY WITH YOU - [redacted] - AND YOUR OTHER AID - AS A GIRL - UNTILL [redacted] & YOUR AID COME BACK. THAN ALL OF US WILL GO TO N.O. AND GET MR. GALT - AND FRIENDS! WE WILL DUSCUSS THE WHOLE PLAN - AT RESTURANT.

WILL I SEE YOU - TOMORROW NIGHT - OR SUN

THAN [redacted]

CALL - MEMPHIS TENN. INFORMATION - GET THE NUMBERS - OF

MEMPHIS CITY CONCILE 901 527 6611

NEWS PAPER 526 8811 526 2141

CALL CITY CONCILE - HELLO I, LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE CONCERNING DR. KING MURDER - HELLO IS THE REWARD STILL OPEN - HOW MUCH IS THE COMPLETE REWARD - FROM YOUR PAPER - ECT #

YES I HAVE THE OTHER GUN - LETTER TO SO CALL MR GALT - GIVING HIM THE DETAILS AS WHERE HE IS - THANK YOU - WILL CALL BACK

THAN CALL THE NEWS PAPER - HELLO I LIKE TO SPEAK TO EDITOR - CONCERNING DR. KING - HOW MUCH IS A STORY WORTH - WITH THE OTHER GUN - THAT KILL KING - A LETTER TO SO CALLED MR GALT - GIVING HIM DETAILS AS WHERE HE IS - AND OTHERS. HOW MUCH _____ WILL YOU KEEP IT CONFIDENTIAL - WHAT IS YOUR NAME _____

ILL CALL YOU TOMORROW, THANK YOU!

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[redacted] PHOTO

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Hello [redacted] 10-13 MINS several 3-4
did you mail his letter when??

VISIT ME TOMORROW

[redacted] AT 10 CLOCK

BE HERE - WITH THE TWO GIRLS THAT WILL BE WITH US

BE SURE YOU ARE HERE, I WILL HAVE OTHER NOS. IF WE NEED THEM - MORE DETAILS - INSTRUCTION.

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ATG/sms

[redacted] was interviewed at the Marin County Jail on [redacted] stated that the letter set out above was given to him by an inmate while he was confined either at the San Francisco County Jail or the San Francisco City Jail. He stated the letter was given to him about three weeks ago by a young inmate known to him only as [redacted]. He said he had not known [redacted] before, did not know why he was then in jail, and knew nothing about his background. [redacted] stated he was still in the San Francisco Jail when [redacted] was released on bail and that he has not seen or heard from [redacted] since. [redacted] stated following his release from jail he obtained certain telephone numbers listed in the letter by calling the Information Operator.

[redacted]

On [redacted] was reinterviewed at the Marin County Jail. [redacted] advised he was in the San Francisco Jail from about [redacted] to [redacted]. He insisted that the letter referred to was given to him by a person who he knew as [redacted] stated he was confined to a cell with [redacted] for about seven days but did not speak to him until his last two days in jail. He advised that both he and [redacted] were released from City Jail on the same day. [redacted] stated he did not know JAMES EARL RAY and had never seen him. He stated he had seen pictures of RAY in the newspapers.

He advised that on the letter his hand-printing appeared on Page 1 when he wrote the telephone number 404-688-7263 regarding the Ebenezer Baptist Church and on Page 3 when he wrote the telephone numbers 527-6611, 526-8811, and 516-2141. He advised that the telephone number 404-688-7263 was the telephone number of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and he obtained this number by calling Atlanta Information.

[redacted] He advised he has no knowledge as to the identity of the subscriber to telephone number [redacted] which appears on the first page of the letter. He advised that the name [redacted] appearing on Page 1 is unknown to him. [redacted] stated that the rifle used to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING was the same rifle that killed President JOHN F. KENNEDY. When asked to elaborate on this

remark he stated, "You guys know that and there is no sense in me telling you anything about that."

The telephone number [redacted] is a San Francisco telephone number. Inquiry at this number reflects that [redacted] resides there. [redacted] advised that he would contact the San Francisco Office this date.

[redacted] San Francisco Police Department, Star 1648, San Francisco City Jail, on May 31, 1968, advised that [redacted] was arrested and confined to the San Francisco City Jail on [redacted] and was bailed out on [redacted] stated that a review of the records reflected that the only [redacted] that was discharged on [redacted] from the City Jail was [redacted] who was confined on [redacted] and was released on [redacted] He advised [redacted] was confined to cell [redacted] whereas [redacted] was in [redacted]

[redacted] San Francisco, California, on May 31, 1968, stated he does not know anyone by the name of [redacted] He observed photographs of [redacted] and stated that he did not recognize this individual as being identical with anyone that he knows. He stated he was arrested on a narcotics charge and that he was kept separate from the rest of the prisoners in the jail. [redacted] observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated he did not know RAY and that he had never seen him. [redacted] advised that he had not given [redacted] the four-page letter which [redacted] said he had obtained from [redacted]

[redacted] stated he had been shocked at the death and the manner of the death of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and that he had not written this note and that he would not have anything to do with any such scheme as this seems to be.

[redacted] California, on June 3, 1968, advised he was confined at the San Francisco City Jail from about [redacted] to [redacted] He advised that a white man by the name of [redacted] who was in the "tank" with him gave him a letter which was already sealed and asked him to mail it when he got out. [redacted] stated this letter was addressed to MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR. [redacted] stated he does not know the contents of the letter. [redacted] stated he did not kno[redacted]

LEADS

THE ATLANTA OFFICE

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA: Will determine if telephone number 404-688-7263 is listed to the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

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THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA: Will determine if telephone number [redacted] is a Birmingham number and will particularly determine if this number has any connection with a gun shop.

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE: Will determine if telephone number 527-6611 is a listing for the Memphis City Council and will determine if telephone numbers 526-8811 and 516-2141 are numbers of Memphis newspapers.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: (1) Will continue investigation to identify [redacted] who allegedly furnished [redacted] with the letter.

2. Will seek to identify [redacted] at City Prison.

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839 PM IMMEDIATE 6/4/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, DALLAS, INDIANAPOLIS, JACKSONVILLE, LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS AND MINNEAPOLIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2 P

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE KANSAS CITY DAILY SUMMARY JUNE THREE LAST AND BUCALL TO SAC, KANSAS CITY, JUNE TWO LAST FURNISHING THE FOLLOWING INFO: RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTO MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. IN APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION: WM, DOB OCT. EIGHT, THIRTYTWO, TORONTO, WEIGHT ONE ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE NINE SIXTYEIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS A CHEAP CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE WHERE SNEYD HAD RESIDED SINCE APRIL NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT PROPRIETOR COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ON SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO. FRIEND NAMED IN PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS

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PAUL BRIDGEMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSINGTON ST., TORONTO, CANADA. PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR SNEYD'S ROOMING HOUSE. TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATED SNEYD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN ON MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT. INVESTIGATION IN CANADA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN.

PAUL BRIDGEMAN MAY BE IDENTICAL TO FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, AKA PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, MSP NO. [redacted] BORN [redacted] WHO WAS RECEIVED AT MSP FROM JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CITY, MO., ON [redacted], AND WAS DISCHAGED [redacted] AND WAS NOT ON PAROLE. BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO PRISON LIMITED SECURITY SECTION AT MOBERLY, MO., ON MARCH SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, BRIDGEMAN WORKED IN THE MSP KITCHEN AND COULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT RAY. [redacted]

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[redacted] AND HIS WIFE [redacted], NEE BRIDGEMAN, WERE CONTACTED NEAR WEST PLAINS, MO. [redacted] IS A FORMER [redacted] AND IS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED BY [redacted], WEST PLAINS. THE [redacted] HAVE SEVERAL YOUNG CHILDREN.

[redacted] IS SISTER OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN WHOM SHE ADVISED WAS BORN [redacted], INSTEAD OF [redacted] AT [redacted]. LAST CONTACT WHICH SHE HAD WITH HIM WAS WHEN HE CAME TO WEST PLAINS, MO. TO CLAIM AN INHERITANCE FROM THEIR PARENTS' ESTATE DURING SIXTYFOUR.

HER FATHER, JAMES BRIDGEMAN, ALLEGEDLY MURDERED HER MOTHER, IRENE BRIDGEMAN, AND THEN COMMITTED SUICIDE ON AUG. EIGHTEEN, SIXTYTWO, AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS LIVING WITH HIS PARENTS AT THAT TIME AND HAD PREVAILED UPON HIS MOTHER TO SECURE

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A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX HELD JOINTLY IN THE NAMES PAUL AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN AND TO MAKE HIM HER SOLE HEIR. AFTER THE PARENTS' DEATH PAUL ALLEGEDLY ENTERED THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX AND TOOK THE PROPERTY VALUED AT THIRTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND LEFT HIS SISTER [redacted] WITHOUT ANY SHARE.

[redacted]

[redacted] HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT BRIDGEMAN HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE MSP PRIOR TO INTERVIEW.

[redacted] AND PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN ARE THE ONLY CHILDREN OF JAMES AND IRENE BRIDGEMAN. THERE ARE FEW CLOSE RELATIVES. A COUSIN, [redacted] DESCRIBED AS WM, SIX FEET, THIN BUILD, AGE THIRTYFIVE TO THIRTYEIGHT, LONG BLOND HAIR, WAS WITH PAUL BRIDGEMAN AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., PRIOR TO THE MURDER-SUICIDE OF PARENTS IN SIXTYTWO. [redacted] IS THE SON OF IRENE BRIDGEMAN'S SISTER, [redacted] MADISONVILLE, KY. [redacted] WAS DESCRIBE AS A "BAD CHARACTER." BY THE [redacted] AND THEY SAID THEY HAD NOT SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

[redacted] HAS A SISTER BY THE NAME OF [redacted] DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., WHOSE HUSBAND IS ALLEGEDLY A FLORIDA STATE

TROOPER AND WHO MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST IN LOCATING BRIDGEMAN AND

[redacted]

[redacted] HUSBAND WAS SHOT TO DEATH IN MADISONVILLE, KY., APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO UNDER SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WAS ALLEGED THE RESULT OF A MINING LABOR DISPUTE. PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS MARRIED TO [redacted] BLOOMINGTON, ILL. THEY WERE DIVORCED IN SIXTYFOUR AND IT IS BELIEVED THEY HAD TWO CHILDREN, NAMES UNKNOWN WHO ARE STILL RESIDE IN BLOOMINGTON, ILL.,

[redacted]

ANOTHER UNCLE IS [redacted], NEW CASTLE, IND. BOTH [redacted] ARE BROTHERS OF IRENE BRIDGEMAN.

[redacted] WERE SHOWN PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND BOTH ADVISED THEY HAD SEEN SIMILAR PHOTOS IN THE NEWSPAPERS BUT HAD NEVER SEEN RAY OR ANYONE IN BRIDGEMAN'S COMPANY WHO RESEMBLED HIM. [redacted] ADVISED THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN HAS NEVER BEEN OUTSIDE THE CONTINENTAL U.S. TO HER KNOWLEDGE. SHE STATED SHE NEVER HEARD HIM EXPRESS ANY ANIMOSITY OR HOSTILITY TOWARD NEGROES OR OTHER MINORITY GROUPS.

EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE BRIDGEMAN IN KANSAS CITY AREA HAS IDENTIFIED HIS GIRLFRIEND DURING APRIL AND POSSIBLY PART OF MAY SIXTYEIGHT IN KANSAS CITY AREA AS [redacted] AKA [redacted] WHO IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: AGE TWENTYFOUR, DOB [redacted] WF, FIVE FOUR, TWO HUNDRED LBS., DYED RED HAIR, EYES BROWN, EMPLOYED AS [redacted] DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT WHITE TWO DOOR CHEVROLET MALIBU THREE ZERO SEVEN, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT KANSAS YELLOW ON BLACK LICENSE NO. [redacted].

PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN LEFT KANSAS CITY PROBABLY THE FIRST PART OF MAY AND [redacted] LEFT KANSAS CITY ON SUNDAY, JUNE TWO, SIXTYEIGHT PROBABLY TO MEET BRIDGEMAN, BUT DECLINED TO TELL ASSOCIATES HER DESTINATION. ON MAY TWENTYNINE AND MAY THIRTYONE SHE MADE STATION TO STATION TELEPHONE CALLS FROM NETHERLANDS HOTEL, KANSAS CITY, TO THE MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN TO BRIDGEMAN. [redacted]

RECEIVING OFFICES INTERVIEW RELATIVES OF BRIDGEMAN & REGARDING OTHER RELATIVES AND OBTAIN FULL BACKGROUND INFO, TO LOCATE HIM FOR EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT RAY, PARTICULARLY SINCE KING MURDER.

LOUISVILLE AT MADISONVILLE, KY., INTERVIEW [redacted] FOR ANY INFO SHE CAN FURNISH WHICH WOULD ASSIST IN LOCATING BRIDGEMAN AND [redacted]

INDIANAPOLIS AT NEW CASTLE, IND., INTERVIEW [redacted] AS REFLECTED IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

SPRINGFIELD AT BLOOMINGTON, ILL., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE [redacted] AND INTERVIEW HER AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD. IF APPROPRIATE, CONTACT [redacted] IN EFFORT TO LOCATE [redacted] AT LATHAM, ILL., INTERVIEW [redacted] AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

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JACKSONVILLE AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., INTERVIEW [redacted] AS SET FORTH IN LOUISVILLE LEAD.

MINNEAPOLIS CONTACT [redacted] AND PLACE STOP FOR [redacted] IN EVENT SHE SEEKS EMPLOYMENT AS [redacted] IN MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL AREA SO THAT BRIDGEMAN CAN BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED. [redacted] SHOULD ALSO BE THOROUGHLY INTERVIEWED RE ANY INFO SHE MAY HAVE DERIVED THROUGH BRIDGEMAN CONCERNING SUBJECT RAY.

OTHER OFFICES FURNISHED INFO AS BASIS FOR PROBABLE FUTURE LEADS. PHOTO OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN AIRMAILED JUNE FOUR TO BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES.

PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPT. OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THEY DO NOT WANT ANY MENTION MADE THAT PASSPORT OFFICE WAS SOURCE OF INFO CONCERNING RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. IN INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS NO STATEMENT WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE MADE INDICATING THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED INFO FROM PASSPORT OFFICE IN CANADA NOR SHOULD IT BE INDICATED THAT BUREAU BELIEVES SUBJECT IS IDENTICAL WITH SNEYD AND HAS DEPARTED FROM U.S. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO OBTAIN FACTUAL INFO FROM PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED. THERE IS NO

NECESSITY TO MENTION TO INDIVIDUALS THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED PHOTO BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT IN WHICH HE IS NOW WEARING GLASSES OR THAT HE HAS NOW BEEN USING ADDITIONAL ALIASES.

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P525PM URGENT 6-4-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY AND MINNEAPOLIS

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 2PP

MIRKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE JUNE THREE, LAST, AND DALLAS TELETYPE JUNE FOUR, INSTANT.

ON JUNE FOUR, INSTANT, CARL SLAYBACK, SHERIFF, MC LEAN COUNTY, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THAT PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN'S PARENTS ARE DECEASED AND STATED AFTER CHECK OF NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS [redacted] THAT HIS FATHER, JAMES M. AND MOTHER, IRENE BRIDGEMAN, WERE DIVORCED AND ON AUGUST EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-TWO, JAMES M. BRIDGEMAN SHOT AND KILLED HIS WIFE, IRENE BRIDGEMAN, AND THEN SHOT HIMSELF AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA.

SHERIFF SLAYBACK FURTHER ADVISED THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN'S FORMER MOTHER-IN-LAW, [redacted] RESIDES AT [redacted] BLOOMINGTON, AND THAT HIS FORMER WIFE, [redacted] RESIDES BLOOMINGTON AND ON CONTACT THIS DATE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM BRIDGEMAN FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS.

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SHERIFF SLAYBACK ADVISED THAT WHEN BRIDGEMAN WAS LIVING IN BLOOMINGTON [redacted] THAT HE, THE SHERIFF, WAS PROBATION OFFICER AT THE TIME [redacted]

[redacted] INFORMED SHERIFF SLAYBACK DATE THAT BRIDGEMAN CONTACTED HER APPROXIMATELY THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AGO AND STATED THAT HE WAS IN KANSAS CITY, WAS REMARRIED. HE ALSO STATED THAT HIS WIFE'S MAIDEN NAME WAS [redacted] AND THAT HER FATHER IS A [redacted] IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA; HOWEVER, [redacted] STATED SHE DID NOT RECALL WHICH.

KANSAS CITY ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY FATHER-IN-LAW OF BRIDGEMAN, HIS LAST NAME MAY BE (FNU [redacted] IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA AND INTERVIEW REGARDING BRIDGEMAN.

AIRMAIL COPIES MEMPHIS AND DALLAS.

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813PM URGENT 6-4-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN LARRY RAY. CONTACTED BRIEFLY. HAS NOT LOCATED W DASH TWO FORMS WHICH WILL INDICATE EMPLOYMENTS DURING PERIOD BETWEEN SUBJECT'S ESCAPE AND CANADIAN APPEARANCE.

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER. SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE [redacted]. SLPD [redacted] UNABLE TO SUGGEST ANY PERSONS AWARE OF ANY ACQUAINTENCE OR ASSOCIATION BETWEEN [redacted] AND SUBJECT. BOTH ARE RECONTACTING INFORMANTS FOR ANY POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

MISC: FULL TEXT OF SLU CRITICAL COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS DELIVERED BY DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN JUNE ONE LAST OBTAINED CONFIDENTIALLY [redacted] AND BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU.

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845PM URGENT 6-4-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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MURKIN

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE FOUR INSTANT.

DRIVER'S LICENSE DIVISION, GEORGIA STATE PATROL, ATLANTA, GEORGIA, CHECKED THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS FOR LICENSE IN NAMES OF PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN, AND PAUL JAMES BRIDGMAN.

EFFORTS CONTINUING ATLANTA IN AN EFFORT TO CHECK OUT STORY OF [redacted] INMATE, U. S. PENITENTIARY, ATLANTA, IN THE PEACHTREE - FOURTEENTH ST. AREA.

CHECK OF SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES GREATER ATLANTA AREA CONTINUING.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 4, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the request of the Bureau, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has been conducting an examination of Canadian passports to determine if one has been issued to James Earl Ray. A passport has been located that was issued 4-24-68, to one Ramon George Sneyd of Toronto, Canada. The RCMP has indicated the photograph of Sneyd in the Canadian passport records bears a close resemblance to subject Ray and believes Sneyd and Ray are probably identical.

Sneyd's application for passport was filed on his behalf by the Kennedy Travel Bureau, Toronto, Canada, for the stated purpose of traveling to London, 5-6-68, via British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC), returning to Canada, 5-21-68. RCMP investigation has disclosed that a person using the name Sneyd did travel on BOAC to London from Toronto on 5-6-68, and a person using the name Sneyd returned to Toronto from London on 5-21-68.

Bureau of Vital Statistics records established that a person named Ramon George Sneyd was born in Toronto on 10-8-32, the date and place of birth shown on the passport application. This man is a member of the Toronto Police Department and he advised RCMP he has lived in Toronto all of his life, did not file application for a passport, did not make a trip to London, and he does not know how his birth data could have come into possession of any other person.

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Further investigation by the RCMP has disclosed that the person who obtained a passport in the name of Sneyd was in Toronto as early as 4-16-68.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

The RCMP is conducting intensive interviews at the Kennedy Travel Bureau and will promptly provide us with the results. Photographic copies of documents from the travel agency and the passport files, including a photograph of the suspect, are being flown to the Bureau for review and appropriate Laboratory examination.

Extensive investigation is continuing in Canada to trace and identify the person who obtained the passport. Investigation is also proceeding in England to identify the person who traveled under the name Sneyd and to account for his movements in England.

The application for passport listed Paul Bridgman, Toronto, Canada, as a friend of the applicant. The RCMP has not been able to locate Bridgman to date. FBI investigation has established that one Paul Osborn Bridgeman was received at Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 4-23-65, and was discharged 1-16-68. While at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Bridgeman worked in the kitchen where he could have had contact with Ray. Bridgeman was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department on 2-8-68, for disturbing the peace. This charge was dismissed on 2-12-68, and his present whereabouts is unknown. We are conducting extensive investigation to locate Bridgeman.

ACTION:

We are continuing to vigorously press all aspects of this investigation.

Investigation regarding Sneyd is being handled discreetly as any publicity connecting this name with Ray could cause him to immediately abandon this identity if Ray actually is the person who has been using the name Sneyd.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReWFOtelcall today.

Miss FRANCES KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, United States Department of State, today furnished the following information to SA [redacted]

She commented that she had been contacted by PAUL SCOTT of Publishers-Hall Syndicate. SCOTT, according to Miss KNIGHT, is a reliable and reputable free lance writer.

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SCOTT inquired if the FBI was checking passport files in connection with captioned matter and Miss KNIGHT replied that the FBI would be able to check files if a specific name were known, pointing out that the passport records contained over 25 million index cards. SCOTT's questions then centered on whether a United States citizen needed a passport to visit Canada and Miss KNIGHT received the impression SCOTT was interested in JAMES EARL RAY in respect to his possibly being in Canada. Miss KNIGHT advised SCOTT that any citizen could visit Canada without a passport.

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Above for information.

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925PM URGENT 6-5-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE CAROL PEPPER:

REINTERVIEWED. NO INFO RE SUBJECT OR WHEREABOUTS SINCE ESCAPE. NO EXPECTATION HE WOULD CONTACT HER. WOULD NOT KNOW HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HER AS SHE HAS MOVED SINCE ESCAPE AND HAS UNLISTED TELEPHONE. SHE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN HELPING HIM AS DOES NOT DESIRE SELF OR PARTICULARLY CHILDREN INVOLVED WITH HIM. IF SHOULD HEAR FROM HIM AND BE CONVINCED OF INNOCENSE WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TELL US. AGREED ANY EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD BE BEST RESOLVED BY LOCATING HIM. REC-3 44-38861-4240

DURING PERIOD APRIL TWENTY THIRD TO JULY EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN SHE WAS EMPLOYED AS TEACHER AIDE, HEAD START PROGRAM, ST. JOSEPHS SCHOOL, SLMO, EIGHT TO FOUR EACH WEEK DAY. PAID BY BD ARCHDIOCESE. RECALLED ONLY ONE DAY ABSENT THIS PERIOD.

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FIRST KNOWLEDGE OF ESCAPE WAS WHEN HEARD OR READ NEWS REPORTS. SINCE CURRENT PUBLICITY HAS READ ESCAPE NOT OFFICIALLY REPORTED FOR SOME TIME FOLLOWING ACTUAL ESCAPE, HENCE SHE UNABLE TO PLACE DATE FIRST HEARD OF SAME.

WAS NOTICEABLY MORE RELAXED THAN ON PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS. DISPLAYED NO ANIMOSITY. SOURCE AT ARCHDIOCESE REQUESTED TO VERIFY EMPLOYMENT .

RE JERRY RAYNES, JOHN LARRY RAY:

SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS DISCLOSED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

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TO DIRCTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 2P

HURKIN., CR. 00: MEMPHIS.

RCMP TORONTO BY TELEX THIS DATE FURNISHED FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF SUSPECT'S MOVEMENTS:

APRIL EIGHT TO APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST. RESIDED ONE ZERO TWO OSSINGTON AVENUE, TORONTO, AS PAUL BRIDGMAN. ON APRIL ELEVEN LAST, PASSPORT PHOTO TAKEN ARCADE STUDIO, TWO EIGHT SEVEN YONGE STREET, TORONTO, UNDER NAME BRIDGMAN. REC 26 44-38861-4241

APRIL NINETEEN TO MAY SIX LAST. RESIDED NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET WEST AS RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. ST-104 ON APRIL SIXTEEN LAST, APPLIED AT KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU, FOUR TWO FOUR BLOORE STREET WEST, TORONTO, FOR CANADIAN PASSPORT AND ARRANGED FOR FLIGHT TO ENGLAND, BOAC SIX HUNDRED, MAY SIX LAST; RETURN BOAC FLIGHT SIX ZERO ONE ON MAY TWENTYONE LAST. MANIFEST VERIFIES TRIP MADE MAY SIX. 22 JUN 7 1968

PASSPORT PHOTO IDENTIFIED BY TRAVEL

TGE CLASS JUN 3 1968 STUDIO AND RESIDENTS OF BOTH PREVIOUS ADDRESSES WHICH ARE

BOARDING HOUSES, ALTHOUGH FBI PHOTOGRAPH NOT IDENTIFIED BY SAME.

INVESTIGATION HAS INCLUDED COMPLETE EXAMINATION OF BOTH PREVIOUS RESIDENCES OF SUSPECT BY TORONTO IDENTIFICATION BRANCH WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SOME PERSONAL EFFECTS TURNED OVER BY LANDLADY AT NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS COMPRISING SMALL FLIGHT BAG, SIX ROLLS EIGHT-MM UNEXPOSED FILM, A JAR OF COLD CREAM, A BOTTLE OF MUCILAGE AND A SMALL SELF-TIMING RELEASE FOR CAMERA. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

IT IS NOTED FROM ABOVE THAT SUSPECT IS FIRST PLACED IN CANADA ~~IN CANADA~~ ON APRIL EIGHT LAST, FOUR DAYS FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF KING END

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FBI MINNAPLS

4 949 AM 6-6-68 URGENT TJJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

KANSAS CITY

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL JUNE FIVE, LAST.

[redacted] JACKSON, MINNESOTA, ADVISED [redacted] IS HER BROTHER WHOM SHE LAST SAW ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO AT WHICH TIME HE WAS EMPLOYED AS COOK AT MSP, AND RESIDED JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI. ABOUT CHRISTMAS, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, SHE HEARD FROM ANOTHER BROTHER, [redacted] VALLEY CITY, KANSAS, AND AT THAT TIME [redacted] WAS WORKING IN WICHITA, KANSAS, AND WAS LIVING WIT[redacted] [redacted] EMPLOYED [redacted] WICHITA.

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KANSAS CITY, THROUGH S[redacted] LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] AS SET OUT IN REFERENCED TEL.

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MEMPHIS AND DALLAS ADVISED AM.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), ATLANTA (44-2386), BIRMINGHAM,
MEMPHIS (44-1987), NEW YORK (44-1689), PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)
AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) PLAINTEXT

SAN FRANCISCO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

O MURKIN

RE SF TEL TO BUREAU, JUNE FIVE LAST; SF TEL TO
NEWARK JUNE FIVE LAST; RE [redacted]

REVIEW OF NEWARK FILES REVEALS THAT [redacted]
AKA [redacted]
[redacted] HAS IN THE PAST FURNISHED FALSE AND UNFOUNDED
INFO TO THE NEWARK OFFICE AS WELL AS TO NEW [redacted] AUTHORITIES
AND TO THE NEW YORK CITY AND PHILADEL [redacted] OF U. S. BUREAU
OF CUSTOMS.

[redacted]

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FBI DALLAS

120PM CST URGENT 6-6-68 EEA

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 2-P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI TEL JUNE FIVE LAST CONCERNING PASSENGERS ON FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA TO CANADA.

[redacted] BRANIFF AIRLINES, DALLAS, ADVISED FROM A REVIEW OF THE AUDITORS COUPONS THAT BRANIFF TICKETS ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO SIX THROUGH ONE ONE ZERO WERE ISSUED TO [redacted] AND [redacted] RESPECTIVELY. THEY WERE FOR BRANIFF FLIGHT ONE EIGHT TWO FROM SAN ANTONIO TO DALLAS ON APRIL SIX LAST. THESE BRANIFF TICKETS WERE REISSUES OF AIR CANADA TICKETS ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR SIX ONE-ZERO SEVEN ONE-NINE FIVE ONE THROUGH NINE FIVE FOUR ISSUED TO [redacted] AND [redacted] RESPECTIVELY. IT WAS A REISSUE OF AIR CANADA TICKET ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR SIX ONE-EIGHT THREE EIGHT-FOUR ONE TWO FOR [redacted] THESE PERSONS WERE SCHEDULED TO FLY DELTA AIRLINES FROM DALLAS TO ATLANTA ON DELTA FLIGHT FIVE ZERO FOUR ON APRIL 7 1968 SIX LAST. THEY HAD OPEN RESERVATIONS ON EASTERN AIRLINES FROM ATLANTA TO MONTREAL.

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[redacted] SAID THERE IS NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PASSENGERS ON THE AUDITORS COUPON AND THE RESERVATIONS INFORMATION HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY BRANIFF AIRLINES.

IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THESE PERSONS WERE TRAVELING AS A PARTY SINCE THEIR TICKETS ARE IN NUMERICAL ORDER AND THEY TRAVELED ON CONTINUING FLIGHTS TOGETHER.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO LEGAT LONDON

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU CAB JUNE FOUR INSTANT.

INQUIRY HAS DISCLOSED THAT NUMBER OF ROUND TRIP TICKET PURCHASED BY SNEYD FOR TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AIRLINES WAS SERIES ZERO SIX ONE TWO, TICKET NUMBER TWO ZERO SEVEN FIVE - NINE FOUR SIX SIX. DETERMINE IF SECOND PORTION THAT TICKET USED FOR RETURN TRAVEL TO CANADA OR WHETHER IT WAS TURNED IN AT LONDON.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND LEGAT, OTTAWA.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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1 - Foreign Liaison Desk (cleared with G. Day)

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NOTE:

Legat, Ottawa previously advised Bureau that individual using name of Sneyd had traveled from Toronto to London on 5/6/68 and had returned to Toronto, 5/21/68. Legat, Ottawa and Buffalo office have now advised that recheck of records of Royal Canadian Mounted Police has disclosed that while Sneyd did travel to London from Toronto on 5/6/68 flight manifests do not indicate that anyone using name of Sneyd returned to Toronto on 5/21/68. Legat, Ottawa has now furnished ticket number purchased by Sneyd in connection with his travel to London and London being instructed through ticket number to determine if second portion of ticket used for return travel to Canada or whether turned in at London.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

Enclosed to Bureau is page 96, July, 1968, issue of "Jive", one of the several Negro magazines published at Fort Worth, Texas, and distributed nationally. This is an article re JAMES EARL RAY, captioned "Wanted: The Man Who Killed MARTIN LUTHER KING".

By separate communication, Bureau has been furnished a copy of publicity concerning RAY in the July, 1968, issue of "Bronze Thrills", a companion publication.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

WANTED: THE MAN WHO KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING



James Earl Ray, a Missouri prison escapee who has been sought under the alias Eric Starvo Galt in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has been added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives."

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordered the special addition of Ray to the list, which already contains ten fugitives, to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location.

Ray has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King on April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tennessee, motel. One rifle bullet, believed fired from the window of a nearby rooming house, struck Dr. King.

An exhaustive FBI fingerprint search, comparing latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against fingerprints of over 53,000 persons on whom wanted notices have been posted in the FBI's Identification Division, succeeded in determining that Galt and Ray are identical.

A Federal warrant, issued at Birmingham, Alabama, April 17, 1968, charges Ray, under the alias Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to interfere with a constitutional right of a United States citizen. He is also sought for unlawful interstate flight to avoid confinement after conviction for armed robbery, based on a Federal warrant issued July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri. He had been confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary in March, 1960, with a 20-year sentence following conviction for armed robbery and operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In September, 1966, while seving the sentence, he was confined for a time in the maximum security ward at the State Hospital, Fulton, Missouri. He has been reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary since April 23, 1967.

He served in the Army between Feb. 1946, and Dec. 1948, received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and breaking arrest and was given a General Discharge due to ineptness and lack of adaptability for military service.

Ray is a 40-year-old white male, reportedly born in Illinois March 10, 1928. He is approximately 5 ft., 10, weighs from 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair. He has a small scar on the center of his forehead and a scar on the palm of his right hand. He has been described as having a straight, narrow nose, straight, even teeth, and to have a nervous habit of occasionally tugging at an ear lobe. His left ear protrudes noticeably.

Acquaintances describe him as a "loner" and "drifter" whose language and diction reflect a "rural" quality and indicate he has had limited education.

He is reportedly a fan of western and country music, drinks vodka and beer, dresses neatly and claims past employment as a merchant seaman and cook on Mississippi River vessels. He is known to have worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 5, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

With respect to the Canadian developments in this case, a check at the Arcade Photo Studio in Toronto where the suspect had his Canadian passport photograph made disclosed that he had used the name Paul Bridgman, 102 Ossington Street, Toronto, Canada, at the time he had the photo taken on 4-11-68.

Investigation at the Ossington Street address resulted in the landlady identifying the passport photo as being that of a man known to her as Paul Bridgman who had stayed at her rooming house from 4-8-68, through 4-19-68, when he moved out. The landlady told the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) investigator that at the time Ray's photograph appeared in local papers, she told her husband "Bridgman is the man who killed Martin Luther King." She said she tried to get her husband to call the police at the time but he refused to do so. EX-110 REC 6 44-38861-4247

Investigation has further disclosed that the suspect resided at 962 Dundas Street, Toronto, under the name Ramon George Sneyd from 4-19-68 (the date he moved from the Ossington Street address) until 5-6-68, when he reportedly departed for England. Investigation at 962 Dundas Street, Toronto, revealed that the suspect departed leaving a flight bag, six unexposed rolls of film, city maps of Montreal and Toronto and an empty cash box. These items are being processed for latent prints by the RCMP and photographic copies of these, as well as a photographic copy of a handwritten note by Sneyd, are being forwarded to the Bureau expeditiously for appropriate processing.

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It had previously been reported to the RCMP that a person using the name of Sneyd had traveled on British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) to London, England, from Toronto, Canada, on 5-6-68, and a

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person using the name Sneyd returned to Toronto from London on 5-21-68. RCMP investigators have now reviewed BOAC manifests and verified departure on 5-6-68, from Toronto to London of a man using the name Sneyd; however, the manifest for 5-21-68, does not contain his name as previously reported by BOAC personnel on 6-3-68. BOAC is being checked to determine if return trip portion of the ticket has ever been used and also a check of BOAC manifests on flights to and from Canada from 5-6-68, for travel of anyone using the name Sneyd.

It has been learned that the crew on the flight on which Sneyd departed Toronto for England was disbanded after the flight of 5-6-68, and have not been reassigned to Canadian flights. Legat, London has been instructed to have members of this crew identified through BOAC Headquarters and have them interviewed for full details. Legat, London is also checking to ascertain if Sneyd departed London since 5-6-68, for any destination.

In view of the prior residence of James Earl Ray, using the name Eric S. Galt, in Montreal in the summer of 1967, and the map of Montreal now being located at the 962 Dundas Street address and the likelihood the suspect would not return to Toronto, Legat, Ottawa requested appropriate checks be made at Montreal on the names Bridgman and Sneyd. On contact, RCMP, Montreal, advised that as a result of prior circularization of dance studios, a call had been received two days prior from a dance studio indicating that a man believed to be identical with Ray had been there. Investigation had been conducted and the studio staked out but nothing productive developed. Copies of the passport photo have been sent by wire photo to Montreal for exhibiting to witnesses and other investigation.

The letter written by Sneyd furnished by the Kennedy Travel Bureau, a copy of which is being forwarded to the Bureau for examination, was dated April 20, 1968, and in it Sneyd indicated he had to go to Capreol, Ontario, Canada, for several days and would pick up his passport on his return. He furnished no address at Capreol and Legat, Ottawa advises that Capreol is a small railroad town which it is understood has some good fishing lodges in the immediate vicinity which could be an ideal spot for a hideout.

Legat, Ottawa has been instructed to insure that Canadian aspects are completely run out as expeditiously as possible.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

The Canadian Passport Office has requested that no publicity be given to the fact that the current investigation came as a result of a review of Canadian passport records. The field has been appropriately instructed.

ACTION:

We are continuing to vigorously press all aspects of this investigation.

Investigation regarding Sneyd is being handled discreetly as any publicity connecting this name with Ray could cause him to immediately abandon this identity if Ray actually is the person who has been using the name Sneyd.

Laboratory Transmittal Form
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1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) Date: May 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680527113 JK

Examination requested by: Atlanta

Reference: Airtel 5/23/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q357.

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REPORT
of the

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: May 29, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680527113 JK

Specimens received 5/27/68

Q357 Rental Agreement No. 7044348, bearing the signature "B. M. Schneiderman"

Result of examination:

Because of the distorted nature of the questioned signature on Q357 and the different style of handwriting employed, it could not be determined whether this signature was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #4059426; however, nothing of particular significance was noted between the questioned signature and the known handwriting of RAY from such comparison as could be made.

Q357 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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D-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/7/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIR TEL

Via _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CO: MEMPHIS

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Re: Washington Field Air-Tel to Bureau, 5/31/68

Enclosed for the FBI Laboratory is a subscription form for "Select Magazine" for JAMES E. RAY.

For the information of the Bureau and San Francisco, on 6/6/68, [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] Select Associates, Moore Avenue, and Berlin Road, Cherry Hill, N. J., furnished SA [redacted] a subscription form for "Select Magazine" provided by Select Associates. The form is obtainable by request to Select Associates which has advertisements for its magazine in "girlie-type" magazines, tabloids and "Directory of Clubs for Personal Contacts".

The form furnished by [redacted] reflects it was submitted by a JAMES E. RAY, [redacted] San Francisco, Calif., 94110. RAY sets forth he is a 30 year old male, on the form.

[redacted]

ENCLOSURE

2-Bureau (1 encl.) (Regis. Mail)
2-Memphis (Info.)
2-San Francisco
3-Newark
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M- Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted]

[redacted] said RAY probably sent his subscription form in an envelope in either November or December, 1967, to the magazine's mailing address of Box 889, Camden, N. J. [redacted] explained the envelopes subscriptions are received in are destroyed. [redacted]

[redacted] said the last issue of Select Magazine mailed to its subscribers occurred on 4/12/68. [redacted] said RAY was sent a copy of this issue which apparently was not returned to Select Associates.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the known handprinting of the subject with the questioned handprinting contained on the enclosed form.

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed subscription form for latent impressions. Compare any latent impressions developed with the subject's fingerprints.

The Bureau is requested to return the enclosure after these examinations have been made.

LEAD:

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

1. Conduct appropriate investigation at [redacted] to determine if the JAMES E. RAY residing there is identical with subject, looking towards the apprehension of subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
PITTSBURGH	MEMPHIS	6/6/68	4/7 - 5/20/68

TITLE OF CASE

MURKIN

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY AOB

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIVIL RIGHTS

REFERENCES:

Bureau teletype to All Continental Offices dated 4/7/68.
Bureau airtel to All SAC's and Legats dated 5/7/68.
Memphis telephone call to Pittsburgh, 5/24/68.

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LEADS

ATLANTA - INFORMATION

Information copy being furnished to Atlanta in view of vast amount of investigation being conducted by that office.

EXP. PROC

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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3 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Pittsburgh (44-578)

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Two information copies being furnished Birmingham inasmuch as process outstanding there, one copy for future dissemination to U. S. Attorney upon Bureau instructions.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

On April 17, 1968, press release given to radio, television, and press media in the Pittsburgh Division. On April 19, 1968, press release and copies of photograph and wanted flyers given to news media, Pittsburgh Division.

On April 22, 1968, Identification Order and Wanted Flyers furnished to [redacted] U. S. Narcotics Bureau, and he was requested to contact his sources regarding JAMES EARL RAY. Contacts have been negative to date. It should be noted that the Pittsburgh Office of U.S. Narcotics Bureau covers Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

On April 26, 1968, publicity outlets were furnished material in connection with RAY being added to the Top Ten list.

On May 9, 1968, a newspaper mat and two photographs of RAY were mailed to 294 newspapers in the Pittsburgh Division for appropriate publication.

On May 15, 1968, it was determined that the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Charleston, W. Va., receives the original death certificate on all deaths in that state. Search of records in progress. The Bureau of Vital Statistics for Pennsylvania, located at Harrisburg, Pa., is unable to check their records with regard to local deaths for the year 1968 until May, 1969. Local checks are being made within the Western District of Pennsylvania, covered by the Pittsburgh Division.

A review of unsolved bank robbery and bank burglary cases in the Pittsburgh Division from April 23 to May 4, 1968, fails to indicate JAMES EARL RAY as a suspect.

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SUSPECTS

[redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), [redacted] Huntington, W. Va., voluntarily advised Bureau agents on April 9, 1968, that he is concerned about [redacted] a former school bus driver in Cabell County, W. Va. On March 30, 1968, [redacted] telephonically advised [redacted] he had to resign effective Monday, April 1, 1968, saying it was imperative that he be in Memphis on Tuesday, April 2, 1968. [redacted] reason was that he was seeking employment with [redacted], Memphis, Tenn. [redacted] then telephonically contacted [redacted] in Memphis on March 30, 1968, and learned that they had no record of [redacted] seeking employment there. [redacted] requested all retirement be withdrawn and insisted he must be in Memphis by Tuesday A.M. [redacted] confronted [redacted] with the information that he had learned [redacted] had no commitment to [redacted] on Tuesday. [redacted] then said he was committed to a friend who expected him to go to Memphis with him. [redacted] then worked on April 1, 1968, and left that night for Memphis. He recontacted [redacted] on Friday, April 5, 1968, and insisted that he had left Memphis prior to the "trouble." [redacted] said he believed, however, that [redacted] left Memphis late Thursday night, April 4, 1968, and arrived Huntington, W. Va., approximately 10:00 AM, April 5, 1968. [redacted] said he did not know identity of person accompanying [redacted] to Memphis.

[redacted] said [redacted] has been trusted employee for more than ten years and he cannot understand his leaving with no notice. He said [redacted] is reliable individual who was outstanding employee, but has acted strangely for approximately two or three months.

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[redacted] told [redacted] on return from Memphis that person who accompanied him was offered job at [redacted], but [redacted] was not offered job so they both returned to Huntington.

The following is description of [redacted] as obtained from school board records and interview of [redacted]:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted]
Height	6'1"
Weight	161 lbs.
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Dark brown, slightly receding hairline, combed straight back with part on right side
Characteristics	Ears slightly larger than average; speaks with soft Southern accent; usually courteous and polite.
Appearance	Clean-cut, well-groomed; does not wear glasses; walks with very slight limp in right foot; wears watch with silver band on left wrist; smokes non-filter Pall Mall cigarettes.
Social Security No.	[redacted]
Military Service	Served U.S. Army and presently assigned Reserve Unit, Huntington, W. Va.
Automobile	Owns 1964 Chevrolet believed to be two tone blue in color.

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A group picture of school bus drivers including [redacted] located 1966 high school yearbook. Picture being developed and enlarged for copies to be forwarded to Memphis.

On April 10, 1968, two photographs of [redacted] were obtained and forwarded to Memphis and Birmingham for elimination purposes.

On April 16, 1968, [redacted] Huntington, W. Va., advised SA [redacted] that the person who went to Memphis, Tenn., with [redacted] was [redacted] Huntington, W. Va. He said [redacted] was formerly employed by [redacted] Huntington, as a truck driver, but the employment was terminated several months ago. [redacted] said [redacted] is now believed to be a truck driver for [redacted] Holland, Michigan.

On April 16, 1968, [redacted] Huntington, W. Va., advised SA [redacted] from records that [redacted] was employed by that company as a truck driver from November 20, 1963 to March 31, 1967, when his services were terminated by reason of the trucking operation being closed by [redacted]. She stated the file contains no derogatory information on [redacted] She advised from records that [redacted] is described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'11"
Weight	180 lbs., in 1963
Eyes	Unknown
Hair	Brown
Marital status	Marrie[redacted]
Wife	[redacted]
Occupation	Truck driver
Military service	None [redacted]

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It should be noted that instructions contained in referenced airtel dated 5/7/68 are not being followed per instructions from SAC, Memphis, per referenced telephone call. Reports being submitted accordingly.

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INFORMANTS

Contacts with CIs, PCIs, PSIs, SIs, and racial informants of the Pittsburgh Division regarding RAY have been negative.

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Report of: [redacted] Office: Pittsburgh
Date: JUNE 6, 1968

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY, AKA;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: Investigation in the Pittsburgh Division to identify, locate and apprehend JAMES EARL RAY has been negative to date. Investigation continuing. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SUSPECTS

[redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] was arrested for [redacted] and confined to Beaver County Jail. He was born [redacted] at [redacted], is 6'2", and then weighed 215 lbs. He has a tattoo on his left forearm [redacted]

A photograph of [redacted] has been obtained and will follow.

[redacted] Beaver, Pa., [redacted] mother-in-law, advised neither she, her husband, or her daughter, [redacted] wife, have had any contact from [redacted] and are unaware of his whereabouts or activities. She pointed out that her telephone number and her daughter's telephone number and address are unpublished primarily for the reason of avoiding contact with [redacted]. She stated her mother-in-law, [redacted] recently had an early morning telephone call believed to be from [redacted] but his whereabouts at the time of the call were unknown.

The composite drawings of subject were exhibited to [redacted] and she stated that they did not, in her opinion, look like [redacted]. She stated [redacted] parents reside in Jonesboro, Ark., but that family members here have no contact with them primarily to avoid disclosing [redacted] wife's address.

[redacted] Beaver, Pa., advised that sometime during the week prior to April 13, 1968, at exactly 4:50 AM, she received a telephone call from an individual whom she did not initially recognize by his voice, but he mentioned [redacted] and she then determined it to be [redacted]. She stated she talked to another

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individual who was with [redacted] but told them she did not want to talk to them and hung up. She then contacted the operator in an efforr to determine where the call had been placed from and the operator told her she could not determine this since it was an out of the district call. [redacted] stated the last contact she had was a similarly foolish call in the early hours from [redacted] prior to Thanksgiving of 1967. She stated her number is the only published telephone number of family members in Beaver County, and the only contact point [redacted] has.

[redacted] resides at [redacted] Monaca, Pa., unlisted telephone [redacted] and is a [redacted] Efforts to locate her, both at her residence and telephonically, the afternoon and evening of April 16, 1968, were unsuccessful, however, since a photograph of [redacted] has been obtained, and based on the contact with [redacted] mother, no further effort will be made to locate her.

[redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] U. S. Secret Service, reported his nephew, [redacted] San Francisco, Calif., claimed he and two others through newspaper ad obtained ride with [redacted] At Kansas City, Mo., [redacted] disappeared with their effects. Before [redacted] disappeared he told them he was going to shoot KING.

On April 26, 1968, [redacted] Secret Service Agent, Pittsburgh, advised [redacted] former Secret Service Agent, retired one year ago. [redacted] now residing at [redacted], Sebastian, Fla.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Investigation Parkersburg, W. Va., April 27, 1968, disclosed residence located at [redacted] vacant at this time.

No current record city and telephone directories located identifiable with [redacted]

Investigation at Post Office, Parkersburg, April 29, 1968, disclosed change of address for [redacted] dated August 14, 1964, giving new address of [redacted], Lakeland, Fla.

[redacted] (LNU)

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Tornado, W. Va., appeared at the Charleston, W. Va., Resident Agency and advised that he was certain that the person responsible for murdering Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was one [redacted] (LNU). [redacted] (LNU) and (FNU) [redacted] who might be a conspirator, are both past employees of [redacted] Jacksonville, Fla. [redacted] claimed that he had met these two individuals while employed by [redacted] in 1966.

He stated that [redacted] is a ranking influential lieutenant in the KKK in Florida, and that at one time [redacted] had pledged to murder KING. He stated that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY closely resembles [redacted] is allegedly a con-artist and frequently uses disguises.

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[redacted] stated that information as to the whereabouts of [redacted] and [redacted] could be obtained from the owners at [redacted]. He also suggested contacting one [redacted] allegedly a high-ranking KKK member in Jacksonville, for pertinent information in this matter.

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BOMBING SUSPECT

[redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

A review of Pittsburgh file 174-12, Bombing Suspects in the Pittsburgh Division, reflected only suspect to be [redacted] presently serving time in the West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va.

On April 10, 1968, [redacted] West Virginia Penitentiary, Moundsville, W. Va., advised from records that [redacted] West Virginia Penitentiary No. [redacted] was convicted [redacted] that he was sentenced [redacted] effective [redacted] on charge of malicious wounding to term of two to ten years from Monongalia County; that he was received at the penitentiary on [redacted] and that he was presently an inmate at the penitentiary.

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ALIASES

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Investigation at Pittsburgh re surname LOWMEYER revealed that former Pittsburgh residents P. F. LOHMEYER, [redacted], Cleveland Heights, and SUSAN M. LOHMEYER, [redacted] Columbus, Ohio, now residing out of division.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

In connection with captioned matter, the following individuals were checked out with regards to their whereabouts on March 29, 30, and April 4, 1968, so as to either develop or eliminate them as suspects in the murder of Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968:

W. J. LOHMEYER
[redacted]
Pittsburgh, Pa.

HENRICK F. LOHMEYER
[redacted]
Pittsburgh 43, Pa.

Both of the above individuals are eliminated as possible suspects per the following investigation which has accounted for their whereabouts on pertinent dates:

W. J. (WILLIAM JOSEPH) LOHMEYER is deceased, having died at Pittsburgh on May 30, 1950. This was ascertained in interview of his widow, Mrs. W. J. (SARA) LOHMEYER who resides in [redacted] which is the [redacted] She resides there with her daughter, JEANNE M. LOHMEYER who is single. She is not acquainted with anyone known as HARVY LOHMEYER.

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HENRICK R. LOHMEYER is listed [redacted] as employed by [redacted] advised that HENRICK F. LOHMEYER of [redacted], has been employed by his company since February 1, 1962, and holds the position of [redacted] and is assigned to the [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa. LOHMEYER is a white male, born [redacted]. A check with LOHMEYER's supervisor, [redacted] and the department's time records reflected conclusively that LOHMEYER was at his job (in the office) from 8:00 AM to 4:45 PM on March 29 and April 4, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SAA [redacted]

JOHN RODERICK WILLARD, [redacted] New Kensington, Pa., interviewed and determined to be 64 years of age. WILLIARD has two sons, GEORGE RODERICK, and JACK P. WILLARD. JACK eliminated at New Kensington. GEORGE resides [redacted] Crandford, N.J., telephone [redacted], employed as [redacted] GEORGE described as white male, born [redacted] 6'3", 175 lbs., blond hair, single, fair complexion, wears glasses. GEORGE allegedly in possession of 1964 or 1965 white Mustang registered to his mother, IRENE WILLARD. Parents state GEORGE flew to New Kensington, via Allegheny Airlines from New Jersey and arrived in New Kensington at 5:30 or 6:00 PM on March 29, 1968, and returned to New Jersey in afternoon of March 31, 1968, whereabouts of GEORGE on April 4, 1968, unknown to parents.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, [redacted], Pittsburgh, [redacted] stated that she has

lived at this address for one year. She stated that the name P. D. LOHMEYER is completely unfamiliar to her.

On April 10, 1968, [redacted] stated he has lived at this address since October, 1966. He stated the name P. D. LOHMEYER is completely unfamiliar to him. [redacted] said the house he is renting is owned by BLANCHE GRIFFIN and that he does not know her address and only pays his rent to her when she knocks on the door.

It is to be noted that both [redacted] and [redacted] are Negroes, and that the area surrounding [redacted] is inhabitated by primarily Negro individuals.

[redacted] Postal Inspector, Pittsburgh, Pa., caused a search of his records to be made for a change of address for P. D. LOHMEYER, [redacted] stated he talked with his carrier for this particular area and that the carrier could not recall such an individual. He further advised that a search of his records for the past three years failed to reflect a change of address for P. D. LOHMEYER. He stated that any changes of address over three years old is destroyed.

On April 10, 1968, [redacted], Mt. Oliver, Pittsburgh, Pa., stated that the name VERA LOHMEYER is unfamiliar to her. She stated she had lived at this address for four years and had purchased her house from one [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, [redacted] Carrick, Pa., advised that VERA LOHMEYER had committed suicide on December 12, 1961. [redacted] said she knew the LOHMEYER family and that VERA did not have any brothers or sisters. She did recall her having an uncle, ED LOHMEYER, Penn Hills, Pa., who is in his fifties and who had been seriously ill for some time.

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On April 10, 1968, [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department, [redacted] Allegheny County Detective Bureau, and [redacted] all of Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that their respective files were all negative concerning VERA LOHMEYER and P. D. LOHMEYER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH CONSTRALE, [redacted] Monessen, Pa., advised that they have resided here for nine years, having purchased this property from ELMER W. LOWMEYER, who formerly resided here up until the death of his wife, about nine years ago. Mr. and Mrs. CONSTRALE said they had no idea if LOWMEYER was still living, and the last they heard he had moved outwest and left no forwarding address.

On April 10, 1968, Chief of Police MICHAEL KUVINKA, Monessen Police Department, Monessen, Pa., advised that a review of the Police Department records disclosed no information identifiable with ELMER W. LOWMEYER.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. JACK T. BECK, JR., Postmaster, U. S. Post Office, Monessen, Pa., advised that he is a life-long resident of the community and was personally acquainted with Mr. ELMER W. LOWMEYER, inasmuch as LOWMEYER was formerly employed in the personnel office at the Pittsburgh Steel Corporation, Monessen, and gave him, BECK, his first job with the Pittsburgh Steel Corporation many years ago.

Mr. BECK said that Mr. and Mrs. ELMER W. LOWMEYER are both deceased, and the LOWMEYER's only had one child, a daughter, JANE LOWMEYER, who married the Reverend ROBERT MOFFETT, both of whom are presently residing somewhere in the state of Ohio, exact place unrecalled.

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Mr. BECK said that there are no other LOWMEYERs in the Monessen, Pa., area, to the best of his knowledge, and from records at hand.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Pursuant to investigation requested of the Pittsburgh Office in instant matter, ESTHER LOMIRE, [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., 15221, advised that she was approximately 68 years of age and that she has never been married. Miss LOMIRE stated that she has one brother, HOWARD, who resides an Altoona, Pa., and is 71 years of age. Miss LOMIRE stated that her brother, HOWARD, although married, has had no children.

ESTHER LOMIRE stated she knew no one by the name of HARVEY LOMIRE, nor did she know of any HARVY LOHMEYER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, KATHERINE M. LOHMEYER, [redacted], advised that she is single and lives by herself. She stated that she does not know any HARVEY LOHMEYER. She states that she has lived at this address in the Oakland area for the last 15 or 20 years and she was previously employed as an [redacted] for [redacted] From personal observation it appeared she was at least 65 years of age.

On April 10, 1968, SUSAN LOHMEYER, [redacted], Pittsburgh, advised she is a student at Carnegie-Mellon Institute and that she has no relatives living in the Pittsburgh area nor does she know any LOHMEYERs living in the Pittsburgh area. She stated her father's name is PAUL LOHMEYER and that the family lives in Brookview, N.Y., and that her family is in the [redacted]

She stated she does not know any HARVEY LOHMEYER.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]:

On April 11, 1968, Mrs. PATRICIA SHERIFF, [redacted] Churchill, Pa., stated that she has resided at this address for the past five years and during this time the occupants of [redacted] have been the [redacted] She added that the name PAUL LOHMEYER is unfamiliar to her.

On April 11, 1968, A. L. SHANE, [redacted] Churchill, Pa., stated that he knew PAUL LOHMEYER, but that LOHMEYER had moved to Cleveland, Ohio, approximately 6 to 7 years ago to work at the [redacted] SHANE described PAUL LOHMEYER as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'4"
Weight	200 lbs.
Age	Approximately 40-50

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]:

On April 10, 1968, [redacted] determined that CARLTON ROBETT LOHMEYER of the [redacted] Pittsburgh, does not comply with the description of suspect in above captioned case. LOHMEYER described in above file as white male, age 56, 5'5" tall, 135 pounds, small build, completely bald except for rim of hair around lower portion of head.

On April 10, 1968, Mr. CHARLES EDWARD LOHMEYER of [redacted] Forest Hills, Pittsburgh 21, Pa., was contacted and it was determined that his date of birth was [redacted] place of birth - [redacted] By observation, Mr. LOHMEYER could not be identical with suspect in above captioned case. Mr. LOHMEYER advised that he was employed at the [redacted], Pittsburgh, and advised that he has no children.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following information was obtained from Bureau of Public Debt, Parkersburg, W. Va.:

Alphabetical search on computer for E. S. GALT negative; for E. S. GAULT approximately 100. Check for H. LOYMEYER and H. LOWMYER negative. Check for [redacted] revealed approximately 1000. Computer gives only bond number, date of purchase and four letters pertaining to city where bonds purchased. No bonds purchased by E. S. GAULT in Atlanta or Birmingham. In order to get more detailed information film index must be searched from which copies of bonds can be obtained.

Agency presently searching name E. S. GAULT and search will be completed AM of April 19, 1968.

In order to search film index on [redacted] agency will have to obtain clearance from their Washington headquarters since it would take 20 employees all day, and if done on piece-meal basis one week.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Investigation regarding the possible identity of HARVEY LOWMEYER was negative.

On April 10, 1968, [redacted] Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, Ronceverte, W. Va., advised that ROBERT E. LOMER, [redacted] Ronceverte, W. Va., is a Ticket Agent for the C & O Railroad and he works out of the Railroad Office in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., but he has been in ill health for the past two years, and for the past two months, he has been suffering with emphysema so badly that he has been unable to work. He said that Mr. LOMER is approximately 55 years of age, is short and very slender, and is very "sickly-looking." [redacted] added he is confident that Mr. LOMER has not been away from Ronceverte within

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the past three weeks.

In view of this information, no further investigation was conducted regarding ROBERT LOMER.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on April 10, 1968:

Mrs. WILLIAM J. LOHMEYER, [redacted], Pittsburgh, advised that she is the mother of WILLIAM JOSEPH LOHMEYER, JR., who resides at [redacted] Pittsburgh, telephone [redacted]. Mrs. LOHMEYER stated her son is a white male, age 48, 6'4", 250 pounds, and has dark hair. She said his wife's name is MARY ALICE LOHMEYER and they have three teenage children.

Mrs. IRENE WILLARD, [redacted], New Kensington, Pa., telephone [redacted] advised she is the wife of JOHN RODERICK WILLARD and said her husband is 64 years of age. He resides with her at this address and is a retired employee of the Alcoa Aluminum Company.

Mrs. WILLARD stated that she has two sons, namely, JACK P. WILLARD who resides at [redacted], New Kensington, Pa., and GEORGE RODERICK WILLARD who resides at [redacted] Crandford, N.J. Mrs. WILLARD furnished the following information concerning her sons:

Name	JACK P. WILLARD
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6'1" to 6'2"
Hair	Blond
Complexion	Ruddy
Skin	Fair
Weight	200 lbs.
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Marital status	Married
Wife	MARIOLIN (DAVIS)

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Employment	[redacted] New Kensington, Pa. [redacted]
Name	GEORGE RODERICK WILLARD
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6'3" - 6'4"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Blond
Complexion	Fair
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Employment	[redacted]
Miscellaneous	Owns older model white Mustang, registered to IRENE WILLARD

Mrs. WILLARD stated that her son, GEORGE, flew to New Kensington via Allegheny Airlines arriving on March 29, 1968, at approximately 5:30 to 6:00 PM, and left around 5:00 PM, March 21, 1968. She stated he came for a visit and was with the family the entire time. Mrs. WILLARD stated she could not personally account for her son's time on April 4, 1968, but would assume he was [redacted] as this would be a working day. She stated she talked to her son, GEORGE, on the phone Sunday, April 7, 1968, and he was in New Jersey at that time. She stated that he [redacted] on March 29, 1968, prior to flying to New Kensington.

Mrs. WILLARD stated that her son, JACK WILLARD, worked March 29, 1968, but was off on March 30, 1968. She continued he was either working on April 4, 1968, at his job with [redacted] in New Kensington or was in Detroit, Mich., on business.

[redacted] New Kensington, Pa., advised that

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JACK P. WILLARD is employed there as an [redacted]
He stated a review of his records reflect that WILLARD reported for work on March 29, 1968, and was there the entire day. He continued that WILLARD was home on March 30, 1968, and on April 4, 1968; he stated that WILLARD was at a meeting for the U. S. Army Association in Warren, Mich., for a briefing.

[redacted] The following investigation was conducted by SA

Records from the Bureau of Public Debt, Parkersburg, W. Va., reviewed and reveal that a computer check of the names E. S. GALT and H. LOWMEYER or LOWMYER were negative with regard to individuals of that name purchasing U. S. Savings Bonds. The name [redacted] appears 97 times, which indicates that 97 bonds bearing the name are on record as having been purchased.

The purchasers of these 97 bonds were determined to be the following six individuals:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted]

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5. [redacted]

6. [redacted]

The name [redacted] was also searched and approximately 1000 savings bonds had been purchased by individuals with that name.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on May 3, 1968:

Investigation at Cresson, Pa., disclosed that CLIFFORD A. LOMIRE, [redacted] and WILLIAM D. LOMIRE, [redacted] are both employed by the [redacted]

Investigation at Gallitzin, Pa., disclosed that ROBERT LOMIRE of [redacted], is also employed by the [redacted]

[redacted] Pennsylvania Railroad Police, Cresson, Pa., advised that a search to be made of the records of the railroad disclosed that all of the LOMIREs were working during the pertinent period. [redacted] further stated that he is acquainted with them and that they are all related; that they are people of excellent character and reputation.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 2, 1968, [redacted] Coalport, Pa., advised that she was acquainted with PATRICK S. LOHMEYER, who is a long-time resident of Coalport, Pa., and a retired teacher at the Coalport Junior High School. She stated that LOHMEYER and her husband were very close friends and met socially nearly every day at either their

house or LOHMEYER's. She stated that she could not recall not seeing LOHMEYER every day for the past several months. She concluded that she did not believe LOHMEYER left the county in the past several years, if ever.

On May 2, 1968, PATRICK S. LOHMEYER, [redacted], Coalport, Pa., advised SA [redacted] that he has lived in Coalport, nearly all his life and had not been out of Clearfield County for over a year.

Visual observation disclosed LOHMEYER to be a grey-haired, balding gentleman in his late 60's or early 70's.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Investigation at Sewickley, Pa., on May 10 to May 12, 1968, develops one LOUIS WILLARD, JR., residing on [redacted] Attempts to contact negative. Credit check reflects JOHN O. WILLARD, [redacted] employed by [redacted] New York, as a [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 8, 1968, a review of the Charleston, W. Va., City Directory and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Directory for Charleston, W. Va., and the surrounding area was negative for any information concerning any individual named HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER.

On April 9, 1968, the following individuals were contacted with negative results for information concerning an individual named HARVEY LOWMEYER or HARVEY LOWMYER:

[redacted]
West Virginia State Department
of Motor Vehicles
Drivers License Division
Charleston, W. Va.

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[redacted]
West Virginia State Department
of Motor Vehicles, Titles and
Registration Division
Charleston, W. Va.

[redacted]
Kanawha County Voter Registration
Charleston, W. Va.

[redacted]
Charleston Retail Credit Bureau
Charleston, W. Va.

[redacted]
Police Department
Charleston, W. Va.

[redacted]
Criminal Identification Bureau
West Virginia State Police
Charleston, W. Va.

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LOOK ALIKES

[redacted] Pittsburgh, advised April 7, 1968, that an unknown individual who resembles composite photograph of subject formerly patronized Moby Dick Lounge, Dearborn, Mich., when owned by [redacted] Allen Park, Mich., telephone [redacted]

Suspect voiced strong dislike for KING and was once overheard to say KING would not live a year if he had to take care of him himself and that it would be quick as he would use a rifle.

Suspect associated with employees of a sign company near Moby Dick Lounge and is believed by [redacted] to have some type of job connected with interstate trucking.

[redacted] believes [redacted] can fully identify suspect.

Following information received by SAC IAN D. MacLENNAN:

At 5:00 PM, April 10, 1968, [redacted] Huntington, W. Va., Police Department, telephonically advised [redacted] had just taken a man to the Huntington Airport, where he boarded flight 702 of Eastern Airlines leaving Huntington 4:30 PM, with stops at Charleston, Washington, D. C., and Allentown-Scranton.

[redacted] stated [redacted] had that day read in the Huntington newspapers a description of the man known as JOHN WILLARD and he believed that his passenger fit this description.

The following is a description furnished to [redacted] by [redacted] of the man he picked up near the Job-Corps Center in Huntington and took to the airport:

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Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	36 years
Height	5'7" to 8" [redacted] realized that the news item described him as much taller, but pointed out that [redacted] is quite short and for this reason still felt he should report this)
Weight	180 pounds
Build	Stocky
Hair	Sandy, brownish - combed back receding forehead
Attire	Blue suit, tan trench coat with checkered lining
Peculiarities	Large, prominent nose

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 6, 1968, [redacted] Motel Americanna, Route 30 East, Greensburg, Pa., telephonically contacted SA [redacted] about 11:00 PM and advised that he has previously observed a sketch in the Saturday issue of the Pittsburgh Press on that date of the suspect killer of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and a person similar to the sketch and of similar physical descriptive data, contained in the newspaper article was presently at the motel bar. [redacted] said that this individual telephoned from the bar for a motel room reservation, however, the motel was filled at that time, and there were no rooms available.

[redacted] said the individual was driving a light green Cadillac convertible with a white top, bearing Florida license plate [redacted]

On April 6, 1968, SA [redacted] went to the Americanna Motel, and found a 1962 Cadillac convertible, light green body with white top, bearing Florida license [redacted] parked just outside the cocktail lounge.

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SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] owner of the aforementioned Cadillac, who exhibited Florida registration certificate and Certificate of Title to the aforementioned 1962 Cadillac convertible, VIN [redacted] Florida license [redacted] further identified himself as the owner and operator of [redacted] Orlando, Fla., and said that he was currently on a buying trip to Baltimore, Md. [redacted]

SA [redacted] determined from personal observations and identifying data that [redacted] was born [redacted] Baltimore, Md., had Florida Operator's License [redacted], and was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	52
Height	5'11 1/2"
Eyes	Hazel
Weight	180 lbs.
Hair	Brown (bald with only fringe benefits)
Occupation	Salesman
Residence	[redacted] Orlando, Fla.

[redacted] was dressed very neatly, and had a very fine neat well groomed mustache. It was further observed that [redacted] was well tanned, and looked much older than his age. [redacted] did not appear to be anything similar to the sketch in the October 6, 1968, issue of the Pittsburgh Press, which sketch was on the front page.

[redacted] at the Holiday [redacted] on April [redacted], 1968.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following persons, employed at the Holiday Inn, Princeton, W. Va., were contacted on April 17, 1968, and shown the photograph of the suspect. All advised that he looked familiar, but could not definitely state whether he had been at the Inn or not.

Records of the Inn were checked from April 1 to 17, 1968, under the name GALT, with negative results:

Mrs. BETTY PETTREY, Cashier
Mr. JOHN DESSINGER, Desk Clerk
Mrs. GEORGIA WATSON, Desk Clerk
Mrs. VIRGINIA KEESEE, Cashier
Mr. M. W. BAXLEY, Innkeeper

[redacted] advised that on Monday, May 13, 1968, he stopped at a bar, name unknown, on Craig Street, near Forbes (a bowling alley nearby) and observed an individual who strongly resembles photo of ERIC STARVO GALT as displayed on TV. Suspect was with an older man, wore a black ski-type jacket, had a nervous twitch in eye and a pronounced ski slanted nose. [redacted] stated the bartender knows identity of suspect.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 22, 1968, at approximately 12:30 PM, HERB SMITH, part-owner, Auto City Sales, 4825 Baum Boulevard, telephonically advised that an individual resembling the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY had been in his used-car lot attempting to trade a 1968 Ford coupe bearing Pennsylvania license [redacted]. It was determined that the above license was issued to [redacted] Pittsburgh. [redacted] was supposed to return to the auto agency and, in fact, did return at approximately 3:00 PM. It was determined that he was not identical to JAMES EARL RAY at that time.

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On April 22, 1968, GEORGE BARNES, Owner, Craig Street Inn, 413 South Craig Street, JACK MALONE and AL VENTO, bartenders at the Craig Street Inn, were exhibited photographs of RAY. They all advised that they had never seen anyone resembling RAY in the bar. A copy of the wanted flier was left with BARNES, who stated he would immediately contact the FBI should anyone fitting that description enter.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Inquiry at Lake Central Airlines, Clarksburg, W. Va., reflects no available records to verify arrival of [redacted] on Flight 534, April 18, 1968.

By description only, person appearing to be identical with [redacted], took taxi from airport to Clarksburg Bus Terminal on April 18, 1968, after arrival of Flight 534. This person made inquiry concerning Avis car rental but refused to rent car when $200.00 deposit requested. This person indicated it would be cheaper to buy a car and was given directions to local Ford dealer. Contacts at bus terminal, hotels and motels, local police, train depot, Lake Central Airlines and local Ford agency failed to locate [redacted] One [redacted] of Rowlesburg, W. Va., checked out this date and could not be identical with this person, based on description.

[redacted] located April 22, 1968, at Dixie Hotel, Weston, W. Va. He supplied sufficient information to identify him as person previously mentioned. [redacted] employed on an ore boat "Middleton" out of Toledo, Ohio, March 11 through April 18, 1968. From description and identification in his possession, [redacted] determined as not identical with subject in this case.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following persons were contacted on April 21, 1968, and unsuccessful efforts to identify or locate [redacted]

At Phillipi, W. Va.

1. [redacted]
   West Virginia State Police

2. [redacted]
   West Virginia State Police

3. [redacted]
   Phillipi Police Department

4. [redacted]
   Stemple-Foreman Funeral Home

5. [redacted]

6. [redacted]
   Mansfield Addition

7. [redacted]
   Mansfield Addition

At Moatsville, W. Va.

1. Mrs. D. C. KINES
   Assistant Postmaster

2. [redacted]
   Barbour County Deputy Sheriff

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3. [redacted]

4. [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] in order to locate and identify [redacted] The following is to reflect only the persons who were contacted on April 20, 1968:

[redacted] Lake Central Airlines
Bridgeport, W. Va.

[redacted] Lake Central Airlines
Bridgeport, W. Va.

[redacted] Lake Central Airlines
Bridgeport, W. Va.

[redacted] Lake Central Airlines
Bridgeport, W. Va.

[redacted] White Top Taxi
Driver and Hertz Rental Car Agent
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted] Wilson
Motor Company, Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted] President
Odelson Motor Company
Bridgeport, W. Va.

[redacted]
Odelson Motor Company
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted]
Avis Rent-A-Car Agency
Clarksburg, W. Va.

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SAs [redacted] and [redacted] located one [redacted], Rollesburg, W. Va., who was identified as being 22 years of age and did not in any way fit the description. An interview of [redacted] and his parents indicated that he had never been outside of the State of West Virginia.

The following investigation in this case was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 21, 1968. These are the persons contacted with negative results in connection with locating the correct [redacted]:

[redacted]
Police Department
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted]
West Virginia State Police
Shinnston, W. Va.

[redacted]
Harrison County Sheriff's Office
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted]
Terrace Motel
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted]
Colonial Motel
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted]
Evans Hotel
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted]
Goff Hotel
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[redacted]
Stonewall Jackson Hotel
Clarksburg, W. Va.

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[redacted] Ticket Agent
Clarksburg Bus Terminal

[redacted] Ticket Agent
Clarksburg Bus Terminal

[redacted] Ticket Agent
B & O Railroad, Clarksburg, W. Va.

On April 22, 1968, SA [redacted] conducted the following investigation in Clarksburg, W. Va., and was assisted in investigation in Buckhannon, W. Va., and Weston, W. Va., by SA [redacted]

The following persons were contacted:

[redacted]
Wilson Motor Company
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted] Ford Rental Service
Wilson Motor Company
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted] Driver
United Taxi Company
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted]
Police Department
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted] ispatcher
White Top Taxi Company
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted] Credit Bureau
Clarksburg, W. Va.

[redacted]
Commercial Credit Corporation
Clarksburg, W. Va.

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[redacted]
Cochran Motor Company
Buckhannon, W. Va.

[redacted]
Weston, W. Va.

[redacted] located at the Dixie Hotel Weston, W. Va., and through interview and observation, it was determined that he was not identical with the subject in this case. He did provide information, however, establishing that he is the person who was referred to previously and that he did depart from Cleveland, Ohio, on April 18, 1968, via Northwest Airlines, to Washington, D. C., and then to Clarksburg, W. Va., by Lake Central Airlines, arriving at 3:12 PM on April 18, 1968. He took a White Top Taxicab from the airport to the Clarksburg Bus Terminal, and thereafter, boarded a Greyhound Bus on the same evening arriving in Weston, W. Va. He advised that he had been staying at the Dixie Hotel, however, on this date, April 22, 1968, he had been in Buckhannon, W. Va., visiting a friend and attempting to buy an automobile. He had just returned to Weston, and was visiting with his girlfriend who is the daughter of [redacted] made available identification indicating that he was born on [redacted] at [redacted] and that from March 11, 1968, to April 18, 1968, he had been employed as an oiler on the ore boat "Middletown" owned by the Columbia Transportation Company, Cleveland, and he stated that during this period of time he was on board this boat making runs in the Great Lakes vicinity. He also furnished a U. S. Coast Guard pass reflecting that his name is [redacted] which also carried his photograph. [redacted] advised that he had served a hitch in the U. S. Navy and had received an honorable discharge in June, 1966. The following descriptive information was obtained from [redacted] or from observation:

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Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	Caucasian
Born	[redacted]
Height	6'1"
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Dark brown
Eyes	Gray
Build	Slender
Scars and marks	Two parallel 3" scars slanting across forehead to the right, one inch above the eye; tattoos - a rose with "Mom and Dad" on left upper arm; Eagle on right upper arm.
Marital Status	Single
Military Service	U.S. Navy (honorable discharge, June, 1966), Navy Serial No. [redacted]
Social Security No.	[redacted]
Merchant Marine No.	[redacted]
Relatives	Parents - Father - [redacted] Heaters, W. Va.; Mother - [redacted] same address

[redacted] carried a current Ohio Driver's license [redacted] issued [redacted], showing his address as [redacted] Strongsville, Ohio, which he states is the address of a friend, [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

On April 22, 1968, [redacted] in charge of [redacted] McKees Rocks, Pa., advised that [redacted], hired by that company March 27, 1967. [redacted] is employed as [redacted] for States of Florida, Alabama, and Georgia. He resides a[redacted]

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[redacted], Mapleton, Ga.

[redacted] described as white male, 5'7", 150 lbs., brown hair.

Photographs viewed by [redacted] who stated not similar to [redacted]

[redacted] Elkins, W. Va., telephonically contacted SA [redacted] [redacted] on the evening of April 22, 1968, and advised that an individual had very recently contacted [redacted] real estate dealer, at Elkins, relative to purchasing property and that the individual bore a strong resemblance to the photograph of ERIC STARVO GAULT that has been prominently displayed in leading newspapers.

[redacted] provided the following information on April 23, 1968:

He was contacted at his office by a man named [redacted] on or about April 18, 1968, relative to property located at [redacted] that has been put up for sale. [redacted] advised that [redacted] bears a facial resemblance to newspaper photographs of ERIC STARVO GAULT, but that he appears to be considerably older than GAULT. He said that [redacted] was seeking a temporary place to stay as well as permanent real estate, and he, [redacted] made arrangements for [redacted] to stay at the residence [redacted] at Elkins.

It later developed that [redacted] speech and talk would sometimes be irrational and disconnected, and [redacted] became uneasy in [redacted] presence. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he would have to find another place to live and [redacted] departed [redacted] on the evening of April 22, 1968.

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[redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, approximately 40-50 years of age, 5'7", 165-170 lbs., stocky build.

[redacted] Elkins, W. Va., advised on April 23, 1968, that he is an attorney for [redacted] and he telephonically contacted the Veterans Administration Hospital at Huntington, W. Va., in behalf of [redacted] relative to [redacted] He spoke to a [redacted] and was informed that [redacted] was refused a loan in August or September, 1967, on grounds that he was "medically incompetent." [redacted] said he was referred to the Regional Veterans Administration Hospital in New York City for further information. [redacted] said he observed [redacted] in [redacted] office and that [redacted] does bear a facial resemblance to GAULT. He said, however, that [redacted] appears to be considerably older than GAULT.

[redacted] Elkins, provided the following information on April 23, 1968:

[redacted] has been in contact with [redacted] real estate agent, concerning the purchase of property in Elkins, W. Va. [redacted] is presently out of town. [redacted] is completely familiar with the [redacted] case and has talked to him on several occasions.

She advised that [redacted] does bear a facial resemblance to newspaper photographs of ERIC GAULT, but that she does not believe them to be one and the same individual, [redacted] left with her office some personal papers showing a relationship with the Veterans Administration and she displayed a letter from the Regional Office, VA Hospital, 252 Seventh Avenue, New York, N.Y., dated March 4, 1967, addressed to [redacted] Brooklyn, N.Y., VAC # [redacted] which letter stated that [redacted] was being awarded [redacted] monthly beginning October 1, 1966. The letter also referred to previous payments to his account which had been discontinued.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] had been in her office the last year in an effort to buy real estate and her office subsequently received a post card from him postmarked Miami, Fla., October 25, 1967, showing his return address as C/O [redacted], Coral Gables, Fla.

As SA [redacted] was preparing to leave [redacted] office, [redacted] identified a man who was walking past the office as [redacted] was observed to go to the General Delivery window in the Elkins Post Office, where he apparently inquired as to mail. Close observation of [redacted] at this time reflected him to be a white male, age approximately 50-55 years, height about 5'7", weight approximately 190 lbs., gray eyes, black hair, streaked with gray, paunchy build.

This observation of [redacted] as well as information provided by [redacted], reflects that he is not identical with ERIC STARVO GAULT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]:

On April 26, 1968, [redacted] Pittsburgh, Pa., came to the Pittsburgh FBI Office, and advised that at approximately 9:35 AM, he observed an individual who resembled JAMES EARL RAY leaving Emil's Restaurant on Liberty Avenue. He advised that he had known RAY when RAY was in Leavenworth Penitentiary and was fairly certain the individual he saw was RAY. [redacted]

[redacted] SA [redacted] Assistant Special Agent in Charge THOMAS H. FARROW, and SAs [redacted] and [redacted], went to Emil's Restaurant; however, the bartender, JOSEPH HOLLICK, was unable to identify a photograph of RAY as having been in the restaurant approximately 30 minutes prior. The Greyhound Bus Station, Pennsylvania Railroad Station, Jerry's Bar, and the Roma Hotel, all located near Emil's Restaurant, were checked with negative results.

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The following investigation was conducted by Supervisor [redacted]

At 7:05 PM, one FNU [redacted] telephonically contacted the writer from Huntington, W. Va., and advised that he had seen the individual being sought by the FBI in connection with the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated he had seen this person's picture on TV for the past two weeks and that he observed him in Easy Bill's Tavern, 14th Street West, Huntington, W. Va., approximately 20 minutes prior to calling. [redacted] was reluctant to furnish information as to where he could be located, but agreed to meet with an agent. He stated he would recontact the FBI Office in 30 minutes in order to learn where he could meet an FBI Agent. [redacted] advised that he had never seen this particular individual before and that he looked the same as the pictures shown on TV except that he now had a black beard.

It was determined that all agents assigned to the Huntington Resident Agency were in Williamson, W. Va. [redacted] of the Huntington Police Department was contacted and advised that there is a [redacted] in Huntington, who is a trouble maker and loudmouth and he stated that since there may be some basis for [redacted] call, he would send a car to the area of Easy Bill's Tavern in an effort to observe anyone resembling the fugitive RAY.

At 7:25 PM, SA [redacted] telephonically contacted the writer from the Huntington Resident Agency and advised that he had just received a call from [redacted] at the Huntington Resident Agency. [redacted] was requested to contact [redacted] of the Police Department and attempt to resolve the matter.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 30, 1968, at approximately 7:00 PM, an individual who identified himself as [redacted]

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[redacted] Huntington, W. Va., telephonically advised he had just seen a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY at the Old Town Tavern on 14th Street West, Huntington, W. Va. [redacted] stated the man was at least 6'4" in height and had a heavy beard. He could furnish no other descriptive data. He stated he would wait at Lewis' Grocery, 14th Street West, Huntington, W. Va., to be interviewed. It is noted [redacted] was difficult to understand and sounded inebriated. He also stated he had already alerted other FBI agents to the man's location. He was unable to advise who the other agents were or their location.

Telephonic contactwith the Pittsburgh Office revealed that a man identifying himself as [redacted] had called a short time previously with essentially the same information except that he claimed the man resembling RAY was at Easy Bill's Tavern.

[redacted] Huntington Police Department, was immediately contacted regarding the above. He stated [redacted] is a habitual drunkard and trouble-maker in the community. He also stated [redacted] has never furnished reliable information to the police, but is more inclined to deliberately mislead officers in investigations. He also advised the locations described by [redacted] are the worst areas of town. He stated he would immediately dispatch two detectives to the location and attempt to locate the individual described by [redacted] and also interview [redacted] if he could be located. He stated his department had an ample supply of wanted posters concerning JAMES EARL RAY and he would instruct the detectives to distribute these during their investigation.

Later in the same evening, [redacted] advised the detectives had finished their inquiries on 14th Street West concerning RAY and had determined no one matching RAY's description had been in the area. He also stated the detectives were unable to locate [redacted] for interview. He advised there was some indication the incident was a deliberate hoax.

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The following investigation was conducted at McMurray, Pa., by SA [redacted], on April 26, 1968:

[redacted] McMurray, advised that her daughter, [redacted] is employed as [redacted] in McMurray, Peters Township, Pa.

[redacted] located at [redacted], advised that she had read accounts of the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING in the local press and had observed the artist conception sketch which appeared in the press. After looking at this sketch she concluded that it resembled very strongly [redacted] named [redacted]. She advised that [redacted] and she recalled that he, when he left the Peters Township area, maybe now [redacted] in the Pittsburgh area [redacted] was shown the photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed and with his eyes drawn in by an FBI artist, and she advised that this photograph did not in any resemble the [redacted] she mentioned. She described [redacted] as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	About 29
Height and weight	Unknown
Build	Thin
Employment	[redacted]

She stated definitely that the actual photograph of GALT did not in any way resemble [redacted] and had originally contacted the FBI because of her original thought of the similarity between the artist's sketch and [redacted]

At about 10:15 PM, May 2, 1968, [redacted] Barton, W. Va., telephonically advised SA [redacted] that on April 22, 1968, two white males in a

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1961 or 1962 white Chevrolet Impala bearing Louisiana license, number unknown, purchased gas and tires in the amount of $42.28 at PLYER's Gulf Station in Bartow, using Gulf Credit Card # [redacted] in the name of [redacted] address not recalled in Louisiana. One of the men who was wearing cowboy hat and cowboy boots signed the purchase slip with the name [redacted]. He stated he was from Oklahoma and had just arrived in the area to work with [redacted] discovered that [redacted] left the area immediately after the purchase, and there are no [redacted] in the area. Also, this credit card had been cancelled about one week prior to April 22, 1968.

On May 2, 1968, [redacted] read in a newspaper that JAMES EARL RAY had an associate from New Orleans, La., named STEIN and similarities in names, STEIN and STEINER, caused him to conclude that [redacted] may have been RAY. He could not recall descriptons of the man with [redacted] other than he was a white male with a "fat face." [redacted] said he recorded license number of the Chevrolet on the purchase slip, but no longer has record of the number as the slip has been forwarded to Gulf Oil Company Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. [redacted] also advised that information that the card had been cancelled came from Gulf Headquarters in Houston, Texas.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 8, 1968, [redacted] New Kensington, Pa., phone [redacted] a Negro, advised that a man resembling JAMES EARL RAY lived in New Kensington at the Clark Hotel from October to December, 1967. She said that he had a scar on his forehead and his ears stuck out and his nose was shaped like subject's. She said that she asked him why he, a white man, lived with the Negroes, and that he said he wrote too many bad checks. She said the only thing unlike RAY was that this man had black hair. She said that he worked for [redacted] but it was not New Kensington and that she was unable to identify the firm. The man gave the name [redacted]

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The phone book lists Clark's Hotel, 304-8th Street, 337 6651. [redacted] called back and added that subject drank nothing but beer.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]:

On May 13, 1968, ELLA V. CLARK, Owner of the Clark Hotel, 304 8th Street, New Kensington, Pa., was interviewed and advised that one [redacted] had resided in Room [redacted] from September 23, 1967, until December 9, 1967. She described [redacted] as a white male, 38-39 years of age, 5'7" tall, 150 pounds, dark hair. She was exhibited photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and said that [redacted] did not resemble him at all.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]:

On May 9, 1968, [redacted], was interviewed and advised he left Pittsburgh on May 5, 1968, via United Airlines enroute to Tampa, Fla., to attend the American Hospital Association meeting at the International Inn. While there, he stayed at the Sokal Motel. He was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted] from Pittsburgh. He departed Tampa on May 8, 1968, via Delta Airlines enroute to Atlanta, where he made connections with United Airlines for Pittsburgh.

[redacted] is [redacted] Pittsburgh. [redacted] was eliminated as being identical with RAY through personal observation.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On the evening of May 1, 1968, SA [redacted] was contacted by Night Clerk [redacted], when [redacted] advised that the Bureau had just received a telephone call from [redacted], Hooversville, Pa., who indicated that he was then in the Palace Hotel at Windber, Pa., and that he was drinking next to an individual he was certain was identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

The writer proceeded to Windber, Pa., where with [redacted] of the Windber Police Department, [redacted] was found in an extremely intoxicated condition at the Palace Hotel. [redacted] pointed out a local resident, [redacted] as being identical with RAY.

[redacted] was acquainted with everyone in the Palace Hotel with the exception of [redacted], and when [redacted] became abusive, he was charged by the local police with being drunk and disorderly.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Investigation at Everett, Pa., disclosed that [redacted] of [redacted] Everett, is a gasoline attendant at the Esso Service Station on the westbound lane of the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Bedford, Pa.

[redacted] was contacted at his place of employment by SA [redacted] on May 7, 1968, when his letter to the Bureau was orally acknowledged.

[redacted] stated that at approximately 2:00 AM on April 21, 1968, a man came into his service station and asked if he could sleep in his vehicle for approximately one-half hour. The man explained that he had to be in Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, April 22, 1968, and that he did not desire to sleep too long. [redacted] stated that the man went into the rest room in the gasoline station and then returned and made the comment to [redacted] that he felt that he was much too tired to sleep for only one-half hour and decided that it would be better if [redacted] would awake him at approximately 5:00 AM.

[redacted] stated that he permitted the man to sleep in the car until 5:00 AM and then attempted to arouse him. At this point, two young Pennsylvania State Police officers came into the service station and [redacted] explained the problem to them. He stated that they laughingly blew the siren on the State Police vehicle frightening the man badly. He stated they did not question him even though he, [redacted] noted to these officers that the man in his opinion looked very much like the man who killed MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[redacted] advised that he was suspicious of the man because of his haggard looking condition and because of his dirty dress and, therefore, took the license number of the vehicle, a blue Mustang, which he described as having Georgia license [redacted] and some sort of an Army sticker on the bumper which had the number [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that shortly after the State Police blew the siren, the man departed in a westerly direction in the above-described vehicle.

[redacted] described the man as follows:

Age	30 - 36
Build	Muscular
Height	5'8"
Hair	Dark
Eyes	Dark
Complexion	Dark
Accent	Either a southern or south-western accent
Appearance	Generally giving appearance of Mexican extraction

[redacted] was shown all available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, when he stated that in reviewing all the photographs, he doubts that the man who was in his service station was identical with the subject.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 9, 1968, [redacted] was located and interviewed at Williamson, W. Va. [redacted] said he was in attendance at a meeting at the Paschal's Motel in Atlanta, Ga., on March 14, 1968. He is unable to recall the names and descriptions of any other people present. He does recall being introduced to two white males in the lobby of the motel by CARL BRADEN of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). He does not recall the names of either of these persons.

The following is a description of [redacted] as obtained from observation and interview:

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Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'9"
Weight	150 pounds
Hair	Brown, long
Eyes	Hazel
Parents	[redacted] Rosylyn, N.Y.
Residence	[redacted] Williamson, W. Va.
Receives mail	[redacted] Williamson, W. Va.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 24, 1968, Chief of Police FRED ARBOGAST, Point Marion Police Department, Point Marion, Pa., telephonically advised that one [redacted] Point Marion, Pa., tentatively identified the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with an individual who was presently renting a room [redacted] in Point Marion, Pa. He added that he had received information from [redacted] that this individual registered as [redacted] during the evening hours of April 23, 1968. He further related that this individual was allegedly employed at the [redacted] in Fort Martin, W. Va. He added that this individual was also driving a Ford truck, white in color, bearing Louisiana license [redacted]

On April 24, 1968, [redacted] was interviewed at his present place of employment, [redacted] Fort Martin, W. Va., which is located a few miles outside of Point Marion, Pa. [redacted] produced a Louisiana driver's

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license, dated February 6, 1967, in the name of [redacted] address [redacted] Bastrop, La. [redacted] further related that he was born on [redacted] at Princeton, Ind. [redacted] related that he was presently employed as [redacted] at [redacted] and that he was temporarily residing in a room at [redacted] in Point Marion, Pa.

[redacted] advised that he left the state of Louisiana during the latter part of March, 1968, and on the last Saturday in March, 1968, he drove through Memphis, Tenn. He said that he did not stop in Memphis, and that for the past three weeks, he had been working in Toledo, Ohio.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	6'1"
Weight	175 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Hazel
Scars and marks	Scar on base of skull
Social Security No.	[redacted]

[redacted] was then fingerprinted, and his fingerprints were compared with those of JAMES EARL RAY, IO #4182, and it was determined that [redacted] was not identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 15, 1968, [redacted] Traveler's Aid, Pennsylvania Railroad Station, advised that an individual resembling JAMES EARL RAY approached her desk and asked

her to watch his briefcase. She stated that he talked in a rambling fashion and made mention of the fact that he had traveled through the south. He said he arrived in Pittsburgh the prior evening and had slept at the Greyhound Bus Station. She became suspicious since his suit was well pressed and he was clean shaven. He had no money and wanted to go to New York City, however, she did not furnish him money for this purpose.

He then requested a place to stay so then she sent him to the Salvation Army shelter. She later checked at the shelter and found that he had not arrived.

She was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that after viewing them the individual she had talked with earlier was not JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 17, 1968, Special Agent [redacted] U.S. Secret Service, Charleston, W. Va., advised that [redacted] Police Department, Charleston, W. Va., was trying to get hold of the FBI as a local barber had cut a man's hair and he believed the man was the one wanted for the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[redacted] were located on Summers Street, Charleston, W. Va., and it was determined that a short time before, [redacted] a local barber [redacted] believed he had cut the hair of the man wanted for the KING murder. He had followed the man outside his barber shop and when he saw [redacted] he asked [redacted] to follow the man and find out where he went and report same to the police. [redacted] folbwed the man and he and a woman, believed to be the man's wife, got into a 1967 or 1968 cream colored Dodge with Florida license [redacted] or [redacted]

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They drove east on [redacted] in Charleston and disappeared. [redacted] said he did not get a close look at the man and could not identify him.

[redacted] barber, [redacted] Charleston, W. Va., advised he had cut the hair of a man who appeared nervous to him and who in his conversation said he had just come up from Florida. This man had a wrinkle in the middle of his forehead and a cut scar in his right eyebrow. He was on the short side and somewhat stocky, and one of his ears appeared to be different from the other slightly. There was a woman with him who wore wedding rings and appeared to be the man's wife.

[redacted] said that the man appeared to him to look like the picture he had seen in the local paper of the KING murderer.

[redacted] was shown photographs of subject RAY as appearing on the wanted flyer and the IO and he said the man "did not look like any of those pictures, but he looked like the picture in the paper." [redacted] could not pinpoint which picture was in the paper or when, but he positively stated that the man did not look like any of the three photos on the fliers.

It should be noted that [redacted] is a former [redacted] from several years back and he has been a barber for many years. He is in his 70's [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Baileysville, W. Va., phone - [redacted] telephonically contacted the Pittsburgh Office on May 12, 1968, and advised that he lives on a rural dirt road in the Baileysville area. On May 11, 1968, while driving on this road with his wife, they passed a white male, 5'8", 165 lbs. [redacted] who has lived in the area most of his life. This man was a stranger.

In the paper on May 12, 1968, [redacted] saw a picture of JAMES EARL RAY. The photograph of RAY appeared to be very similar to the individual he and his wife saw walking along the road.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 22, 1968, [redacted] Baileysville, W. Va., advised SA [redacted] that she had nothing to add to the information previously furnished the Pittsburgh Office on May 12, 1968, other than that she she and her husband had just seen the photograph of RAY in the newspaper and had been driving down a rural dirt road when they saw an individual who looked like the photo that she had just seen.

[redacted] advised that neither she nor her husband have seen this individual since that date, and that it had been only for a brief period then.

It is to be noted that the [redacted] live in a rural area where there are very few houses.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 20, 1968, [redacted] Epworth Manner Nursing Home, Tyrone, Pa., advised that she had written no letters to anyone concerning the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., nor did she possess any information on that matter.

She advised that she was originally from Genesee, Pa., and had many relatives with the last name of [redacted] residing in the vicinity of Coudersport, but she was not aware of any of them who used the first initial of [redacted] She also advised that the Coudersport area was frequented by many migrant Negro workers from Florida.

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The following investigation at Erie, Pa., was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Erie, Pa., was contacted on May 2, 1968. She advised that on or about April 16, 1968, she had been in Jamors Restaurant, also located at 1523 State Street, Erie, Pa. She stated that while she was in the restaurant, she noticed an individual sitting at the counter and she advised that when this individual passed her on his way out of the restaurant, she noted that he had extremely clear blue eyes and advised that at the time she felt he resembled a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, which she had observed in the Erie newspaper. She stated that this individual crossed State Street after he left the restaurant, and got into a truck drawing a red flatbed semi-trailer, and proceeded up State Street. She advised that to the best of her recollection, she had never seen this individual prior to that time, and stated that she has not seen him since this incident.

[redacted] was shown a copy of I. O. Number 4182 on JAMES EARL RAY, and stated that while there is some resemblance to the individual she saw in the restaurant, she does not believe that the individual is identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

A photograph of JAMES EARL RAY was displayed to MARIE KISCHEL, owner, Jamors Restaurant, as well as MARY MILLIGAN and STELLA DOROSCH, both waitresses at Jamors Restaurant, all of whom advised that the photograph of RAY does not appear familiar to them and that they do not believe RAY has ever been a customer at Jamors Restaurant.

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FINGERPRINTS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 3, 1968, [redacted] Police Department, Clarksburg, W. Va., and [redacted] Police Department, Fairmont, W. Va., were contacted by SA [redacted] in connection with any unidentified latents obtained after April 23, 1968, and requested that they be compared with the Identification Order on JAMES EARL RAY. None have been obtained since that date by either department but they will check future latents with this Identification Order as part of their investigation.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 2, 1968, [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Identification, Pennsylvania State Police, Washington, Pa., was contacted regarding his handling of unidentified latent fingerprints and the maintenance of a latent fingerprint file. [redacted] advised that he is the Bureau of Criminal Identification man for the Pennsylvania State Police covering all of Washington County, including other counties, and that whenever he develops a latent fingerprint at the scene of a crime, he retains that latent fingerprint in his own possession until such time as he might be able to identify it was a fingerprint, and added that their procedure for comparing these latents with any other files, fingerprints, latents or otherwise, is without policy. He said that after a while, these latents become lost, destroyed or thrown away, and there is not set pattern for holding them. He advised there is no other agency in the county which maintains latent fingerprint files and any latents developed by any other police department are sent to the Pennsylvania State Police for comparison with known fingerprints and then returned to the department. He said that to compare the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY with any unidentified fingerprints obtained in Washington County would be impossible since these prints are not maintained.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Police Department, Johnstown, Pa., advised on May 3, 1968, that his department currently has no unidentified latent fingerprints developed during the course of an investigation by his officers, and that he, therefore, cannot compare them with those of JAMES EARL RAY.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 6, 1968, the below-listed individuals were contacted, and they advised that their respective departments do not have any unidentified latent fingerprints on file that were obtained after April 23, 1967:

[redacted] Uniontown Police Department, Uniontown, Pa.

[redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Uniontown, Pa.

[redacted] Connellsville Police Department, Connellsville, Pa.

[redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Waynesburg, Pa.

[redacted] Greene County Sheriff's Office, Waynesburg, Pa.

On May 1, 1968, SA [redacted], advised that there are no police agencies in the Martinsburg, W. Va., Resident Agency territory which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints.

On May 1, 1968, SA [redacted] advised that there are no police agencies in the Wheeling, W. Va., Resident Agency territory which maintain unidentified latent fingerprints.

LAUNDRIES

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 11, 1968:

A check of yellow sections of all telephone directories covering communities in Mineral, Hampshire, Morgan, and Jefferson Counties, W. Va., was made and no laundry was listed.

In Berkeley County, W. Va., two laundries were located, as follows:

Rockwell Cleaners and Launderers,
126 South Raleigh Street,
Martinsburg, W. Va.

Martinsburg Laundry and Dry Cleaning
Company, 301 East Stephen Street,
Martinsburg, W. Va.

GRANT SEABRIGHT, Manager, Martinsburg Laundry, on April 11, 1968, said his firm does not use a thermo-seal marking machine.

On April 11, 1968, S. L. ROCKWELL, Rockwell Cleaners and Launderers, said his firm does use a thermo-seal marking machine, but that the coding "O2B-6" or "D2B-6" is not used by his firm.

ROCKWELL added, for possible assistance, that there are ten colors used and available to firms that use the thermo-seal machine, but he does not use the red color; that in his operations, only five colors are used, and that he changes the color of the marking with every lot. He said that the code numbers are broken into the lot number, an alphabetical letter for the week, and a bundle number, running from one to twenty. He said he knows no one in the eastern section of West Virginia who uses a thermo-seal machine, and believes the closest is at York, Pa.

HARRY BEARD, Chief, Laundry Section, Veterans Administration Center, Martinsburg, W. Va., said that the laundry for patients and domiciliary members at the Center

is done in his section; that most installations similar to this have laundry facilities and use varying types of marking equipment; but that his installation does not use a thermo-seal machine.

BEARD, SEABRIGHT, and ROCKWELL all said they no of no other laundry facilities in any of the five counties covered by the Martinsburg, W. Va., Resident Agency.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10 - 11, 1968, all laundries in Huntington, W. Va., were contacted by SA [redacted] and all advised that they do not use red cloth laundry tags. Also contacted were the Riverside Paper Company, Huntington, and the W. T. Rife Company, Huntington, the only two distributors of laundry tags in Huntington, and they advised they have had no calls for red laundry tags.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, the following individuals were contacted by SA [redacted], regarding a red cloth laundry tag, one-fourth-inch wide, one and one-sixteenth inches long, containing the letters "O2B-6" or "D2B-6," but they were unable to furnish any information regarding such a tag:

LAWRENCE MC CABE, Owner,
McCabe Cleaners, 3610 Eoff,
Wheeling, W. Va.

Miss CLARICE MARTIN, Owner,
One Hour Martinizing,
Main Street, New Martinsville, W. Va.

Mrs. BARBARA WHITLACH, Operator,
Thrifty Wash, 1 Linden Avenue,
Moundsville, W. Va.

HENRY GRAMMER, Owner and Manager,
Budd Cleaners, Inc., Eighth and
Lafayette, Moundsville, W. Va.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]; on April 10, 1968:

The following laundries in the Charleston, W. Va., area were telephonically contacted and none of them use laundry markings of the Therno-Seal Marking Machine or anything similar:

Bell Laundry

Bon-Ton

Colemans

Dixie

Elite

Kanawha Valley

Miracle

Peerless

Quality Service

Superior

White Quality

Mr. SCHMIDT, of Superior Laundry, advised that he knew of no one in the area who used Textile Marking Machine Company tags because it is too expensive an operation for a small laundry. He said the closest one to Charleston is located at Lexington Laundry, Lexington, Ky.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 10, 1968, who contacted the following laundries in Taylor, Preston, and Monongalia Counties, W. Va., with negative results:

Robinson Cleaners,
Luzadder, W. Va.

Kingwood Cleaners, Kingwood, W. Va.

The following laundries are all located in Morgantown, W. Va.:

Conner's Master Cleaner,
612 Richwood Avenue

Hartley's Cleaners,
432 Spruce Street

Bill's Launderette,
1225 University Avenue

Massullo's Cleaners and Tailors,
447 High Street

Peerless Laundries, Inc.,
221 East Brockway

Pickett's Dry Cleaning Company,
3529 University Avenue

Pickett's Town Cleaners,
311 Carson

South Side Cleaners,
430 Winsley

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 11, 1968:

In connection with the contact of all laundries in Crawford, Venango, Elk and Forest Counties, the following were telephonically contacted, with negative results:

MARVIN KESSLER, Kessler Cleaner and Laundry, 287 Seneca Street, Oil City, Pa. He states he does not use cloth tags. He advised there are no other laundries in the Oil City and Franklin area which do their own flat work.

LOUIS HELFRICH, [redacted] Titusville, Pa., advised he used marking machine and no cloth tags used.

HERB OLSON, Ridgway Dry Cleaner and Laundry, 141 West Main Street, Ridgway, Pa., advised flat work sent to Bruzzi Laundry,Coudersport, Pa.

Mrs. VIOLA BENZUTTI, Economy Cleaners, Johnsonburg, Pa., advised all flat work sent to Brockway, Pa. No cloth tags used.

KEN LUCAS, Meadville Laundry, 299 North Street, Meadville, Pa., advised marking machine used. No tags used.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, the below-listed individuals were contacted, and they advised that their laundries did not use any type of a thermo-seal marking machine in marking their laundry:

(1) HELEN WONTROBA, Clerk, French Cleaners, Inc., 366 South Mount Vernon Avenue, Uniontown, Pa.

(2) PEARL GAUDIANO, Manager, Orchid One Hour Cleaners, 104 South Beeson Boulevard, Uniontown, Pa.

(3) Mr. ROBERT RECKERD, Manager, Simpson's Linen Service, 34 Millview Street, Uniontown, Pa.

(4) Mrs. DOROTHY VARNEY, Owner, Varney's Laundry and Dry Cleaning Service, Bute Road, Uniontown, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, the following laundries located in Erie County, according to the yellow pages of the telephone directory, were telephonically contacted. All advised that they did not mark their laundry with cloth tags, but rather with an ink marking device. (Name of laundry followed by person contacted.)

Anthony's Cleaners and Laundry,
2424 Peach Street, and
3759 West Twelfth Street,
Erie, Pa., Mrs. GLADYS MUMFORD

City Cleaners and Laundry,
101 West Tenth Street, Erie, Pa.,
JAMES GADDY

Erie Laundry, 530 East Nineteenth
Street, Erie, Pa., GILBERT REISER

Franks Cleaners and Laundry,
1811 West Eighth Street, Erie,
JEAN HAMMER

Kline's Dry Cleaning and Laundry,
2829 West Twentysixth Street, and
1162 West Eighth Street, Erie,
JOSEPH KLINE

Linn Cleaners and Shirt Laundry,
1211 West Twentysixth Street,
Erie, EDWARD F. LINN

LaMartin Laundry, 61 South Lake Street,
North East, Pa., EMBRY LA MARTIN

Troy Laundry, 416 State Street, Erie,
now out of business, but former owner,
JOHN TOZER, contacted

It is here being noted that Erie Laundry is the only large laundry in Erie still doing a large volume of laundry business. The others take shirts and bachelor bundles. Mr. REISER advised that to his knowledge, there is not any laundry in the area which uses cloth tags and none used by his firm in over ten years. Cloth tags used by his company were not of type looking for in instant matter.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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On April 10, 1968, the following individuals were contacted by SA [redacted], regarding a red cloth laundry tag, one-fourth inch wide, one and one-sixteenth inches long, containing the letters "O2B-6," or "D2B-6," but they were unable to identify it:

Aul and Shively, Inc., 816 McColloch, Wheeling, W. Va., JOSEPH KELLY, Manager

Home Pearl Laundry, Inc., 330 Hazlett Avenue, Wheeling, NORMAN MARX, Manager

Carol's One Hour Cleaners, 1033 Main, Wheeling, JAMES MC GRAIL, Manager

Wheeling Quality Laundry Company, 6 Mount Wood Road, HELEN CIHY, Supervisor

Odorless Cleaners, 95-Sixteenth Street, Wheeling, MARTHA RADASH, Supervisor

One Hour Martinizing, 1040 Market, Wheeling, Mrs. JUNE PERONI, Supervisor

McClaskey Cleaners, 1137 National Road, Mrs. MARY BAUER, Employee

U-Wanta Linen Supply Company, Inc., 307 Kenney Street, Wheeling, ARDEN WILSON, Manager

State Cleaners and Shirt Laundry, 2066 National Road, Wheeling, VIRGINIA ACKERSON, Employee

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 11, 1968:

Telephonic contact at the Bradford Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 210 Lang Maid Drive, Bradford, Pa., disclosed that

this is the only laundry in Bradford marking clothing and all such marking is done by ink. It was also determined that all industrial laundry for Bradford is handled by the Coyne Company, Jamestown, N.Y.

Similar information was also obtained at the Warren Laundry, Warren, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, the following laundries, the only complete laundries in the Beckley, W. Va., Resident Agency area, were contacted, and none use thermo-seal marking machines, red tags, nor were numbers "O2B-6" or "D2B-6" their laundry numbers:

Richmond Cleaners and Laundry, Beckley, W. Va.

Raleigh Cleaners and Laundry, Beckley

Crown Cleaners and Laundry, Beckley, which does its laundry in plant at Hinton, W. Va.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 10, 1968:

All laundries noted in yellow pages, Ambridge, Aliquippa, and Beaver Valley, covering all of Beaver County, Pa., telephonically contacted and negative.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

In connection with this matter, the following laundries were contacted to determine if they used a thermo-seal marking machine, with the following identification symbols: "O2B-6" or "D2B-6." All of these laundries advised that they did not use a thermo-seal marking machine, and they were unable to provide the names of any laundries in their communities which used such a machine. The laundries were contacted on April 10 - 12, 1968:

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A. C. Laundry, Inc., 101 Tiona Street, Punxsutawney, Pa., MACK H. CURRY, Assistant Manager

Sawyer Laundry, 366 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, Pa., EDWIN SAWYER, owner

One Hour Martinizing, 715 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, Pa., JOHN HAMMERLE, owner

Kline's Drycleaner, 54 Barnett Street, Brookfield, Pa., BERNARD KLINE, owner

Teeters Cleaning Company, 139 Market Street, Leechburg, Pa., JOHN W. TEETERS, owner

Yee Sam Laundry, Kittanning, Pa., JAMES YEE, Manager

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10, and 11, 1968, the following laundries in Westmoreland County, Pa., were contacted, and all advised that they did not utilize a thermo-marking machine in connection with the processing of laundry items and could not furnish the name of any laundries in the local area utilizing the thermo-marking machine:

Mr. HARRY FINE, Manager, Keystone Laundry and Drycleaning Company, 201 Alwine Avenue, Greensburg, Pa.

Mr. ERNEST BENFORD, Owner, Benford's Master Cleaners and Laundry, 722 Green Street, Southwest, Greensburg

Mrs. LILLIAN PAINTER, Manager, Valet One Hour Service, 106 South Pennsylvania Avenue, Greensburg, Pa.

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Mrs. SAMUEL (ELIZABETH) RANERI, Manager and wife of owner, Westmoreland Cleaners, 512 New Alexander Road, Route #119, Greensburg, Pa.

Mrs. MARY KIDD, Supervisor, Model Cleaning and Laundry Company, 14th and Gaskill Avenue, Jeannette, Pa.

Mr. HERMAN CIARIMBOLI, Owner, Youngwood Drycleaners and Laundry, 3 South Fourth Street, Youngwood, Pa.

Mr. CHARLES W. SPAHR, Owner, Monessen Laundry and Drycleaning Company, Second and Donora Avenue, Monessen, Pa.

Mr. JAMES DRIZOS, Owner, American Cleaners, 418 Donner Avenue, Monessen, Pa.

Mr. JIM CAVIRIS, Manager, Union Cleaners Company, Main Plant, Eleventh and Donora, Monessen, Pa.

Mr. CARL SMITH, Owner, Smith's Ideal Cleaning Company, Main Plant, 2801 Leechburg Road, New Kensington, Pa.

Mr. FRANK PELLEGRINO, Plant Manager, Walzers Cleaning Company, Main Plant, 408 Eighth Street, New Kensington, Pa.

Mr. ROY GINTER, Manager, Latrobe Laundry, 1417 Ligonier Street, Latrobe, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following persons were contacted on April 10, 1968, in regard to a cloth laundry tag made on a thermo-seal marking machine, with negative results:

New Castle, Pa.

Benny's Laundry, 329 East Long Avenue, Mrs. B. PALLADINO

Brittons Cleaners, Union Plaza, Mr. THOMAS JONES

Fish Dry Cleaners, Calls Plaza, Mr. AL SCARANTO

Jack and Jill Cleaners, 129 East Washington, MARY CHIRUMBOLO

Mitticas Laundry, 208 East Wallace, ROBERT ZINGARO

Smith's Cleaners, 20 East Lawrence, JAMES KAPLAN

Ellwood City, Pa.

Ellwood Laundry, 1022 Lawrence Avenue, ANGELO RORDI

Mayflower Cleaners, 222 Fifth, name not available

Butler, Pa.

Bartolies Cleaners, 340 Mercer Street, PETER BARTOLI

Butler Automatic Laundry, 122 East Wayne, GEORGE PATRIZIO

Sharon, Pa.

American Laundry, Vine and Reno, Mr. BOYLE

Greenville, Pa.

Chase Laundry, DARRELL CHASE

The individuals contacted advised that they do not use this type of tag and that they are the only laundries in the area that would do anything but dress shirts. They advised that for a laundry to use this type of tag, they would have to do a large volume of business.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following persons were contacted by SA [redacted] on April 10, 1968, in an effort to determine if their respective laundries used marking machinery manufactured by the Textile Marking Machine Company of Syracuse, N.Y. All advised that they did not use such equipment and stated that in view of the size of the laundry operations in this area, there is no need for such equipment:

Mr. HERMAN MYERS, F & F Laundry,
Altoona, Pa.

Mr. JOHN SWIFT, Wright Laundry,
Altoona, Pa.

Miss MARY SANFORD, Associated
Laundry, Altoona, Pa.

Mr. JOSEPH FREEMAN, Century Laundry,
Altoona, Pa.

Mr. EDWARD VALLELLA, Portage
Cleaners, Portage, Pa.

Mr. JOSEPH SMITHMEYER, Ebensburg
Laundry, Ebensburg, Pa.

Mr. JOHN BURKHEART, Henderson
Laundry, Johnstown, Pa.

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Mrs. ROBERT HARRIS, Clearfield
Laundry, Clearfield, Pa.

Miss MARY SHAFFER, Troy Laundry,
Johnstown, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted]

The following establishments were contacted either personally or by telephone on April 10, 1968, in the communities listed, for the purpose of identifying any laundry using a red laundry tag, one-quarter inch wide, one and one-sixteenth inch long, bearing markings "O2B-6" or "D2B-6."

All establishments contacted were negative in regard to identifying this laundry tag, it being noted that all establishments contacted used a type of laundry tag which contained numerals only or as in the case of most establishments contacted, they did not accept what they refer to as family-type laundry or bachelor-type laundry, which would include personal clothing.

The establishments contacted were found listed in the yellow pages of the Washington, Canonsburg, Monongahela and Donora telephone directories.

The establishments contacted, all with negative results, are as follows:

HAROLD LAPHMAN, Esquire Cleaners,
102 South Main Street

Mr. MURDOCK, Home Launderers and
Cleaners, Hemlock Street,
Washington, Pa.

MARVIN RESNICK, Imperial Cleaners and
Dryers, Main Street, Washington, Pa.

RESNICK said that he has been in the laundry business most of his working career and he is certain that Fidel Cleaners, with establishments in Washington and Canonsburg, Pa., as well as the Hi Hat Establishment in Houston, Pa., do not use this type of laundry tag.

Mrs. PINSTER, Pinster's Cleaners, 1006 West Chester Street, telephone 225-2970

Washington Linen Service, Inc., 315½ East Beau Street, Washington, handles linen service only

Quick Service Laundry, 593 West Pike Street, Ext., 745-3696, Canonsburg, Pa.

Monongahela-Charleroi, Pa., Model Cleaners of Charleroi, Inc., Second and Lincoln, which includes also their shop in Monongahela, telephone Charleroi 489-9553

Donora, Pa., Diamond Cleaners, 379-6700, accept no family-type laundry

The individual contacted at the Home Laundry, Hemlock Street, Washington, returned a telephone call to advise that the Pittsburgh Tag Company, 1112 Galveston Avenue, Pittsburgh, telephone 231-4702, distributed tags used by laundries and that they may be able to tell what laundry used a tag with a code of "O2B-6" or "D2B-6." This individual said he would guess that the B is the key to this laundry tag code number and may designate a route area, particular establishment, or region.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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Mr. GENE VEST, Greenbrier
Laundry, Ronceverte, W. Va.

Mr. D. G. GIBSON, The
Greenbrier Hotel Laundry,
White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Miss GLADYS BOWYERS, Legge
Cleaners, Lewisburg, W. Va.

Mrs. PEACHIE ERSKINE,
Keaton's Cleaners and Laundry,
East Rainelle, W. Va.

Miss BONNIE CHEWNING, Keaton
Laundry, Hinton, W. Va.

Mrs. BLANCHE WORKMAN, Marlinton
Cleaners, Marlinton, W. Va.

Mrs. CAROL SPENCER, Summersville
Cleaners, Summersville, W. Va.

The above covers all of the laundries located within the Ronceverte Resident Agency territory and these contacts were negative, in that none could identify instant laundry tag.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, SA [redacted] contacted Mrs. HELEN CARNOUPAKIS, Family Dry Cleaners, Columbus Way, Weirton, W. Va., and MARION CAREY, Tri-State Cleaners, 1340 Pennsylvania Avenue, Weirton, W. Va., concerning this matter. Both advised that the Weirton, W. Va., area does not have any cleaning establishments which cater to laundry. They both advised that the nearest locations which would handle this type of work would be located in Steubenville and East Liverpool, Ohio.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]:

On April 16, 1968, WILLIAM TIDBALL, Manager, Van Balen Laundry, 1403 Fifth Avenue, Coraopolis, Pa., advised that he has two thermo-seal marking machines in his laundry. Mr. TIDBALL viewed a color photograph of the laundry marking "O2B-6" and advised that this marking could not have been made on either of his two thermo-seal machines. He advised that his laundry uses the marking system whereby the first set of numbers indicates the lot number, the next figure would be a letter which indicates the day of the week. He stated that his markings would start with the number one and never would be preceded by a zero. Physical inspection of the two thermo marking machines by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] determined that one bore serial number 33011, model number H5M4B1, and the other bore serial number 33860, model number H5S4B1. A sample stamp was taken from each machine and it was noted that all of the characters were of equal size.

On April 17, 1968, HARRY DUNFEE, Benson Equipment Corporation, 795 North Washington Road, advised that his firm sold thermo marking machine, serial number 33605, to the Brandi Cleaners and Dyers, 3638 Frazier, Oakland, Pa.

On April 17, 1968, GERRY BRANDI, Owner, Brandi Cleaners and Dyers, 3638 Frazier, advised that he had a thermo marking machine; however, the machine was inoperative during the first six months of 1967, and that in the summer of 1967, he furnished the machine to the Allen Supply Company, 1932 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., to be sold.

On April 17, 1968, CHARLES MARX, Manager, Allen Company, 1932 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, advised that the thermo marking machine furnished to him by GERRY BRANDI has been inoperative and he has not yet sold the machine. Physical inspection of the machine by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] reflected that it bore serial number 33605, and model number H5-M4-B1. MARX advised that during the entire time he has had possession of the machine, it has been sitting in his shop and has not been used or leased out to another firm.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

In accordance with Bureau instructions, all laundries in the Parkersburg, W. Va., Resident Agency territory, constituting Wood, Pleasants, Wirt, Jackson, Ritchie, and Calhoun Counties, W. Va., were telephonically contacted during the period April 9 - 11, 1968. All advised they did not use and were not familiar with a cloth laundry tag, as described previously. Those laundries contacted were:

Parkersburg, W. Va.

Betty Brite Cleaning Village,
2111 Pike Street, CLARA BENNETT

Empire Dry Cleaning and Laundry Company,
1000 Sixteenth Street, J. W. KELLY

Kesterson Fabric Care Service,
1414 Nineteenth Street, CHARLES MORRISON

Rothwell Dry Cleaners and Shirt Laundry,
1015 Market Street, LESLIE ROTHWELL

Superior Cleaners and Launderers,
930 Avery Street, VERTIE JENKINS

Bonnett's Dry Cleaning And Shirt Service,
Fourth and Avery Street, SANDRA SIMMONS

Guard Cleaning and Dyeing Company,
125 Third Street, C. R. WHITE

One Hour Martinizing Dry Cleaners,
500 Market Street, FREDA WHITEHAIR

One Hour Valet, Inc., Park Shopping Center,
GORDON THEVENIR

Vienna, W. Va.

Vienna Cleaners and Shirt Laundry,
3000 Grand Central Avenue,
A. B. STABLES

Dowler's Quick Laundry and Dry Cleaning,
1908 Grand Central Avenue, Mrs. DOROTHY
DOWLER

St. Mary's, W. Va.

Michael's Cleaners, Second Street,
HARRY A. MICHAEL

Pennsboro, W. Va.

Modern Cleaners and Laundromat,
220 Clayton, MERLIN CARR

Harrisville, W. Va.

L and N Cleaners, 521 East Main Street,
LUCILLE CARPENTER

Ripley, W. Va.

Reynolds Dry Cleaning, 365 West Main,
ERNEST REYNOLDS

ABC Dry Cleaning, 505 Main Street,
VIRGINIA ROLLINS

Ravenswood, W. Va.

One Hour Cleaning, 131 Weston Street,
JAMES A. BURGESS

Elizabeth, W. Va.

Elizabeth Cleaning Center, Elizabeth -
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 10, 1968, the following laundries in Fairmont, W. Va., were telephonically contacted:

Fairmont American Laundry, Inc.,
415 Adams Street

Jack and Jill One Hour Cleaners, Inc.,
1112 Fairmont Avenue

Parker Dye Works,
318 Monroe Street

Sauro's Dry Cleaning,
201 Merchant Street

No pertinent information was developed in contacting these laundries.

The following laundries in Clarksburg, W. Va., were contacted, which also includes laundries located in nearby Bridgeport, W. Va., and also covers laundries in Shinnston, Lumberport, Salem, and West Union, W. Va.:

Bridgeport Laundry-Matic, Inc.,
Valley Hills Shopping Center

Deluxe Odorless Cleaners and Laundry,
214 East Main Street, Bridgeport, W. Va.

Elite Cleaners, 100 West Pike Street

Maxwell Cleaners and Dyers,
100 East Main Street

One Hour Martinizing, 335 West Pike Street

Rady and Deem Company, 142 East Pike Street

Sanitary Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company,
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Stewart's Cleaning Service,
330 Traders Avenue

Valeteria Service Center, Inc.,
97 Milford Street

Weston Laundries and Cleaners, Inc.,
Weston, W. Va.

The last-named laundry was the only laundry in the above-mentioned list that used the thermo-seal marking machine. The person contacted at this laundry advised that they had never used a numbering system such as that furnished (D2B-6). The system used by this laundry is two letters, followed by one or two numbers, such as AA-1 or AA-40.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following persons advised on April 12, 1968, that their respective laundries do not use a red cloth marking tag made on a thermo-seal marking machine:

GLENN L. AYERS, Manager, Better Way Cleaners, 203 Randolph Avenue, Elkins, W. Va.

Mr. A. K. ROBERTS, Manager, Peter Pan Cleaners, Eleventh Street, Elkins

JAMES R. NESBITT, Manager, Ideal Dry Cleaners, Eleventh Street, Elkins

Mr. "BUD" WARD, Manager, Ward's Laundry and Dry Cleaners, Fifteenth South Kanawha Street, Buckhannon, W. Va.

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The following investigation was conducted on April 10, 1968, by SA [redacted]

All of the dry cleaning and laundry establishments in Mercer, McDowell, and Wyoming Counties, W. Va., were telephonically contacted, and all advised they do not use a thermo-seal marking machine to identify their laundry. Mr. WILLIAM HENDRICK, Owner and Manager of Unique Cleaners, Bluefield, W. Va., advised the thermo-seal marking machine is a very expensive machine and is used only in large shirt laundries. He said there are none of the machines in the southern West Virginia or surrounding Virginia areas, to his knowledge.

On April 9 and 10, 1968, the following-listed laundries in the Pittsburgh - Allegheny County, Pa., area were telephonically contacted by SE [redacted] and IC [redacted] The representatives of the laundries contacted advised that they do not and have not used the Textile Marking Machine Company's Thermo-Seal Marking Machine:

AA Home Service Center

Allentown Laundry

Apex Laundry, Inc.

Ben Yee Laundry

Braddock Laundercenter

Brandi Cleaners and Dyers, Inc.

Brentwood Laundry and Cleaning Company

Budget-Highland Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company

Columbia Kleen-Rite, Inc.

Brighton Cleaners

Corine Hand Laundry

Crafton Laundry

Custom Drapery Cleaners

Eastwood Two Hour Laundry

Fettis Cleaners

Footers Dry Cleaners

Fort Pitt Laundry

Frank and John's Laundry

Happy Day Laundry

Al Heyl's Laundry

Keystone Laundry

Lenanon Laundromat

Liberty Laundry

Marvel Laundry

Marvin's Cleaners

Millvale Cleaning Shop, Inc.

Modern One Hour Cleaners

Mothers Laundry

August Negri Laundry

North Hills Laundromat

Nu-Life Cleaners and Shirt Laundry

Parto Cleaners

Pitt Hand Laundry

Ruby's Cleaners

Runner's Cleaners

Ruth's Wash-A-Teria

Schenley Hand Laundry

Sec Cleaning Company

Sparkle Two Hour Shirt Laundry

Suburban Cleaning and Laundry

Supreme Laundry

Sweet Clean Laundry

Ted Tidline Laundry

Trowers Cleaners and Shirt Laundry

Tyler's Launderette

White Linen Laundry

The following laundries advised that they do use the thermo-seal marking machines, but do not use red tags and/or codes "O2B-6" or "D2B-6."

Daniel's Cleaners

Champion Laundries and Cleaners

Highland-Budget Laundries

Star White Linen Service

Van Balen Laundry

Fort Pitt Linen Supply

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On April 24, 1968, the above laundries which had been determined to use or to have used the thermo-seal marking machines, were recontacted, and representatives thereof advised that they do not use yellow tapes and do not use the code "20R-3" found on pillowcase and bed sheet located in the trunk of 1966 Mustang registered to ERIC STARVO GALT.

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DANCE SCHOOLS

The following investigation was conducted by SE [redacted] on April 15, 1968:

HERMANN BOHN, Manager, Continental Dance Studios, 391-3162, advised they had no student by the name of GALT. He said they had one phoney in 1966, who was age 28, blond, about 170 pounds, and a complete loss to the company. This fellow gave the name [redacted] and signed up for some lessons, and while waiting for the financing to go through, he got a number of "free" lessons. The application, references he gave were untrue. He gave his address as [redacted] McKees Rocks, Pa., formerly of [redacted], Duncan, Okla., and that he had been employed by [redacted] This man confided to his dance instructor, a Miss STERLING, that he had spent time in jail for assault and battery, and that he had killed his wife's lover. All the credit references turned out to be completely false.

Jack Burkhard Dance Studios,
563-6229, no such student as GALT

Carol Knight Studio of Dance Arts,
881-3181, only has ballet, tap dancing, etc.

Martha Davis Dance Studios,
431-9933, has no adult students in ballroom dancing

Bette Douglas Dance Studios,
443-5609, BETTE DOUGLAS - no such student

Lester Evans Dance Studios, LESTER EVANS, no student by the name of GALT

Lois Green Dancing School, LOIS GREEN, no adult students

Ken and Jean Studio of Dancing, 678-1277, and 371-5186, no ballroom dancing given

Mae Kort Dancing School, 766-1350, Mrs. MAE KORT, no student by the name of GALT

PEGGY A. MOONEY, [redacted]
Miss MOONEY, no such student

Pittsburgh Playhouse School of the Theatre, 621-4445, Miss MICHELE FAITH, no student by the name of GALT

American Talent Academy, 471-2313, now out of business, phone disconnected

Andrew Dance Studios, 322-4158, children only

Barth School of Dancing, 281-1632, Miss MAMIE BARTH, no student by the name of GALT

Bonnie Faye Dance Studio, 931-3858, phone number no longer in service

Kenneth Rosslene School of Dance, 921-3465, has no adult students

Ruth Dance Studios, 381-4522, out of business

Virginia's School of Dancing, 372-6400, negative

ESTHER WILLS, 531-6949, and 941-7332, no student by the name of GALT

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 15, 1968, HERMAN BOHN, Owner, Continental Dance Studios, Sixth and Wood Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa., was exhibited photographs of ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised that GALT did not resemble their former student, [redacted] BOHN asked receptionist, GEORGINA KELLY, and interviewer, DOROTHY TOMASSI, to look at the photographs, and both stated that this was not [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 15, 1968:

On this date, the following operators of dance studios in Erie, Pa., were contacted relative to ERIC STARVO GALT, with negative results:

KATHRYN LITTLE, Little Dance Studio,
18 North Park Road

JAMES W. LONG, Long School of the Dance,
719 State Street

STATIA SUBLETTE, Sublette Dance Studio,
12 East Tenth Street

[redacted] Erie Police Department, advised that he has no record of GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following, the only dance studios in the Beckley, W. Va., area, advised on April 15, 1968, they had no record or knowledge of ERIC STARVO GALT:

JERRY ROSE, Beckley Dance Theatre,
110½ South Fayette Street,
Beckley, W. Va.

DELORIS MARINO, Dance Studio,
First Avenue, Beckley, W. Va.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted], on April 15, 1968:

There are no popular dance studios within the Martinsburg, W. Va., Resident Agency territory.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 15, 1968:

The following dance schools at Huntington, W. Va., were contacted regarding ERIC STARVO GALT, with negative results:

Dickinson School of Dance,
Mrs. JEAN B. DICKINSON

Ruth Fergeson School of Dance,
RUTH FERGESON

Lee School of the Dance,
BOBBIE LEE

Mary Rowley Hesson Dance Studio,
MARY HESSON

Flippin School of Dance,
LOUISE FLIPPIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 15, 1968:

A review of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania telephone directories for Westmoreland County, Pa., disclosed only one dancing school listed in the Greensburg Resident Agency area, namely, the Romero School of Dance, 300 Hamilton Avenue, Greensburg, Pa.

On April 15, 1968, Mr. HENRY L. VENTRESCA, owner and operator, Romero School of Dance, 300 Hamilton Avenue, Greensburg, Pa., advised that he conducts dancing instructions in the central Westmoreland County area, operating out of Greensburg, Pa., and in Pittsburgh, at Duquesne University.

Mr. VENTRESCA said a review of his records disclosed no one by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT or any variation thereof, as ever having been a student of any of his dancing classes or utilized as a dancing instructor or dancing partner of any kind.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following dance studios were contacted on the dates as indicated, for information concerning ERIC STARVO GALT, with negative results. These cover all dance studios in Elk, Forest, Venango and Crawford Counties, Pa.

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Dotty Lou Lauer School of Dance,
2 Lincoln Street, Oil City, Pa.,
DOTTY LOU LAUER

Nancy's Dance Studio, 1333 Chestnut
Street, Franklin, Pa., NANCY GREGG

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Arthur Murray School of Dance,
933 Park Avenue, Meadville, Pa.,
Mrs. GEORGE GRONBERG

Arita Lee Dance Studio, 246½
Chestnut Street, Meadville, Pa.,
Mrs. ARITA L. BLAIR

Lyns Dance Studio, 346 Walnut Street,
Meadville, Pa., LYNA PATRICK

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The below-listed individuals were contacted on the dates indicated, and all advised that no individual by the name of ERIC STARVO GALT ever attended their respective dancing schools:

Mr. ERNEST RUGGIERI, Erni Dance Studio, 214 North Seventh Street, Connellsville, Pa., April 16, 1968

Miss JEAN KING, Jean King School of Dancing, 42½ East Fayette Street, Uniontown, Pa., April 15, 1968

Mrs. KATHERINE LYON, Katy Lyon Dance Center, 164 South Beeson Avenue, Uniontown, Pa., April 15, 1968

PENNY SMALLEY, Penny Smalley's Dance Studio, 68 North Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, Pa., April 15, 1968

ANN LOUISE GISMONDI, [redacted] Uniontown, Pa., studio maintained at 2 North Main Street, Masontown, Pa., April 15, 1968

Mr. SAM CALIGUIRE, [redacted] Connellsville, Pa., April 15, 1968

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following dance studios in Morgantown, W. Va., were contacted on the dates indicated, with negative results:

Virginia School of Dancing, 240 High Street, April 16, 1968

Karen Wolfe Dance Studio, 1310 University Avenue, April 17, 1968

The following dance studios were contacted by SA [redacted] in Fairmont, W. Va., on the dates indicated, with negative results:

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Monica's Dance Studio, 315½ Adams Street, April 16, 1968

Ona Dance Studio, 410 Odgen Street, April 16, 1968

SA [redacted] also contacted Monica's, Clarksburg, W. Va., office, on April 16, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 15, 1968, the following individuals, owners and operators of dancing studios in the Bluefield, W. Va., area, were contacted, and they advised they have no record of ERIC STARVO GALT being or ever having been a student of theirs. Both persons advised that they have never heard of GALT before.

Mrs. FRANK SALT, [redacted] Bluefield, W. Va.

IRENE E. GRAHAM, Irene Esther Graham School of Dancing, 1316 Pen Mar Avenue, Bluefield, W. Va.

It is to be noted that there are no dancing schools in the Princeton, W. Va., area at the present time.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

A survey was made of the telephone directories of the major communities in Armstrong, Indiana, and Jefferson Counties, and the following was the only dance studio located:

On April 16, 1968, Mrs. JAMES E. (FRANCES) WAGNER, of Wagner Dance Studios, Blairsville, Pa., advised that she and her husband have dance studios in Blairsville, Indiana, and Jeannette, Pa. She said that she and her husband are the only employees of Wagner Dance Studios and she has never had a

pupil or anyone attending her dance lessons by the name of ERIC GALT.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Lead was to contact dance studios in Washington County, for record of ERIC STARVO GALT as a student at any of these dance studios.

The classified telephone directory (yellow pages) for Washington Telephone Directory listed Continental Dance Studios, 313 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. (not contacted since in Pittsburgh).

Sally Miller Dance Studio, 93 South Main Street, Washington, Pa. SALLY MILLER was telephonically contacted at telephone [redacted] and she did not have the name GALT in her records of students, nor has she ever heard of the name GALT.

The only other dancing school listed was Vella School of Dancing, 126 East Pike Street, Canonsburg, Pa., telephone 745-8872.

LOUISE VELLA, proprietor of this school, and in business for 40 years, was contacted at telephone number [redacted], with negative results.

Telephonic check with the YMCA, 86 West Chestnut Street, 225-0811, revealed no male dancing instructions at the YMCA.

MARY WHERRY, YWCA, 42 West Maiden Street, telephone 222-3200, checked records and found SALLY MILLER had dancing instructions for couples at the YWCA approximately one year ago, and Mrs. WHERRY checked the list of those participating in this, and the name GALT was not on the list.

ZOISE BAER, proprietor, dance studio, 201 McKean Avenue, Charleroi, Pa., telephone 489-9960, listed in the classified section of the Donora-Monongahelia Telephone

Directory, was contacted at telephone [redacted] and she advised that she formerly operated six dance studios; however, all have since been closed and only two operated, one in Charleroi, Pa., and one in Belle Vernon, Pa. She advised that the name ERIC STARVO GALT was unknown to her.

Each individual contacted was asked for the name and location of any other dance studios or places of instruction for male adult dancing, and each mentioned any of the aforementioned places, which are apparently the only dancing instruction places available in Washington County.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

There are no schools of dance in the Elkins Resident Agency territory, Elkins, W. Va.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 15, 1968, WILLIAM SIGEL, [redacted] and RUTH BARNES, [redacted] both Altoona, Pa., proprietors of dancing schools, advised that neither of them cater to adult dancing students.

The same information was obtained from WILLIAM STOVER, Kelly School of Dance, Franklin Street; Monty Jay Dance Studio, Mountainview Drive; and WILLIAM WAGNER, Wagner Dance Studio, 115 Haynes Street, all Johnstown, Pa., on April 16, 1968.

These are the only dance schools which operate within the territory of the Johnstown Resident Agency.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 18, 1968, the following dancing schools were contacted with negative results:

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Arthur Murray, 413 Ninth Street,
New Kensington, Pa., no longer
in business

Audrey Ann Studios of Dancing,
847 Fifth Avenue, HELEN SCHULTZ,
owner

Caputo's School of Dancing Arts,
977 Fifth Avenue, New Kensington,
Mr. P. M. CAPUTO, owner

Albert Pagni School of Dancing,
Star Road, Russellton, Pa.,
ALBERT PAGNI, owner

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted]

There are no dance schools for adults in Beaver County according to the yellow pages of the telephone directory.

The following investigation was conducted by
SA [redacted]

On April 16, 1968, the following persons were contacted at Charleston, W. Va., for any information regarding the subject in this case, and they were alerted for any future information regarding him, all with negative results:

ANDRE VAN DAMME, American Academy of
the Dance

JAMES LUCAS, Lucas Studio of
Ballroom Dancing

NAT DANO, Dano School of the Dance

ALMA BRITT, Britt Dance Studio

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CAROLYN HURT, Carolyn's School of the Dance

MARY LOU CREEL, Mary Lou's Dancing School

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On April 15, 1968, SA [redacted] contacted the following individuals at the described dancing schools in Lawrence and Mercer Counties, Pa., alerted them to the possible visit to their studios of ERIC STARVO GALT and they stated that they had no record or recollection of his ever visiting there:

JEAN A. MILLER
Bartsch Dancing Studio
106 East Lincoln Avenue
New Castle, Pa.

FRANCES D. BILLYK
Billyk Dance Studio
315 Neshannock Avenue
New Castle, Pa.

DOTTY MC GILL
Stewart School of Dance
302 Edgewood Avenue
Grove City, Pa.

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VEHICLE CHECKS

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 23, 1968, [redacted] Communications Division, West Virginia State Police, State Capitol Building, Charleston, W. Va., made available all outgoing license checks made through the West Virginia communications center from April 1, 1968, to date, and they were personally checked by the writer for checks made with Georgia and the following Georgia license checks were found:

April 9, 1968, by Police Dept., Beckley, W. Va., on 1967, Georgia Registration Nos. [redacted] and [redacted]

April 19, 1968, by State Police, Beckley, W. Va., on 1967 Georgia Registration No. [redacted].

April 22, 1968, by Sheriff's Office, Marion County, Fairmont, W. Va., on 1968 Georgia Registration [redacted].

April 23, 1968, by Police Dept., Wheeling, W. Va., on 1968 Georgia Registration [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 19, 1968, [redacted] Police Department, Bluefield, W. Va., and [redacted] West Virginia State Police, Princeton, W. Va., advised the writer that none of their men have reported seeing the 1955 or 1956 Dodge in this area.

On April 23, 1968, [redacted] Police Department, Bluefield, W. Va., and [redacted] West Virginia State Police, Princeton, W. Va., advised the writer on this date that their departments have not recovered any cars with Georgia license plates since April 4, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 23, 1968, [redacted] Auto Squad

Huntington, W. Va., Police Dept., advised SA [redacted] that there have been no cars stolen in Georgia recovered in Huntington, W. Va., since April 5, 1968. [redacted] stated he would remain alert and would immediately notify the FBI if any such situation occurs.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 24, 1968, the following sources were contacted and advised they had no record of any abandoned or suspect stolen automobiles or any inquiries relative to any automobiles with the State of Georgia license plates subsequent to April 4, 1968:

[redacted] Administrative Office,
Pennsylvania State Police, Troop A,
Greensburg, Pa.

Chief of Police PETER A. PIGNETTI,
Greensburg, Pa., Police Department.

[redacted] Westmoreland County
Detective Bureau, DAO, Greensburg, Pa.

It is noted that all police department agencies in Westmoreland County utilize the Pennsylvania State Police teletype system relative to any suspect abandoned, suspect stolen or suspicious automobiles. Pennsylvania State Police, Greensburg, Pa., also covers Indiana County, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following police agencies were contacted on the dates indicated, and all advised that they had not found any abandoned cars with Georgia registration since April 4, 1968. They will be on the lookout for same and will notify the FBI if any are found:

April 24, 1968 [redacted]
Pennsylvania State Police, Punxsutawney, Pa.

April 23, 1968, [redacted] Pennsylvania

State Police, Kittanning, Pa.

April 24, 1968, Chief of Police HARRY OWENS, Indiana, Pa., Police Department

April 23, 1968, Chief of Police MELVIN BOWERS, Kittanning, Pa., Police Department

April 24, 1968, [redacted] Punxsutawney, Pa., Police Department

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 24, 1968, [redacted] Erie, Pa., Police Department, advised that there have been no cars recovered in Erie during the past month bearing Georgia license plates.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on April 24, 1968:

[redacted] Pennsylvania State Police Troop Headquarters, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, DuBois, Pa.; [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Clearfield, Pa.; [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Somerset, Pa.; and [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Turnpike Detail, Everett, Pa., all advised that no stolen cars from the State of Georgia had been recovered in their territory in the past month.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The Pennsylvania State Police on April 23, 1968, reviewed all teletypes, and no record of recovered cars stolen in Georgia in the month of April was located. There are 59 police departments in Beaver County, all of which report out of state recoveries to the writer and use Pennsylvania teletype facilities.

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On April 24, 1968, SA [redacted] contacted the Fairmont W. Va., Police Dept., and the Clarksburg, W. Va., Police Dept., regarding any vehicles recovered by them since April 4, 1968, with Georgia license plates with negative results.

On April 26, 1968, SA [redacted] contacted the Morgantown Police Department in connection with the same matter with negative results.

On April 24, 1968, SA [redacted] contacted the Marion County Sheriff's Office at Fairmont, W. Va., and discovered that they had sent an inquiry via West Virginia State Police teletype to Georgia authorities regarding a 1966 blue Ford, bearing Georgia License Plates [redacted] They received a reply from Georgia authorities that they had no stolen or missing report on this car. The Marion County Sheriff's Office inquired about the call after receiving a call from [redacted] that two white males driving this vehicle were in his restaurant and acted suspiciously.

On April 24, 1968, SA [redacted] interviewed [redacted] and he advised that these two men acted funny in his place and indicated to him that they were staying in the Belmont Motor Inn [redacted] viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and stated that the two men did not resemble any of the photos.

On the same date, [redacted] Belmont Motor Inn, supplied the registration card dated April 22, 1968, for two men. Only one name appeared on the card, [redacted] Macon, Ga. The card also contained a description of their car, which was described as a 1966 Ford Galaxie, Georgia License [redacted] viewed photos of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and advised that neither of the two men resembled the photos.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Contact with police agencies in the Elkins Resident Agency territory has not revealed any automobiles reported stolen in the State of Georgia.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 24, 1968, records at the Martinsburg and Charles Town, W. Va., Police Departments were checked and no information concerning any car with a Georgia license was found on the various logs and records maintained by these departments.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following police agencies were contacted regarding Georgia car recovery:

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West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office, Lewisburg, W. Va.

The police departments of Lewisburg, Ronceverte and White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office, Union, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police and Sheriff's Office, Hinton, W. Va.

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West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office, and Police Department, Summersville, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office, and Police Department, Richwood, W. Va.

West Virginia State Police, Sheriff's Office, and Police Department, Marlinton, W. Va.

All contacts negative.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 29, 1968, [redacted] Wheeling, W. Va., Police Department, requested a check on a 1968 Georgia License [redacted] which he observed on a 1967 or 1968, royal blue, Chevrolet sedan parked for two or three days behind the Madison School on Maryland St.

A check with the West Virginia State Police revealed this vehicle registered to [redacted], Augusta, Georgia. No stolen report.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Beckley, W. Va.:

On April 24, 1968, [redacted] West Virginia State Police, stated that on April 9, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 6:21 PM by [redacted] for the Beckley Police Department, to State Police, Atlanta, Georgia, to check 1967 Georgia registrations [redacted] and [redacted] or [redacted] The same evening Georgia State Police, Atlanta, replied that 1967 Georgia License [redacted] was registered to [redacted], Winder, Ga., for a 1959 Chevrolet convertible, Vehicle Identification No. [redacted] no stolen report; that there were no registrations under the numbers [redacted] or [redacted] This message came in at 10:22 PM and was given to Beckley Police Department, no name recorded.

[redacted] also stated that on April 19, 1968, a teletype message was sent at 12:51 PM by [redacted] to State Police, Atlanta, Ga., to check 1967 Georgia License [redacted] At 10:35 PM, April 19, 1968, Georgia State Police, Atlanta, Ga., replied that 1967 Georgia License [redacted] is registered to [redacted], Ft. Benning, Ga., on a 1964 Volkswagen, Vehicle Identification No. [redacted] no stolen report.

On April 24, 1968, [redacted] West Virginia State Police, advised that Georgia license check information was requested by Beckley Police Dept., on April 9, 1968, and she did not know the purpose of this data.

[redacted] stated that the Georgia license check on April 9, 1968, was sent upon the request [redacted] at the West Virginia Turnpike Service Station, an Esso Station, Beckley Exit, as incomplete data had been received for a gasoline credit purchase some time earlier and the data was needed for proper billing.

[redacted] Detective Bureau, Beckley Police Dept., advised he had no knowledge of any request for Georgia license data on or about April 9, 1968.

[redacted] Beckley Police Dept., advised he was on duty and in charge the evening of April 9, 1968, and he had no knowledge of any Georgia license data requested that date. He said he was at the Police Department at and around 6 PM on April 9, 1968, and the only other persons there were a new patrolman, in his constant company, and [redacted] who was answering the telephone calls. [redacted] stated that as a result of numerous unsolved house burglaries, the citizens had been requested to be alert for strange vehicles in their neighborhoods and to notify the police department of license numbers observed, and it is possible that some citizen had called in the two Georgia license numbers on April 9, 1968. He added that [redacted] is lax in keeping a complete log of telephone and radio calls and may have failed to record the data received. He said that [redacted] was on vacation and unavailable.

On May 2, 1968, [redacted] Beckley Police Department, advised that he was working the evening of April 9, 1968, but had no knowledge of any Georgia license checks. He said it was possible that some off-duty patrolman had requested the license checks from his home.

On May 3, 1968, Chief of Police WILLIAM A. TEUBERT, [redacted] and [redacted] Beckley Police Department, advised they could develop no information to identify anyone from that department who had requested Georgia license checks on April 9, 1968.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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On April 24, 1968, [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, and [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, advised after a review of their records that there had been no automobiles recovered from the State of Georgia since the first of April, 1968.

On April 24, 1968, Chief of Police TOM BELLHY, Washington, Pa., Police Department, advised from records that no out-of-state Georgia license tag had been on any vehicle recovered nor had any automobile originating from the State of Georgia been recovered in Washington, Pa.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 30, 1968, the below listed individuals advised that a review of the records of their respective agencies failed to disclose the recovery of any stolen cars from the State of Georgia subsequent to March 23, 1968:

Chief of Police JAMES MAHONEY, Uniontown Police Department, Uniontown, Pa.

[redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Uniontown, Pa.

[redacted] Connellsville Police Department, Connellsville, Pa.

[redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Waynesburg, Pa.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 11, 1968, [redacted], Title and Registration Division, and [redacted] Drivers License Division, West Virginia State Department of Motor Vehicles, Charleston, W. Va., advised the files of their offices contain no information concerning a 1966 Ford Mustang, Vehicle Identification No. 6T07C190647, or ERIC STARVO GALT.

On April 19, 1968, [redacted] Police Department, Charleston, W. Va., and [redacted] Company B, West Virginia State Police, South Charleston, W. Va., were furnished with descriptive information concerning a three-tone off-white and green 1955-1956 Dodge, four-door sedan bearing 1968 Florida license with a prefix of [redacted] and followed by four or five digits, numbers unknown. [redacted] and [redacted] stated a review of their respective files was negative for any information concerning such a vehicle. They advised the description of the Dodge would be made available to units in the Charleston, W. Va., area.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On April 23, 1968, [redacted] Allegheny County Detective Bureau, advised that there have been no vehicles bearing Georgia license plates recovered in Allegheny County since March 23, 1968. He advised that should any be recovered, he would immediately notify the FBI.

On April 23, 1968, [redacted] Auto Pound, Pittsburgh Police Department, advised that there have been no vehicles with Georgia license plates towed to their Pound since March 23, 1968.

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The following members of the West Virginia State Police advised SA [redacted] that no automobiles from the State of Georgia have been recovered in their respective counties since April 4, 1968:

May 10, 1968 [redacted] Pleasants County

May 16, 1968 [redacted] Wood and Wirt County

May 16, 1968 [redacted] Calhoun County

May 16, 1968 [redacted] Ritchie County

May 17, 1968 [redacted] Jackson County

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The following police departments were contacted on May 3, 1968, by SA [redacted] and car recovery records reviewed regarding possible stolen cars from the State of Georgia, subsequent to March 23, 1968; that each representative stated that that department has not recovered any vehicles with Georgia plates recently:

Chief DANIEL F. GROSS
Sharon, Pa., Police Department

Chief WILLIAM L. CAPUTO
Farrell, Pa., Police Department

Chief DONALD F. REINHART
Greenville, Pa., Police Department

Chief JOHN C. WHITMORE
Hickory, Pa., Police Department

Chief THOMAS WELTON
Sharpsville, Pa., Police Department

[redacted]
Pennsylvania State Police,
Mercer, Pa.

Chief RICHARD E. HANNA
New Castle, Pa., Police Department

[redacted]
Pennsylvania State Police,
New Castle, Pa.

In addition, the above advised that they do not maintain unidentified latent fingerprints files and any unidentified prints on file there in connection with local cases were obtained prior to April 23, 1967; therefore, they were unable to assist in this individual project.

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JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 54

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The Attorney General

June 10, 1968

Section 54

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING

Enclosed is a copy of an editorial appearing in today's edition of "The Washington Daily News" which I thought you might not have had the opportunity to read and would find of interest.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2)

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

The Attorney General

June 10, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING

Enclosed is a copy of today's editorial in The Evening Star" which I trust you will find of interest. It adeptly sets the record straight and is appropriately titled "Scratch One Myth. '

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2)

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FBI

Date: 5/29/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReBurad, 5/21/68, concerning review of drivers' license.

Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Washington, D.C. (WDC), issues learner's permits to applicants for driver's license who do not hold a valid permit from another jurisdiction. A Polaroid photo is made and retained with application at DMV and can be reviewed by WFO. Review must be conducted during evening and weekend hours when DMV personnel are available and is being handled as WFO personnel are available in accordance with fulfilling other Bureau responsibilities. Approximately 250 learner's permits are issued each day and files are maintained for six months or longer; therefore, the review will cover approximately 30,000 applications in this category.

DMV, WDC, does not record on driver's license or application the race of the applicant; however, a

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1-Memphis (44-1987)
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AIRTEL

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Special Agent in Charge

color photo is made a part of the license issued. Negatives are available from the Metropolitan Police Department for all permits issued. At the conclusion of search of learner's permits, WFO will obtain these negatives, have the Laboratory reproduce them as positives on 35mm black and white movie film, and review them on microfilm viewers. Approximately 600 to 1,000 permits are issued each workday and approximately 30,000 have been issued since 4/1/68. Approximately 50 one hundred foot rolls of 35mm black and white film will be required for above project. This film costs $2.90 per hundred foot roll, plus 46 cents for developing chemicals. Labor will amount to approximately 50 hours at $2.85 per hour. Total cost about $310.50.

It is recommended the Bureau approve the above as the cost of Agent time and use of Bureau equipment to resolve the identities of permit holders would exceed the above many times. It is noted DMV personnel estimate that only 10 to 15 per cent of permits issued are to white males 30 to 55 years of age, and since race is not listed on application, it would be necessary to conduct investigation to eliminate a great number of non-whites if above costs are not approved.

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FBI

Date: 5-31-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

RE: PROPOSED CIRCULARIZATION OF ALL PHYSICIANS

Attached for Bureau and Memphis please find self explanatory copy of a letter regarding the above matter from Mr. JOSEPH W. LUCCA, Chief of the Legal Department, Bristol-Myers Company, New York, N. Y. Mr. LUCCA is a personal friend of SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE and his ideas on how circularization of physicians might be accomplished were requested during his recent visit to Birmingham. This matter originated due to some previous information to the effect that RAY has visited physicians in the past may be considered bordering on being a hypochondriac.

The above is submitted for consideration of the Bureau.

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Special Agent in Charge

BRISTOL-MYERS COMPANY
ESTABLISHED 1887
630 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10020

May 29, 1968

Mr. Joseph H. Gamble
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Birmingham, Alabama

Re: Circularization of all doctors
in the United States of America

Dear Joe:

As I understand it there are approximately 310,000 practising physicians in the United States.

If you arrange for the Bureau to:

1. Prepare a one page insert (with photo, descriptive data and requests);
2. Fold and insert into franked envelope and seal envelope;
3. Deliver to Fisher Stevens Company, 120 Brighton Road, Clifton, New Jersey; then

Fisher Stevens will address each envelope and will bag and mail the material for a charge of $12.15 per thousand. This would come to an approximate total of $3,766.

Another possibility is to obtain the addressing material from Fisher Stevens and perform the addressing and mailing function at the Bureau. This would involve an approximate cost of $6.65 per thousand or total of $2,061. Fisher Stevens is completely computerized and set up for this type service and could do the job of addressing and so forth in about three days.

The X-Agent at Fisher Stevens is Mr. Ralph Duke Powell who has advised me that they have previously done work of a similar nature for the FBI. He specifically mentioned having circularized dentists in connection with the identification of specific dental work.

There exists one to several other companies which perform similar services. However, I do not know their identities.

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If you institute such a program through Fisher Stevens I would suggest that someone from the Bureau make personal contact with Mr. Powell. In fact if you would like more precise information you could call him directly at 201 WA 4-4360. Mr. Powell spent a number of years in the Newark Division and is well known to a number of agents who have been there for some time.

The foregoing took no more trouble than a telephone call and I am sure you realize that I am more than anxious to help in any way possible. Please let me know if there are any other inquiries you would like us to make.

Please convey my personal regards to your wife and daughter.

Sincerely,

JWL:er

Joseph W. Lucca
Staff Counsel

6/6/68

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1 - Mr. Long

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To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 4255

MURKIN

ReBHairtel 5/31/68.

In view of the fact that it has been determined that subject resided in Canada from April 8, 1968, until May 6, 1968, and was last known to be in London, England, as of May 7, 1968, Bureau authority is not being granted to circularize physicians in accordance with your proposal in referenced communication.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE: Birmingham by communication of 5/31/68, suggested that all practicing physicians in the United States (310,000) be circularize through the Bristol Myers Company of New York. The minimum cost to the Bureau if $2,061. In view of the recent development that subject resided in Canada from April 8, 1968, until May 6, 1968, and was last known to be in London, England, as of May 7, 1968, Bureau authority is not being granted to circularize all physicians.

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FBI

Date: 5/31/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

RE: MURKIN

Re Miami teletype to Director, Cleveland and Cincinnati dated 5/22/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 5/24/68:

[redacted], Champion, Ohio, telephone [redacted] on interview advised he had not seen his nephew in over a year. At that time, he had stopped overnight with his wife and baby, traveling from Melrose Park, near Chicago, Illinois to the home of relatives of his wife, somewhere in West Virginia. He stated he felt sure if his nephew, [redacted] comes through this area, he would stop. He stated he knows nothing about his nephews relatives in West Virginia and where they reside or their names.

He stated prior to going to Florida and before his nephew separated from his wife, they resided at [redacted] Melrose Park, Ill.

He stated if [redacted] stopped at his residence or at the following relatives, he would advise so that [redacted] could be interviewed:

[redacted] Leavittsburg, Ohio

[redacted] Champion, Ohio

C. C. - Bishop

(3) - Bureau
1 - Cincinnati
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Miami (44-1854)
2 - Cleveland
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(9)

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Special Agent in Charge

CV 44-565

[redacted] Columbus, Ohio

[redacted] Niles, Ohio

[redacted] aunt of [redacted] and [redacted] uncle of [redacted] on interview advised they have heard nothing from him in over a year. They stated they would advise if he stopped through this area enroute to some other destination so that he could be interviewed.

[redacted] Leavittsburg, Ohio, on interview, advised he has heard nothing from his nephew in over a year. He stated he would not stop at his home, but if he came through the area, he would stop and see [redacted] or [redacted] his brothers.

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FBI

Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

ReSAairtel, 5/28/68.

On 6/3/68, Mrs. BOBBY PROSKE, [redacted] Houston, Texas, telephone [redacted] advised that she could not recall specifically receiving a phone call from San Antonio, Texas on 12/5/67, however on that weekend her husband was deer hunting in the San Antonio area and he did call home (Houston).

The PROSKEs have resided at [redacted] for 13 years and they have had their current telephone prior to December, 1967. The photo of JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to Mrs. PROSKE.

(3) - Bureau
2 - Memphis
1 - Houston
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FBI

Date: 6/4/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: ME)

Re: Drivers License Check of
Applications for April/May 1968

Re Bureau radio gram, 5/22/68.

On May 22, 1968, SA [redacted] Montgomery, contacted [redacted] Drivers License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, who advised that new drivers license applications for Alabama total approximately 10,000 each month. She said that all the April applications will be placed on IBM cards by June 1, 1968, or possibly a little earlier, as the office is currently running three or four weeks behind.

It is noted that referenced radiogram instructed that all drivers license applications be checked for April and May 1968 concerning all male Caucasians over 30 years of age and under 55.

Through the cooperation of [redacted] Drivers License Division, Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, records of new drivers licenses issued

(3) - C. C. Bishop
Bureau
2 - Birmingham (Encl. 289) (44-1740)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Mobile
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since 4/1/68 were reviewed on 5/27-28/68 by SA [redacted] and copies of the IBM cards for all applicable new license holders were obtained. Each card reflects a physical description and name and address of the licensee. The applications for license which are available, if necessary, contain additional data such as employment and signature of the licensee.

On the dates in question, it was estimated that the license applications available for review cover the period April 1, 1968, through May 16, 1968. It was stated that the applications for the remaining portion of May would be available later in June 1968.

A total of 205 cards within the Mobile Division territory was furnished concerning new licensees fitting the guideline. A total of 289 cards for licensees residing in the Birmingham Division territory was furnished, and these cards are enclosed herewith for Birmingham.

Mobile is proceeding to check out the 205 individuals in line with instructions in referenced radiogram. It is suggested that Birmingham likewise check out the ones in the Birmingham territory.

Further contact is being maintained with [redacted] of the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, and when the cards are available for the new licensees for the latter part of May 1968, these cards will be obtained and those residing in Birmingham territory will be furnished Birmingham.

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FBI

Date: 6/4/68

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: LOOK-ALIKE [redacted]

Re Butte telephone call to Louisville, Minneapolis, Seattle, and Salt Lake City, 5/31/68.

Investigation conducted in Seattle and Spokane, Washington, at the Salvation Army and other shelters for transients, failed to disclose any information concerning [redacted] or his two companions, [redacted] and [redacted]. Stops were placed with each of these places so the FBI would be notified if any of these three men showed up.

As of 6/4/68, no word received from any of these places in either Seattle or Spokane regarding this matter.

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3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Butte (173-2) (Info)
1 - Detroit (44-989) (Info)
1 - Denver (157-203) (Info
1 - Louisville (44-947) (Info)
1 - Pittsburgh (44-578) (Info)
2 - Seattle
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C. C. - Bishop

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TELETYPE

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FBI JACKSVLE

10:10 PM EDT URGENT 6/5/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO, LOUISVILLE AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 3P

MURKIN.

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE JUNE FOUR LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE JUNE FIVE INSTANT. RE: PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN.

[redacted] ORMOND BEACH, FLA., INTERVIEWED TODAY AND STATES BROTHER, [redacted] VISITED HER ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND LEFT TO RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT IN FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA. [redacted] UNEMPLOYED AFTER RECEIVING ON THE JOB INJURY SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WHILE EMPLOYED (FNU) [redacted] FAIRFIELD, CALIF. [redacted] REPORTEDLY RESIDING CALIFORNIA FOR PAST TWO OR THREE YEARS AND [redacted] WHO APPEARED FORTHRIGHT, OFFERED OPINION [redacted] HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH PAUL BRIDGEMAN FOR SEVERAL YEARS. [redacted] STATED SHE HAS NOT SEEN NOR HEARD OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR WHEN HEARD HE WAS BRIEFLY IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. AREA. [redacted] BROTHER, SOUTH DAYTONA, FLA., STATED SAME AS [redacted] ANOTHER BROTHER OF [redacted] NOW

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cc - Long

VISITING HER FROM MADISONVILLE, KY., MAILING ADDRESS [redacted]
HANSON, KY., INTERVIEWED AND STATES NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER OF
PAUL BRIDGEMAN'S WHEREABOUTS IN EXCESS OF FIVE YEARS. [redacted]
FURNISHED [redacted] LEFT ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO RETURN TO CALIF.
WHERE WHEREABOUTS WOULD BE KNOWN TO BROTHER, [redacted]
[redacted] FAIRFIELD, CALIF.

FOR INFO SAN FRANCISCO, WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE REFERENCED COMMUNICATIONS, INTENSIFIED EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE PAUL BRIDGEMAN FOR INTERVIEW CONCERNING HIS RECENT RELATIONSHIP WITH JAMES EARL RAY. FOR FURTHER INFO SAN FRANCISCO, BRIDGEMAN IS COUSIN OF [redacted] AND ALSO OF [redacted] ABOVE.

SAN FRANCISCO CONTACT [redacted] DETERMINE PRESENT LOCATION [redacted] AND THEREAFTER THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW [redacted] RE KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS PAUL BRIDGEMAN. IF BRIDGEMAN'S LOCATION BY SAN FRANCISCO IMMINENT, CALL KANSAS CITY FOR FULL BACKGROUND BRIDGEMAN'S ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT WITH JAMES EARL RAY.

Have them send X to SF now!

CRIMINAL RECORD AT DAYTONA BEACH LOCATED FOR PAUL BRIDGEMAN WITH DESCRIPTION SET FORTH RE KANSAS CITY TEL WITH ADDITIONAL TATTOO LEFT FOREARM EITHER NEAR OR ON WRIST "PAUL" AND A WOLFHEAD.

END PAGE TWO

RECORD CHECKS HAVE DETECTED NO DAYTONA BEACH EMPLOYMENT AND CHECKS OF PREVIOUS RESIDENCES OF BRIDGEMAN AND FORMER WIFE, [redacted] NINETEEN SIXTYTWO - SIXTYTHREE, HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE CONCERNING LEADS LEADING TO CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. BRIDGEMAN HAS FBI NO. [redacted]

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH NO SENSITIVE OR REVEALING INFORMATION PLACED WITH APPROPRIATE POLICE SOURCES.

END

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FBI WASH DC

FERRELL

1-Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long
2260)
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Griffith
1-Mr. Mortimer
1-Lab File
1-Foreign
Liaison

6/5/68

CODE

TELETYPE SENT BY CODED TELETYPE URGENT

TO SACS, MEMPHIS (44-1987)
BUFFALO (44-374)
LEGAT, OTTAWA

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN: CR

REFERENCE BUFFALO LETTER JUNE FOUR, LAST SUBMITTING PHOTOCOPY OF HAND PRINTED NOTE ALONG WITH PHOTOGRAPH AND PALM PRINT. CONSIDERING THE RAMON GEORGE SNEYD SIGNATURES ON THE THREE ITEMS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY LEGAT, OTTAWA IN CONJUNCTION WITH PASSPORT APPLICATION OF SNEYD ALONG WITH THE HAND PRINTING AND SIGNATURE ON THE NOTE REFERRED TO ABOVE AS A UNIT, IT WAS CONCLUDED THAT THIS QUESTIONED MATERIAL WAS PREPARED BY SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY. RESULTS OF THE FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION WILL BE FURNISHED SEPARATELY. LABORATORY REPORT FOLLOWS.

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VIA TELETYPE
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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Re: LARKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-680605033 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Buffalo (44-374) Airtel 6/4/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 6/4/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer 6/11/68

Compared the "Ramon George Sneyd" sign on Qc 365, Qc 366, Qc 367 & Qc 368 with Qc 367 as a unit, it was concluded that signature appearing on Qc 367, Qc 365 & Qc 366 Ref.

Sgd. Mgd FBI
Confirm & sign Buffalo 6/5/68.

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc367 Photocopy of hand printed note dated 4/20/68 beginning "1 half to go....." signed "Ramon George ~~Xxxxxx~~ Sneyd"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Photograph of partial palm print and passport photograph

TD FBI

cc 2-Buf (44-374)
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1-Liai Sect.

T. Mr. Main (Larry 11/68)
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DEAR SIR 4-20-68

I HALF TO GO TO CARRERA

FOR SEVERAL DAYS ON BUSINESS

WILL PICK UP PASSPORT ON RETURN

THANKS

Ronald Lloyd Lloyd

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1 - Mr. Rosen
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: June 6, 1968

MURKIN
Re: CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680605033 JK
D-680604100 JK

Examination requested by: Washington Field Office, Buffalo

Reference: Airtel 6/4/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination.

Specimens Qc364 through Qc366 were personally delivered to the Laboratory on 6/4/68 by SA [redacted] Washington Field Office.

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This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Memphis, Buffalo and Legat, Ottawa dated 6/5/68.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 6, 1968
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Re: MURKIN
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Specimens received 6/4/68, from FBI, Washington Field Office

Qc364 Three photocopies of Statutory Declaration In Lieu Of Guarantor form bearing the signature "Ramon George Sneyd"

Qc365 Three photocopies of Form A - Application for Canadian Passport bearing the signature "Ramon George Sneyd"

Qc366 Two photographs, one of which bears the signature "Ramon George Sneyd"

Specimen received 6/4/68, from FBI, Buffalo

Qc367 Photocopy of hand printed note dated 4/20/68 beginning "I half to go..." signed "Ramon George Sneyd"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Photograph of partial palm print and passport photograph

Result of examination:

It was determined that the questioned hand printing appearing on Qc364 and Qc365 was not prepared by James Earl Ray.

Considering the "Ramon George Sneyd" signatures on Qc364, Qc365, Qc366 and Qc367 along with the hand printing on Qc367 as a unit, it was concluded that the questioned material comprising these items was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, whose known handwriting and hand printing appear on specimens K171, K211 and K257.

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A comparison of the photographs of James Earl Ray with the photographs of Ramon George Sneyd (Qc366) discloses similarities in many significant general features including contours and shapes of ears, chin, nose and lips, the face lines, and the hairlines. Based on these similarities it has been concluded that in all probability these photographs depict the same individual. However, in the absence of specific characteristics such as identifying scars, marks, etc., a definite determination could not be made as the result of this comparison.

Specimens Qc364 through Qc367 have been retained.

6/6/68

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO ALL LEGATS

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION INVESTIGATION HAS DISCLOSED THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA UNDER THE NAMES OF PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT. HE DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, BY BOAC FLIGHT ON MAY SIX. SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING ON CANADIAN PASSPORT ISSUED IN NAME OF SNEYD AND HE IS BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHO IS OFFICER OF POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA. HIS BIRTH DATA WAS USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THE TRUE SNEYD HAS NOT MADE ANY APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT AND IS NOT KNOWN TO HAVE ANY EXTENSIVE TRAVEL PLANS. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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APPROPRIATE STOPS SHOULD BE PLACED CONCERNING SNEYD. THESE SHOULD NOT INDICATE THAT SNEYD IS IN ANY WAY CONNECTED

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CABLEGRAM TO ALL LEGATS
RE: MURKIN

WITH ASSASSINATION OF KING. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL TRAVELING UNDER CANADIAN PASSPORT USING NAME OF SNEYD IS WANTED FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY, FIRST DEGREE.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NOTE:

Investigation disclosed that subject was in Canada from 4/8/68 to 5/6/68 when he departed by plane for London, England. FBI Laboratory has identified handprinting of Sneyd as being prepared by Ray. On 5/6/68 subject departed from Canada using passport under name of Ramon George Sneyd. As this will be utilized by subject in his travels, Legats throughout world are being alerted.

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O DIRECTOR, FBI; COLUMBIA, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

ROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (FOUR PAGES)

MURKIN

RE PAUL OSBORNE BRIDGMAN

RE KANSAS CITY TELETYPE SUMMARY, JUNE FOUR LAST,

FPRINGFIELD TELETYPE, JUNE FOUR LAST.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COLUMBIA RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTO MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED A BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST. IN APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION; WM, DOB OCT. EIGHT, THIRTYTWO, TORONTO, W WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE NINE SIXTYEIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS A CHEAP CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE WHERE SNEYD HAD RESIDED SINCE APRIL NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT PROPRIETOR COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ON SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO. FRIEND NAMED IN PASSPORT APPLICATION, PAUL BRIDGMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSINGTON STREET, TORONTO, CANADA. PASSPORT APPLICA-

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ON WAS OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR SNEYD'S ROOMING USE. TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATED SNEYD PLANNED TO AVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN ON MAY TWENTYONE, XTYEIGHT. INVESTIGATION IN CANADA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE DGMAN.

PAUL BRIDGMAN, ABOVE, MAY BE IDENTICAL TO FORMER FELLOW ATE OF SUBJECT RAY, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, AKA PAUL JAMES DGEMAN, MSP NO. [redacted] BORN [redacted] WHO WAS RECEIVED AT FROM JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, ON APRIL NTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE, AND WAS DISCHARGED JANUARY SIXTEEN, TYEIGHT, AND WAS NOT ON PAROLE. BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED PRISON LIMITED SECURITY SECTION AT MOBERLY, MISSOURI, ON CH SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, BRIDGEMAN WORKED IN THE MSP KITCHEN COULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT RAY. [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED AFTER LOOKING THROUGH OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN'S PERSONAL AFFECTS, WHICH SHE HAS

HAD POSSESSION OF FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THAT SHE LOCATED THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF AN UNCLE AND AUNT WHO BRIDGEMAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY FOND OF AND FURNISHED THE NAMES [redacted] NORTH AUGUSTA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TWO NINE EIGHT FOUR ONE.

SHE FURTHER ADVISED THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN PREVIOUSLY RESIDED AT [redacted] DELAND, FLORIDA, IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.

COLUMBIA LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] RE BRIDGEMAN.

JACKSONVILLE CONDUCT INVESTIGATION DELAND, FLORIDA, [redacted] AND ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY ANY PERSON WITH KNOWLEDGE AS TO PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF BRIDGEMAN.

INTENSIVE EFFORT BEING MADE TO LOCATE PAUL BRIDGEMAN FOR INTERVIEW CONCERNING HIS RECENT KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

BY BUTEL JUNE FOUR LAST, BUREAU ADVISED PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THEY DO NOT WANT ANY MENTION MADE THAT PASSPORT OFFICE WAS SOURCE OF INFORMATION CONCERNING RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

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IN INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS NO STATEMENT WHATSOEVER WHOULD BE MADE INDICATING THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED INFORMATION FROM PASSPORT OFFICE IN CANADA NOR SHOULD IT BE INDICATED THAT BUREAU BELIEVES SUBJECT IS INDENTICAL WITH SNEYD AND HAS DEPARTED FROM U. S. INTERVIEWS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO OBTAIN FACTUAL INFORMATION FROM PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED. THERE IS NO NECESSITY TO MENTION TO INDIVIDUALS THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED PHOTOGRAPH BELIEVED IN WHICH HE IS NOW WEARING GLASSES OR THAT HE HAS NOW BEEN USING ADDITIONAL ALIASES

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After checking Bufiles with negative results, New York was called, and it was determined the attached was a result of lead in the "Murkin case." Pan Am has furnished this information to the New York Office. Therefore, no need to relay by urgent teletype. Besides, New York says that this information is no longer urgent."

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URGENT 6-6-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO 267

(MARKED)

[redacted] INFORMATION CONCERNING.

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, MEXICO CITY, RECEIVED CABLE JUNE SIX INSTANT FROM THEIR NEW YORK RESERVATIONS OFFICE STATING "URGENT THAT FBI RECEIVE NAME ADDRESS PHONE NUMBER AND OTHER INFO ON PERSON TO WHOM YOUR OFFICE ISSUED TICKET ZERO TWO SIX THREE FOUR TWO FOUR SIX ZERO TWO SEVEN SEVEN."

THIS TICKET ISSUED APRIL TWO, LAST, TO SUBJECT FOR TRAVEL ATLANTA, TO AUGUSTA, AND BACK TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, WITH OPEN SPACE ABOARD DELTA AIRLINES, AND OPEN SPACE VIA EASTERN AIRLINES FROM ATLANTA TO TORONTO, CANADA. TICKET WITH NUMERATION PRECEEDING THIS WAS FOR SUBJECT TO TRAVEL FROM MEXICO CITY TO MERIDA, MEXICO VIA MEXICANA FLIGHT SIX ZERO THREE Y APRIL TWO, LAST; FROM MERIDA TO TAMPA, FLORIDA ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT FIVE FIVE ONE Y, APRIL SEVEN, LAST; AND FROM TAMPA TO ATLANTA VIA EASTERN FLIGHT ONE TWO ZERO Y, APRIL SEVEN, LAST, DEPARTING TAMPA FOUR TWENTY FIVE P.M.

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[redacted] ISSUED BY PAN AMERICAN, MEXICO CITY, TICKET ZERO WO SIX THREE FOUR TWO FOUR SIX ZERO ZERO NINE NINE FOR IDENTICAL ESERVATIONS AS FAR AS TAMPA, AND FROM TAMPA TO TORONTO ON AIR CANADA LIGHT SEVEN ONE FIVE Y, APRIL SEVEN, LAST, DEPARTING THREE THIRTY IVE P.M.

THESE TICKETS WERE ISSUED SUBJECT AND [redacted] IN EXCHANGE FOR ICKET ONE THREE NINE FOUR-FIVE TWO TWO EIGHT EIGHT ONE DIAGONAL EIGHT WO OF SUBJECT, AND ZERO FIVE SEVEN FOUR-FOUR THREE TWO ONE NINE FIVE OUR ZERO DIAGONAL FOUR ONE FOR [redacted] BOTH ISSUED BY AERONAVES E MEXICO AIRLINES OFFICE IN TORONTO ON MARCH TWO TWO, LAST. RETURN ESERVATIONS MADE HERE WERE TOURIST CLASS RESULTING IN REFUND TO SUBJECT F FIVE SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS, AND SEVEN SEVEN DOLLARS AND TWO INE CENTS TO [redacted] BOTH HAD FLOWN DIRECT FROM TORONTO TO EXICO CITY VIA AERONAVES.

PAN AMERICAN RESERVATIONS CARDS FOR SUBJECT AND WIFE SHOW THEY WERE STAYING LOCALLY AT MARIA CRISTINA HOTEL, TELEPHONE FOUR SIX-NINE EIGHT-EIGHT ZERO.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO NOTIFY NEW YORK AND ASK THAT THEY NOTIFY THIS OFFICE WHETHER FURTHER ~~FURTHER~~ INFORMATION DESIRED.

RECEIVED: 10:20PM RM

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RADIOGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

FOR INFORMATION ALL OFFICES AND NOT TO BE DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF OFFICE IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THROUGH INVESTIGATION THAT SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY RESIDED IN CANADA FROM APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT UNTIL MAY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT UNDER NAMES PAUL BRIDGMAN AND RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. SUBJECT DEPARTED CANADA FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, ON MAY SIX LAST AS SNEYD AND IS BELIEVED USING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN THAT NAME. SUBJECT BELIEVED TO BE WEARING GLASSES.

IN VIEW OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS REVIEW OF DRIVER'S LICENSE BUREAU RECORDS AS REQUESTED IN BUREAU RADIOGRAM MAY TWENTY-ONE LAST MAY BE DISCONTINUED.

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OFFICES COVERING POINTS OF ENTRANCE INTO U. S. SHOULD PLACE APPROPRIATE STOPS WITH BORDER AND CUSTOM AUTHORITIES UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. NO INDICATION WHATSOEVER

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RADIOGRAM TO ALL SACS
RE: MURKIN

SHOULD BE GIVEN THAT THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN SNEYD AND KING ASSASSINATION. YOU MAY ADVISE AUTHORITIES THAT INDIVIDUAL USING NAME SNEYD IS BEING SOUGHT BY FBI FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR CHARGE OF ROBBERY, FIRST [illegible].

FOR INFORMATION OF BORDER OFFICES THERE IS ACTUAL PERSON RESIDING IN TORONTO, CANADA, WHO IS EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPARTMENT NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH USED BY SUBJECT IN OBTAINING PASSPORT. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION IN EVENT BORDER STOPS DISCLOSE THAT INDIVIDUAL NAMED SNEYD IS ENTERING YOUR TERRITORY. COPIES MAILED WFO.

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URGENT CODE

Jim Martinek

NOTE:

Investigation disclosed that subject was in Canada from 4/8/68 to 5/6/68 when he departed by plane for London, England. FBI Laboratory has identified handprinting of Sneyd as being prepared by Ray. All offices covering state capitals had been instructed by Bureau Radiogram, 5/21/68, toreview driver's license records concerning new licenses issued during April and May to male Caucasians between ages of 30 and 55. Inasmuch as subject has assumed the identity of Sneyd and is traveling under Canadian passport, detailed review of driver's license Bureau records not necessary at this time.

6/4/68

RECTOR FBI ATT: FOI LAB
ROM SAC BUFFALO (44-374)

BJECT: MURKIN

Forwarded herewith are following

1- Passport photo of RAMON George Sneyd taken at Toronto, Ont Can April 11, 1965

2- Photographic copy of Printed note dated 4/10/68 signed Ronald George Sneyd

3- Photographic copy of portrait palm print from item #2 above.

Request handwriting comparison with that of James Earl Ray. Also comparison of palm print with same of Ray if available.

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Ans'd 6-5-68

6/6/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Buffalo (44-374) REC-33
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 4268

MURKIN

Re Buffalo letter 6/4/68, submitting photograph of note, Qc307, four photographs of latent palm print, and passport photograph.

Five latent fingerprints of value on note, Qc307, and one latent palm print of value in four photographs.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. No palm prints here for Ray. The latent palm print in photographs not identical comparable areas unidentified latent palm prints previously reported captioned case.

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Photographs retained.

This report supplements and confirms Butel dated 6/5/68.

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FBI MEMPHIS

525PM URGENT 6-6-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

ATLANTA 44-2386

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

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MURKIN; CR.

SUMMARY.

RE BUAIRTEL TO MEMPHIS, MAY TWENTYNINE LAST, AND HOUSTON TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MAY THIRTYONE LAST.

RE: SUSPECTS [redacted] AND [redacted]

KEITH B. HAGSTETTE, ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR, DELTA AIRLINES, MEMPHIS, ADVISED ON MAY THIRTYONE LAST HE IS UNABLE TO LOCATE MANIFEST OF PASSENGERS ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN, NONSTOP MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON, LEAVING MEMPHIS AT ONE THIRTY AM, APRIL FIVE LAST. HE REQUESTED DELTA AT ATLANTA TO FURNISH HIM WITH A NEW MANIFEST. HAGSTETTE ADVISED TODAY DELTA AT ATLANTA SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT THE ATLANTA FBI OFFICE CONTACT DELTA AT ATLANTA FOR THE MANIFEST. HE SAID HE WAS ADVISED IT IS DELTA'S POLICY TO HAVE THEIR LEGAL DEPARTMENT APPROVE THE FURNISHING OF RECORDS AND THEREFORE THE REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH THE ATLANTA DIVISION OF THE FBI. HAGSTETTE POINTED OUT THE NAMES [redacted] AND [redacted] WILL NOT APPEAR ON THE MANIFEST, AS PRINTED THE THE DELTA COMPUTORS, SINCE

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EY WERE "WALK UP" PASSENGERS WITHOUT RESERVATIONS.

ATLANTA REQUESTED TO CONTACT DELTA AIRLINES, OBTAIN INFEST OF PASSENGERS ON FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN, MENTIONED OVE, AND FORWARD SAME TO HOUSTON.

HOUSTON AFTER RECEIPT OF MANIFEST, LOCATE AND INTERVIEW 'ASSENGERS AS INSTRUCTED IN REFBUAIRTEL. HOUSTON ADVISED ' AIR MAIL.

IN VIEW OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE, IT IS JGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU ADVISE ALL OFFICES TO HOLD IN EYANCE RECORD CHECK TYPE INVESTIGATION UTILIZING EXTENSIVE NPOWER AND TO BE CIRCUMSPECT IN CONDUCTING INVESTIGATION HERE THERE IS NO POSITIVE INDICATION OF THE SUBJECT'S RESENCE OR INVOLVEMENT. P.

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ROM ATLANTA 44-2376

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RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE FIVE LAST AND BUTEL TO ATLANTA, JUNE SIX INSTANT.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE SIX INSTANT.

REVIEW OF RECORDS OF DELTA AIRLINES AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS, ATLANTA, REFLECTS FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON PERSONS TRAVELLING FROM ATLANTA TO CANADA BETWEEN APR. FIVE AND APR. TWELVE LAST ON EAL FLIGHTS BUT TICKETED BY DELTA AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS.

THE FOLLOWING IS LISTING OF PASSENGERS, DATES OF FLIGHT, AND ORIGIN OF PASSENGERS VIA DELTA AIRLINES: [redacted] CHATTANOOGA, TENN., APR. EIGHT LAST, ATLANTA TO TORONTO: [redacted] COLUMBIA, S.C., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. SIX LAST; [redacted] NEW YORK CITY, ATLANTA TO TORONTO, APR. EIGHT LAST: [redacted] AUGUSTA, GA., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. SEVENTEEN LAST: [redacted] AND [redacted] MACON, GA., ATLANTA TO TORONTO, APR. SEVENTEEN LAST.

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cc - Mr. Gray

VIA SOUTHERN AIRWAYS: [redacted] MONTREAL, ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. TEN AND ELEVEN LAST; [redacted] PANAMA CITY, FLA., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. FOURTEEN LAST: [redacted] PANAMA CITY, FLA., ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, APR. SEVEN LAST.

DELTA STILL ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE TWO OTHER TICKETS.

AM COPIES SENT COLUMBIA, KNOXVILLE, NEW YORK, SAVANNAH, AND JACKSONVILLE.

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8-30 PM URGENT 6-6-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 PLAIN TEXT

FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574 (P)

MURKIN

RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

RE ATLANTA AIRTEL TO LOS ANGELES JUNE THREE LAST AND BUTEL TO LOS ANGELES MAY TWENTY NINE LAST.

ALAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, WAS SHOWN PHOTOGRAPHS OF [redacted] AKA, FBI NO. [redacted] [redacted] THOMPSON STATED HE COULD NOT SAY THAT [redacted] WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL HE KNEW AS JAMES C. HARDIN. DISREGARDING AGE IN THAT PHOTO WAS TAKEN AUGUST NINETEEN, FIFTY FIVE, THOMPSON SAID THE SHAPE OF HEAD AND EYES OF [redacted] AS THEY APPEAR IN PHOTO ARE EXCELLENT LIKENESS TO THOSE OF HARDIN. HE SAID THE HAIR WAS MUCH SHORTER THAN IN PHOTO. SAID SKIN OF [redacted] IS MUCH SMOOTHER THAN THAT OF HARDIN. REQUEST BUREAU FURNISH MORE RECENT PHOTO IF AVAILABLE.

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THOMPSON WAS SHOWN PHOTOS OF J. C. HARDIN, FBI NUMBER

cc Lowe

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[redacted] THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT IDENTICAL WITH PERSON HE KNEW AS JAMES C. HARDIN.

AIR MAIL COPIES SENT MEMPHIS, ATLANTA, NEW ORLEANS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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O DIRECTOR, ATLANTA (44-2386), CHICAGO, DALLAS, HOUSTON,
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ROM MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

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RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO THE BUREAU JUNE THREE LAST,
LANTA TEL TO THE BUREAU JUNE FOUR LAST AND MIAMI TEL
) THE BUREAU JUNE FOUR LAST.

FOR INFO OFFICES WHICH DID NOT RECEIVE RE ATLANTA TEL
JUNE FOUR LAST, THIS TEL REFLECTS ONE RAMON GEORGE
EYD, WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTO MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED
BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST. IN
PLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION:
ITE MALE, BORN OCTOBER EIGHT, THIRTYWO, TORONTO, ONE
XTYEIGHT LBS., BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDING NINE SIX
GHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS CHEAP ROOMING HOUSE
ERE SNEYD RESIDED SINCE APRIL SIXTYEIGHT. PROPRIETOR COULD
I MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO.
SSPORT APPLICATION OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR

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Teletype to AT, Chicago, DALLAS, Houston, LA, ME, Miami, Minneapolis, New York 8:26 AM

cc - Tolson

ROOMING HOUSE AND TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATE SNEYD HAD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN MAY EN ONE TWENTYNINE LAST. RE ATLANTA TEL OF JUNE FOUR LAST REQUESTED MIAMI REVIEW EASTERN AIRLINES (EAL) FLIGHTS THREE TWENTY AND THREE TWENTYEIGHT FOR DAILY FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA TO TORONTO AND FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX DAILY FROM ATLANTA TO MONTREAL. BUREAU FURTHER ADVISED SNEYD IN OBTAINING PASSPORT FURNISHED NAME OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN AS PERSON TO NOTIFY IN EVENT OF EMERGENCY AND ADVISED BRIDGEMAN MAY HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED WITH SUBJECT. BUREAU INSTRUCTED NAME OF SNEYD AND BRIDGEMAN BE CHECKED TO DETERMINE IF PASSENGERS ON ABOVE-MENTIONED FLIGHTS FOR PERIOD APRIL FIVE THROUGH APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

EAL RECORDS CHECKED ON JUNE FOUR LAST DID NOT REFLECT EITHER SNEYD OR BRIDGEMAN AS PASSENGERS THESE FLIGHTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

EAL RECORDS INDICATE THAT TICKETS OF OTHER AIRLINES WERE USED ON PERTINENT FLIGHTS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND TICKET NUMBERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UNITED AIRLINES, CHICAGO, ILL., COACH CLASS:

ZERO ONE SIX-TWO ONE THREE-TWO SEVEN EIGHT THREE NINE COUPONE TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY ON APRIL FIVE LAST:

ZERO ONE SIX-FOUR TWO FIVE-TWO FIVE TWO SEVEN TWO SEVEN, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREF TWENTY ON APRIL NINE LAST;

ZERO ONE SIX-THREE ZERO ONE-TWO FIVE NINE SIX THREE TWO, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY ON APRIL NINE LAST.

DELATA AIRLINE, ATLANTA, GA., COACH CLASS:

ZERO ZERO SIX-TWO ZERO TWO-TWO FOUR THREE THREE FOUR FIVE, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SIX LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-TWO ZERO ONE-THREE ONE THREE SIX ONE NINE, COUPON TWO, FLGITH THREE TWENTY, APRIL SIX LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-FOUR NINE EIGHT-SEVEN TWO ZERO SEVEN EIGHT FIVE, COUPON TWO, FLGITH THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-EIGHT SIX ZERO-TWO SEVEN SEVEN EIGHT SIX EIGHT, COUPON FOUR, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-TWO ZERO TWO-ONE NINE SIX EIGHT SIX TWO, COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL THIRTEEN LAST;

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ZERO ZERO SIX-FOUR ZERO ONE-ZERO SIX EIGHT SEVEN FIVE
REE, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SEVENTEEN
ST:

ZERO ZERO SIX-FOUR ZERO ONE-ZERO FIVE ONE THREE ONE
GHT, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST;

ZERO ZERO SIX-FOUR ZERO ONE-ZERO FIVE ONE FOUR TWO ONE,
UPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST.

SOUTHERN AIRWAYS, INC., ATLANTA, GA., COACH CLASS:

ZERO THREE EIGHT-THREE ZERO ZERO-FOUR EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN
VE TWO, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SIX LAST;

ZERO THREE EIGHT-THREE ZERO ZERO-FOUR NINE NINE FOUR
JO SEVEN, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL THIRTEEN
AST.

FIRST CLASS:

ZERO THREE EIGHT-TWO ZERO ZERO-SIX TWO TWO FIVE NINE
WO, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL TEN LAST;

ZERO THREE EIGHT-TWO TWO ZERO-SIX TWO TWO FIVE NINE ONE,
OUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL TEN LAST.

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TRANS-TEXAS AIRWAYS, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, HOUSTON, TEXAS, COACH CLASS:

ZERO THREE THREE-THREE TWO ZERO-ZERO EIGHT ONE THREE ZERO TWO, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL NINE LAST.

BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS, EXCHANGE PARK, DALLAS, TEXAS, COACH CLASS:

ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO SEVEN, COUPON THREE, FLGITH ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;

ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO EIGHT, COUPON THREE, FLGITH ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;

ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE ONE:ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO SIX, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;

ZERO ZERO TWO-THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ONE ZERO, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;

ZERO ZERO TWO- THREE ONE ONE-ONE ZERO SEVEN ONE ZERO NINE, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES, SIX TWO ZERO ONE-THIRTYFOURTH AVENUE SOUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., COACH CLASS:

ZERO THREE TWO-FOUR ZERO FOUR-TWO FIVE ONE THREE SIX ONE, COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST.

AMERICAN AIRLINES, SIX THREE THREE THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY., FIRST CLASS:

ZERO ZERO ONE-THREE NINE TWO:FIVE ZERO SIX TWO FOUR EIGHT, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL FIFTEEN LAST;

ZERO ZERO ONE-THREE NINE TWO-FIVE ZERO SIX TWO FOUR SIX, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL FIVE LAST;

ZERO ZERO ONE-FOUR NINE TWO-SIX SIX SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO, COUPON FOUR, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST;

PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES, NEW YORK, NY, FIRST CLASS:

ZERO TWO SIX-THREE FOUR TWO-FOUR SIX ZERO TWO SEVEN SEVEN, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL FIFTEEN LAST.

CONTINENETAL AIRLINES, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF., COACH CLASS:

ZERO ZERO FIVE-THREE ONE ZERO:FIVE ZERO ZERO FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL NINE LAST.

AIR CANADA, PLACE VILLE MARIE, MONTREAL, PROVIDENCE OF QUEBEC, COACH CLASS:

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SEVEN

ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX FOUR SEVEN TWO EIGHT
E, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL FIVE LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX ZERO FOUR EIGHT ZERO
I, COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SIX LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX ZERO FOUR EIGHT ONE
, COUPON ONE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL SIX LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX SEVEN FIVE FOUR FOUR
, COUPON ONE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SEVEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-SIX SEVEN FIVE FOUR FIVE
COUPON ONE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SEVEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR:FOUR ZERO ONE:EIGHT SIX SIX FOUR FOUR FIVE,
ONS THREE AND FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SEVEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-FIVE THREE SIX EIGHT TWO
, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-FIVE THREE SIX EIGHT TWO
COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL EIGHT LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-FOUR EIGHT ONE FOUR FIVE
E, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL TEN LAST;
ZERO ONE FOUR-TWO SIX ONE-TWO FIVE EIGHT THREE ZERO ZERO,

COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR NINE ONE-SEVEN FOUR NINE FIVE ONE NINE, COUPONS THREE AND FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR NINE ONE-SEVEN FOUR NINE FIVE TWO ZERO, COUPONS THREE AND FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE NINE ZERO-FIVE THREE SEVEN SIX EIGHT SIX, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL TWELVE LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE ZERO ONE-ONE THREE THREE EIGHT NINE EIGHT, COUPON TWO, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX,, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR ZERO ONE-EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT NINE SEVEN FOUR, COUPON FOUR, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR ZERO ONE-EIGHT THREE EIGHT NINE EIGHT NINE, COUPONS THREE AND FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL SEVENTEEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR NINE ONE-FIVE THREE ZERO FIVE FOUR THREE, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST;

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ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE SIX ONE-ZERO EIGHT FIVE ONE FIVE THREE, UPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-FOUR SIX ONE-ZERO EIGHT EIGHT FOUR ONE E, COUPON FOUR, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-TWO NINE TWO-EIGHT NINE SIX FIVE NINE R, COUPON TWO, FLGITH ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST;

ZERO ONE FOUR-THREE ZERO ONE-ZERO FIVE SIX FIVE THREE O, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL NINETEEN LAST.

TRANSAIR LIMITED, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, WINNIPEG, ADA, COACH CLASS:

TWO SIX FOUR-THREE ZERO ZERO-ZERO ZERO FOUR SIX ONE SIX, UPON TWO, FLIGHT THREE TWENTY, APRIL NINE LAST;

TWO SIX FOUR-THREE ZERO ZERO-ZERO ZERO FOUR SIX ONE FOUR, UPON TWO, FLGITH THREE TWENTY, APRIL NINE LAST.

NATIONAL AIRLINES, MIAMI, FLA., COACH CLASS:

ZERO ONE ZERO-FOUR NINE SEVEN-ONE FIVE SEVEN NINE THREE X, COUPON THREE, FLIGHT ONE ZERO SIX, APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS, LTD., KENT HOUSE, LONG RCULAR ROAD, MARAVAL, PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD, BRITISH WEST

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DIES, COACH CLASS:

ONE ZERO SIX-FOUR ZERO ZERO-SEVEN ZERO ONE TWO SIX SEVEN, OUPON ONE, FLIGTH THREE TWENTYEIGHT, APRIL TWELVE LAST.

MIAMI IS HANDLING NATIONAL AIRLINES TICKETS.

MIAMI IS ALSO HANDLING BRITISH WEST INDIAN AIRWAYS, LTD., HROUGH LOCAL TICKET OFFICE, MIAMI, WHO ARE OBTAINING DESIRED NFORMATION BY TELETYPE FROM HOME OFFICE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED, THROUGH LEGAT OTTAWA, TO HAVE PPROPRIATE CHECKS MADE WITH AIR CANADA, MONTREAL, AND TRANSAIR, IMITED, WINNIPEG, TO DETERMINE IF PERSONS USING LISTED TICKETS RE IDENTICAL WITH RAY AND TO HAVE APPROPRIATE LEADS SET OUT ROM INFORMATION MADE AVAILABLE BY LEGAT.

CHICAGO, AT UNITED AIRLINES, DETERMINE TO WHOM LISTED ICKETS WERE ISSUED AND SET OUT LEADS TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL TO RAY.

ATLANTA AT DELTA AIRLINES AND SOUTHERN AIRWAYS, INC.;

HOUSTON AT TRANS-TEXAS AIRWAYS;

DALLAS AT BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS;

MINNEAPOLIS AT NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES;

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NEW YORK AT AMERICAN AIRLINES AND PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES;

LOS ANGELES AT CONTINENTAL AIRLINES

COVER LEADS AS SET OUT FOR CHICAGO.

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) REC 38 4272

MURKIN.

REMIAMI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE FIVE LAST.

INDIVIDUAL KNOWN AS RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WAS DETERMINED TO HAVE BEEN IN TORONTO, CANADA, AS OF APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT. CHECK OF AIRLINE RECORDS CAN, THEREFORE, BE LIMITED TO PERIOD OF APRIL FIVE THROUGH APRIL EIGHT SIXTY-EIGHT. ADVISE BUREAU OF IDENTITIES OF PERSONS TO WHOM SUCH TICKETS WERE ISSUED BUT DO NOT SET OUT LEADS TO TRACE SUCH PERSONS UNTIL ADVISED BY BUREAU.

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NOTE:

We have determined that subject using name of Ramon George Sneyd obtained a Canadian passport on 4/24/68 and it has been further determined that subject was in Toronto, Canada, on 4/8/68. We previously instructed offices to determine the passengers on flights out of these offices to determine if subject utilized airlines for entrance into Canada. Miami has instructed the receiving offices to determine passengers for flights during periods 4/5/68 to 4/19/68. We are issuing instructions to limit this period from 4/5/68 to 4/8/68 in view of subject being in Canada on 4/8/68.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861); ATLANTA (44-2386); BIRMINGHAM; MEMPHIS (44-1987)

NEW YORK (44-1609) AND SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) (PLAINTEXT)

SAN FRANCISCO VIA WASHINGTON RELAY

FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) 1P

Copy 6 pm
6 - McMadison

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL TO BUREAU SIX FIVE LAST.
RE [redacted] FBI NUMBER [redacted]

FURNISHED MISLEADING AND UNRELIABLE INFORMATION TO THE PHILA FBI OFFICE AND TO THE PHILA OFFICE OF BREAU OF CUSTOMS. BUREAU REFER TO CASE ENTITLED, [redacted] BUFILE [redacted]

END

~~CORRECTION -- LINE FIVE, SEVENTH WORD SHLD READ "BUREAU"~~

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3:25 PM 6-6-68 URGENT BAW

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), SPRINGFIELD

FROM LOUISVILLE (44-947) 2P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO BOSTON, MAY THIRTY ONE, LAST.

ON JUNE FOUR, LAST, LARRY MC INTOSH, [redacted] MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY, ADVISED HIS STORE IS ONLY ONE THAT SELLS ROYAL DELUXE STETSONS IN THIS AREA. HE ADVISED THAT THE HATBANDS READ, "MEN'S STYLE SHOP, SEAY & WILSON, MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY."

MC INTOSH ADVISED THIS TYPE OF HAT IS A COMMON STYLE AND NO IDENTITY OF PURCHASER IS POSSIBLE UNLESS THE ITEM WAS CHARGED.

ON JUNE FIVE, LAST, MC INTOSH ADVISED HE CHECKED THROUGH HIS CHARGE ACCOUNTS AND COULD NOT COME UP WITH THE IDENTITY

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URCHASER OF THE GREY FELT ROYAL STETSON.

HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE HAT PROBABLY WAS A CASH PURCHASE

NG THE IDENTITY OF THE PURCHASER IMPOSSIBLE.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38686L)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

-MURKIN, CR.

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE FIVE LAST.

RESIDENCES IMMEDIATE VICINITY BANK OF ALTON, WHO FROM FILE REVIEW MADE OBSERVATIONS AT TIME OF BR, RECONTACTED. PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ASSOCIATES DISPLAYED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

AREA POLICE AGENCIES VICINITY ALTON CONTACTED AND REPORT NO INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY OR ASSOCIATES DEVELOPED.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS FOR INFORMATION.

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(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 6, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680604043 JK

Examination requested by: San Diego

Reference: Teletype 5/31/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint comparisons.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel dated 6/5/68.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - San Diego (44-387) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 6, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680604048 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Request
Specimens received XXXXXX 6/4/68

Request for comparison of handwriting and fingerprints appearing on questioned "Marshall" writings in this case with signatures and fingerprints of [redacted] FBI #[redacted] and [redacted] FBI #[redacted]

Result of examination:

Because the known signatures of [redacted] FBI #[redacted] and [redacted] FBI #[redacted] are not sufficiently comparable with the questioned [redacted] signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether the [redacted] signatures were prepared by either of these individuals.

JHM:AW on (12)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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39PM URGENT 6/6/68 OJS

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861), CINCINNATI, KANSAS CITY, LOUISVILLE, MEMPHIS, SEATTLE, SPRINGFIELD

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563) 4-P

URKIN, OO: MEMPHIS

RE KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU JUNE FOUR LAST.

[redacted] NEW CASTLE, IND., ADVISED ON JUNE FIVE LAST THAT HE WAS AN UNCLE OF PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN, HAVING LAST CONTACT WITH THIS INDIVIDUAL IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AT THE FUNERAL OF BRIDGMAN'S PARENTS IN MONTICELLO, KENTUCKY. IN SEPT. NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, BRIDGMAN'S WIFE, NAME UNKNOWN, BUT WHO WAS LAST KNOWN TO RESIDE IN BLOOMINGTON, ILL., CONTACTED HIM BY PHONE [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] SINCE THIS TIME HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH BRIDGMAN AND NO IDEA WHERE HE COULD BE LOCATED.

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[redacted] RUSHVILLE, IND., ON JUNE FIVE LAST, ADVIED HE HAD HAD NO CONTACT WITH BRIDGMAN SINCE AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, HAVING TALKED WITH HIS NEPHEW AT THE FUNERAL

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)F BRIDGMAN'S PARENTS. PREVIOUS TO THIS, THE LAST CONTACT WITH 'AUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN WAS APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN YEARS PRIOR TO THIS DATE.

NEITHER [redacted] NOR [redacted] CLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN'S PAST ACTIVITIES OR ASSOCIATES AND NEITHER COULD FURNISH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE PRESENT LOCATION OF THIS INDIVIDUAL.

RELATIVES DEVELOPED THROUGH INTERVIEW AT NEW CASTLE AND RUSHVILLE, INDIANA, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING* [redacted], [redacted] LATHAM, ILLINOIS; [redacted] MONTICELLO, KY., [redacted] MONTICELLO, KY.; [redacted] DAYTON, OHIO; [redacted] WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON; [redacted], MADSONVILLE, KY.; BRIDGMAN'S EX-WIFE, NAME UNKNOWN, WHO LAST RESIDED IN BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS AND BRIDGMAN'S SISTER, [redacted] (LNU), WHO RESIDES IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

THE FOLLOWING RESUME FOR THE INFORMATION OF OFFICES NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE.

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RE KANSAS CITY DAILY SUMMARY JUNE THREE LAST AND BUCALL TO SAC, KANSAS CITY, JUNE TWO LAST FURNISHING THE FOLLOWING INFO: RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHOSE PASSPORT PHOTO MAY BE THAT OF SUBJECT RAY, OBTAINED A BRITIB COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. IN APPLYING FOR PASSPORT HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION: WM, DOB OCT. EIGHT, THIRTYTWO, TORONTO, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTYEIGHT, BLACK HAIR, BROWN EYES, RESIDENCE NINE SIXTYEIGHT DUNDAS, TORONTO, CANADA, WHICH IS A CHEAP CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE WHERE SNEYD HAD RESIDED SINCE APRIL NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT PROPRIETOR COULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ON SNEYD AS RAY FROM PHOTO. FRIEND NAMED IN PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS PAUL BRIDGEMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSINGTON ST., TORONTO, CANADA. PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR SNEYD'S ROOMING HOUSE. TRAVEL AGENCY RECORDS INDICATED SNEYD PLANNED TO TRAVEL TO LONDON VIA BOAC AND WOULD RETURN ON MAY TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT. INVESTIGATION IN CANADA HAS FAILED TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN.

PAUL BRIDGMAN MAY BE IDENTICAL TO FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGMAN, AKA PAUL JAMES BRIDGMAN, MSP NO. [redacted] BORN [redacted] WHO WAS RECEIVED AT MSP FROM JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CITY, MO., ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE, AND WAS DISCHARGED JAN. SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AND END PAGE THREE

AS NOT ON PAROLE. BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO PRISON LIMITED SECURITY SECTION AT MOBERLY, MO., ON MARCH SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, BRIDGMAN ORKED IN THE MSP KITCHEN AND COULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT RAY. [redacted]

EADS: CINCINNATI AT DAYTON, OHIO, WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

LOUISVILLE AT MONTICELLO, KY., WILL HANDLE INTERVIEWS WITH [redacted] AND [redacted]

AT MADISONVILLE, KY., WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

SEATTLE AT WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON, WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

SPRINGFIELD AT LATHAM, ILLINOIS, WILL HANDLE INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]

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FBI CHICAGO

116PM URGENT 6/6/68 LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MIAMI (44-1954).

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR, ET AL, JUNE FIVE LAST: BUTEL TO ATLANTA, ET AL, INSTANT.

RE EAL FLIGHTS FROM ATLANTA TO TORONTO APRIL FIVE - EIGHT LAST.

UAL TICKET NUMBER ZERO ONE SIX TWO ONE THREE TWO SEVEN EIGHT THREE THREE NINE ISSUED ON MARCH TWENTY SIX LAST, OMAHA, NEBRASKA, TO [redacted] OMAHA, NEBRASKA, WITH ATP CARD. [redacted] FLEW ON EAL FLIGHT THREE TWO ZERO FROM BIRMINGHAM TO ATLANTA TO TORONTO ON APRIL FIVE LAST, IN VIEW OF DATE OF ISSUE AND USE OF ATP CARD, IT APPEARS [redacted] NOT IDENTICAL TO SUBJECT.

OTHER UAL TICKETS USED APRIL NINE LAST, AM CC TO OMAHA.

NO INVESTIGATION REQUESTED RE [redacted] UNTIL ADVISED BY BUREAU.

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FBI DALLAS

1152AM URGENT 6-6-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), KANSAS CITY (44-760), MINNEAPOLIS AND MEMPHIS

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 4P

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MURKIN.

RE DALLAS AND KANSAS CITY TELS JUNE FIVE LAST. CONCERNING PAUL BRIDGEMEN.

ADDRESS OF TWO ONE ZERO SIX NORTH FIRST STREET , DALLAS, GIVEN BY BRIDGEMAN AT NETHERLAND HOTEL IS NON EXISTANT. THERE IS NO FIRST STREET IN DALLAS AND FIRST AVENUE DOES NOT HAVE THIS NUMBER ON IT

EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW OF [redacted] CONDUCTED NIGHT OF JUNE FIVE LAST AND HE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING: HE MET BRIDGEMAN IN KANSAS CITY APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR WHEN BRIDGEMAN WAS EMPLOYED AT THE PRINCTION HOTEL IN KANSAS CITY. THEY BEGAN SEEING EACH OTHER REGULARLY AND IN JULY SIXTY FOUR BEGAN LIVING TOGETHER AT [redacted] KANSAS CITY. BRIDGEMAN HAD INFANT SON, [redacted] WITH HIM. BRIDGMAN'S DAUGHTER WAS IN CUSTODY OF ESTRANGED WIFE, [redacted] AT THIS TIME BRIDGEMAN WAS ALSO LIVING PART TIME WITH [redacted] IN THE [redacted] BLOCK OF [redacted] KANSAS CITY. BRIDGEMAN AND [redacted] CONTINUED LIVING TOGETHER UNTIL BRIDGEMAN WENT TO PRISON IN APRIL SIXTYFIVE. [redacted] WAS LEFT WITH [redacted] AND HAS BEEN LIVING WITH HIM SINCE.

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[redacted] HE ADMITTED THAT HE HAS GIVEN BRIDGEMAN MONEY WHENEVER HE HAS REQUESTED IT AND HAS WIRED HIM MONEY ON AN ALMOST WEEKLY BASIS SINCE BRIDGEMAN'S RELEASE FROM PRISON. WHEN HE WIRED MONEY TO BRIDGEMAN ON MAY TWENTY NINE LAST HE TOLD HIM HE WAS NOT GOING TO SEND HIM ANY MORE. HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM BRIDGEMAN SINCE THAT TIME, WHICH HE CONSIDERS UNUSUAL. ON A FEW OF OCCASIONS WHEN HE HAS REFUSED TO GIVE MONEY TO BRIDGEMAN, BRIDGEMAN HAS THREATENED [redacted]

[redacted] HAS BEEN WITH BRIDGEMAN ON THE FOLLOWING OCCASIONS SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON: JAN. NINETEEN TO TWENTYFIRST AT THE HOLIDAY INN IN KANSAS CITY. BRIDGEMAN WAS STAYING AT THE KACEE HOTEL AT THE TIME: FEB. TWENTYTHRIRD TO TWENTYFIFTY AT THE DOWNTOWNER MOTOR HOTEL, OKLAHOMA CITY. [redacted] PAID BRIDGEMAN'S PLANE FARE TO AND FROM KANSAS CITY: MARCH THIRTY TO APRIL ONE AT THE HOLIDAY INN ON FIFTY NINTH STREET, NEW YORK CITY. BRIDGEMAN FLEW TO AND FROM KANSAS CITY ON TICKET PURCHASED BY [redacted] BRIDGEMAN WAS PROBAPLY LIVING AT NETHERLANDS HOTEL, KANSAS CITY AT THE TIME: APRIL FIVE AND SIX HE TALKED TO BRIDGEMAN BY PHONE AT THE FOUR ACRS MOTEL, SOUTH HIGHWAY SEVENTYONE, KANSAS CITY, AND ON APRIL SEVEN BRIDGEMAN FLEW TO DALLAS FROM KANSAS CITY. HE STAYED AT THE LEMONWOOD

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MOTOR HOTEL, THREE FIVE TWO FOUR INWOOD ROAD, DALLAS. HE RETURNED TO KANSAS CITY BY BUS ON APRIL TEN. DURING EACH OF THESE TRIPS TO MEET BRIDGEMAN, [redacted] WAS ACCOMPAINED BY [redacted] WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY. ON MAY SEVEN BRIDGEMAN RETURNED TO DALLAS BY TRAIN, UNFINANCED BY [redacted] HE TOLD [redacted] HE HAD BORROWED MONEY FROM [redacted] KANSAS CITY, TO BY BUY HIS TRAIN TICKET. HE STAYED AT THE HOLIDAY INN, FORTY SEVENTY NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, DALLAS. HE LEFT DALLAS ENROUTE TO MINNEAPOLIS ON BRANIFF AIRLINES MAY NINE ON TICKET PURCHASED BY [redacted]

SINCE MAY NINE LAST HE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL POSTCARDS AND COLLECT TELEPHONE CALLS FROM BRIDGEMAN IN MINNEAPOLIS.

SOMETIME BETWEEN APRIL TEN AND MAY THIRD BRIDGEMAN MADE A TRIP TO TUSLSA, OKLAHOMA. THE TRAIN FARE TO TULSA WAS PAID BY [redacted] AND BRIDGEMAN SAID HE HITCHHIKED BACK TO KANSAS CITY. HE STAYED IN TULSA LESS THAN A WEEK, SUPPOSEDLY LOOKING FOR A JOB, WHICH HE DID NOT FIND.

BRIDGEMAN HAS APPEARED TO BE WITHOUT FUNDS SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON AND AT NO TIME INDICATED TO [redacted] THAT HE HAD MORE THAN A FEW DOLLARS. HE HAS DISCUSSED NEGROES WITH [redacted] AND

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INDICATED HE DID NOT PARTICULARYLY LIKE THEM BUT GAVE NO INDICATION OF ANY HATRED FOR THE RACE. AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER OF KING HE GAVE NO INDIATION OF OTHER THAT SYMPATHY FOR KING AND LATER WHEN RAY WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE POSSIBLE KILLER, BRIDGEMAN ONLY COMMENTED THAT HE HAD SEEN RAY IN PRISON BUT INDICATED HE DID NOT KNOWN HIM WELL. [redacted] FEELS THAT IF BRIDGEMAN HAD KNOWN RAY WELL AT ALL HE WOULD HAVE DISCUSSED IT AND WOULD HAVE BRAGGED ABOUT IT TO [redacted] [redacted] EXAMINED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY CAREFULLY AND STATED HE HAS NEVER SEEN THIS MAN AND KNOWS OF NO ASSOCIATE OF BRIDGEMAN WHO FITS THIS DESCRIPTION.

[redacted] STATED HE BELIEVES [redacted] WOULD BE ONE PERSON IN KANSAS CITY WHOU WOULD MOST LIKELY KNOW THE WHEREABOUTS OF BRIDGEMAN. [redacted] HAS BEEN A GIRL FRIEND OF BRIDGEMAN AND HAS GIVEN HIM MONEY TO LIVE ON SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON. SHE WOULD LIKE TO MARRY BRIDGEMAN AND WOULD PROBABLY GO ANYWHERE TO BE WITH HIM AND WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR HIM. [redacted] HAS LIVED WITH WITH [redacted] FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND SHOULD KNOW HER WHEREABOUTS.

BRIDGEMAN HAS MENTIONED A GIRL FRIEND NAMED [redacted] [redacted] WHO HE HAS SAID LIVES IN [redacted] PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KANSAS . BRIDGEMAN SAID HE MET [redacted] THROUGH [redacted].

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BRIDGEMAN HAS TOLD [redacted] HE HAS LIVED WITH [redacted] RECENTLY BUT [redacted] HAS NEVER SEEN OR TALKED TO [redacted] AND DOES NOT KNOW IF SHE ACTUALLY EXISTS.

[redacted]

[redacted] KANSAS CITY, AND HIS WIFE, [redacted] ARE FRIENDS OF BRIDGEMAN AND MAY KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS.

[redacted] STATED HE WOULD GLADLY MAKE AVAILABLE RECORDS OF HIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO AND FROM BRIDGEMAN HOWEVER HE HAS PAID HIS MOST RECENT BILL AND DESTROYED THE LIST OF TOLL CALLS. HE SAID HE RECALLS THAT ALL OF THE TOLLS WERE TO KANSAS CITY AND MINNEAPOLIS AREAS. HE HAS PROMISED HIS FULL COOPERATION IN LOCATING BRIDGEMAN AND HAS STATED IF HE GETS A CALL FROM BRIDGEMAN HE WILL GET HIS LOCATION AND IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THIS OFFICE. IN VIEW OF HIS APPARENT COMPLETE COOPERATION, BUREAU PERMISSION IS NOT BEING REQUESTED AT THIS TIME TO OBTAIN [redacted] PAST TOLL CALLS AND TO MONITOR HIS FUTURE CALLS.

[redacted] RECONTACTED TODAY AND HE ADVISED HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM BRIDGEMAN. DAILY CONTACT WITH [redacted] WILL BE MAINTAINED.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel, 5/28/68.

As directed in reairtel, Houston has checked all banks in Houston, total of 66, regarding records of access to safety deposit boxes for the month of 4/68 and all renters were eliminated as possibly being subject.

3 - Bureau
1 - Dallas (44-2649) (Info)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - New Orleans (157-10673) (Info)
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Date: 6/6/68

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Via ~~AIRTEL~~ _____ AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

RE: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Kansas City teletype 6/3/68; Atlanta teletype 6/4/68; Miami teletypes 6/4 and 5/68; Butel 6/6/68.

For information Charlotte re Atlanta teletype 6/4/68 reflects one RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, whose passport photo may be that of subject RAY, obtained a British Commonwealth passport on 4/24/68. In applying for passport he furnished following description: white, male, born 10/8/32, Toronto; 168 lbs., black hair; brown eyes; residing 968 Dundas, Toronto, Canada, which is cheap rooming house where SNEYD resided since April, 1968. Proprietor could not make positive identification of SNEYD as RAY from photo. Passport application obtained through travel agency near rooming house, and travel agency records indicate SNEYD had planned to travel to London via BOAC and would return 5/29/68.

Re Atlanta teletype of 6/4/68 requested Miami review Eastern Airlines (EAL) flights 320 and 328 for daily flights from Atlanta to Toronto, and flight 106 daily from Atlanta to Montreal.

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1 - Atlanta (44-2386)(info)
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Bureau further advised SNEYD in obtaining passport furnished name of PAUL BRIDGEMAN as person to notify in event of emergency, and advised BRIDGEMAN may have been incarcerated with subject. Bureau instructed name of SNEYD and BRIDGEMAN be checked to determine if passengers on above mentioned flights for period 4/5 through 4/19/68.

EAL records checked on 6/4/68 did not reflect either SNEYD or BRIDGEMAN as passengers these flights during pertinent period.

EAL records indicate that tickets of other airlines were used on pertinent flights during pertinent period. One such ticket is following.

Trans-Texas Airways, International Airport, Houston, Texas, coach class: 033-320-081302, coupon 3, flight 328, 4/9/68.

On 6/6/68 [redacted] TTA General Office, Houston, advised that above TTA ticket issued to [redacted] Raleigh, N. C., ticket written at Baton Rouge, La. for travel Baton Rouge to Raleigh, N. C. and return via New Orleans and Atlanta. First part of trip set up for 4/2/68 and return portion set up for 4/5/68.

ReButel this date advised as follows:

Individual known as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD was determined to have been in Toronto, Canada, as of 4/8/68. Check of airline records can, therefore, be limited to period of 4/5 through 4/8/68. Advise Bureau of identities of persons to whom such tickets were issued but do not set out leads to trace such persons until advised by Bureau.

Above information for Charlotte. Charlotte will not attempt to trace [redacted] until advised to do so by Bureau.

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FBI DALLAS

127AM URGENT 6-7-68 JDH

TO DIRECTOR, KANSAS CITY, MINNEAPOLIS AND MEMPHIS

FROM DALLAS (44-2649) 1P

MURKIN

RE KANSAS CITY TEL JUNE SIX INSTANT CONCERNING TELEPHONE CALLS FROM PHONE OF [redacted]

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

IS THAT OF [redacted] RICHARDSON, TEXAS WHO HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND THE RESULTS FURNISHED RECEIVING OFFICES. [redacted] IS LISTED TO [redacted], DALLAS, WHICH IS THE PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OF [redacted] TA SEVEN DASH ZERO EIGHT EIGHT ONE IS THE HOLIDAY INN, FORTY SEVENTY NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY, DALLAS, BRIDGEMAN CAME TO DALLAS BY TRAIN ON MAY SEVEN LAST AND RETURNED TO MINNEAPOLIS BY PLANE ON MAY NINE LAST. WHILE IN DALLAS HE STAYED AT THE HOLIDAY INN, FORTY SEVENTY NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY ACCORDING TO [redacted] WHO PAID BRIDGEMAN'S EXPENSES WHILE IN DALLAS.

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1156PM URGENT 6-6-68 RLH

TO DIRECTOR INDIANAPOLIS LOUISVILLE MEMPHIS

FROM CINCINNATI

MURKIN

REIPTEL TODAY.

[redacted] DAYTON, OHIO,

TONIGHT ADVISED:

PAUL BRIDGMAN IS SON OF HER DECEASED BROTHER MITT AND IRENE BRIDGMAN WHO WERE BURIED HIDALGO, KENTUCKY, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO, FOLLOWING MURDER - SUICIDE. LAST SAW PAUL AT FUNERAL AND HIS PRESENT LOCATION, OCCUPATION UNKNOWN TO HER. LAST TIME SHE SAW PAUL BEFORE FUNERAL HE WAS SMALL CHILD.

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[redacted] IDENTIFIED FOLLOWING RELATIVES OF BRIDGMAN: [redacted] [redacted] RUSHVILLE, INDIANA. [redacted] WINDY KENTUCKY (RETEL SHOWS MONTICELLO, KENTUCKY). [redacted] [redacted] MONTICELLO, KENTUCKY. SISTER [redacted] [redacted] WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI.

LOUISVILLE NOTE DIFFERENT ADDRESS FOR [redacted]

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INDIANAPOLIS AT [redacted] RUSHVILLE, INDIANA, IF NOT DONE,

INTERVIEW [redacted]

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FBI SPRNGFLD

1117AM URGENT 6-7-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, FIB (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), AND KANSASCITY (44-760)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 2P

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE FIVE LAST AND KANSAS CITY TEL JUNE SIX LAST.

ON JUNE FIVE LAST [redacted] BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, FURNISHED HER TELEPHONE NUMBERS [redacted] AND [redacted] WHICH WERE SET FORTH IN RE KANSAS CITY TEL.

[redacted] ADVISED THIS DATE THAT SHE RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM PAUL BRIDGEMAN DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS DECEMBER LAST STATING THAT HE WAS INTENDING TO GO TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND HE WANTED TO STOP BY AND PICK UP A PHOTOGRAPH OF HIS MOTHER AND SOME LETTERS WHICH ARE BEING MAINTAINED IN A BOX FOR HIM BY [redacted]

SHE STATED HE NEVER CAME.

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HE REPEATED THAT APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS AGO HE TELEPHONICALLY
ONTACTED HER AGAIN AND AGAIN STATED THAT HE WAS DESIROUS
F OBTAINING THIS BOX WHICH HAS HIS MOTHER'S PICTURES AND
ETTERS BUT THAT HE STILL HAS NOT BEEN BY TO SEE HER AND
ET THE BOX.

SHE STATED THAT SHE COULD NOT RECALL HAVING RECEIVED
NY OTHER TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS FROM
RIDGEMAN.

SHE FURTHER STATED THAT HIS SISTER, [redacted] WAS
ESIDING IN LANTIN, MISSOURI, IN NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR BUT SHE
OES NOT KNOW WHERE SHE WOULD BE RESIDING AT THE PRESENT.

SHE STATED THAT IN MAY, SIXTYFOUR, BRIDGEMAN WAS
ESIDING AT [redacted] KANSAS CITY,
ISSOURI.

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FBI DALLAS

926AM URGENT 6-7-68 LMB

TO DIRECTOR, MINNEAPOLIS, KANSAS CITY, MEMPHIS

FROM DALLAS (44-2640) 1P

MURKIN

RE DALLAS TEL JUNE SIX LAST RE PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

[redacted] ADVISED AT ABOUT ONE THIRTY AM JUNE SEVEN HE HAD JUST RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM BRIDGEMAN IN MINNEAPOLIS. BRIDGEMAN GAVE HIS ADDRESS AS [redacted] MINNEAPOLIS. BRIDGEMAN TOLD [redacted] HE KNEW FBI WAS LOOKING FOR HIM. HE SAID HE KNEW JAMES EARL RAY BETTER THAN HE HAD ADMITTED TO [redacted] HE CLAIMED HE HAD SEEN RAY SOMEWHERE IN OKLAHOMA SOMETIME BEFORE THE SHOOTING OF KING AND AT THAT TIME RAY HAD PLENTY OF MONEY. [redacted] STRONGLY URGED BRIDGEMAN TO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE FBI AND BRIDGEMAN PROMISED TO DO SO.

AT ABOUT TWO THIRTY AM JUNE SEVEN [redacted] REPORTED HE HAD RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL FROM BRIDGEMAN. BRIDGEMAN SAID HE HAD CONTACTED THE FBI IN MINNEAPOLIS AND WAS GOING TO MET WITH AGENTS ON THE MORNING OF JUNE SEVEN.

INFORMATION IN FIRST PARAGRAPH ABOVE IMMEDIATELY FURNISHED TO MINNEAPOLIS BY TELEPHONE.

FREQUENT DAILY CONTACT WILL BE MAINTAINED WITH [redacted] UNTIL ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY MINNEAPOLIS.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 7, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is to advise that Midnight Duty Agent, Security Division, at 5:10 a.m. today, received the following message from Legat London:

"Name concerned in MURKIN case definite on manifest for Flight 074 of British European Airways which departed London 10:55 (a.m. or p.m. not indicated), 5/7/68, for Lisbon."

ACTION:

Above for information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (44-2469)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
JAMES EARL RAY - FUGITIVE

Enclosed for Bureau is page 39 from July 1968 issue of "Bronze Thrills", Negro magazine published at Fort Worth, Texas, and distributed nationally. Subject's photograph, descriptive data and usual offer of reward for information leading to apprehension are included.

This is the first white fugitive published in this magazine. Twelve Negro I.O. fugitives and one non-I.O. Negro fugitive have been apprehended as a result of publicity through this medium. Should RAY's apprehension so result, Dallas and Bureau should be given full details promptly.

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ENCLOSURE

2 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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5010-106-03 U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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by the F.B.I. for

MURDER



James Earl Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, a Missouri prison escapee, is being sought in connection with the gunshot slaying of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He has been the subject of a massive and intensive search since the brutal gunshot slaying of Dr. King April 4, 1968, as he stood on the balcony of a Memphis, Tenn. motel.

Ray has an arrest record dating back to the year of 1949 and has been convicted of burglary, armed robbery and forging U. S. Postal Money Orders.

He is a 40-year-old white male, 5 ft. 10, weighs from 163 to 174, has blue eyes, brown hair, small scar on center of forehead, straight, narrow nose. His left ear protrudes noticeably. He is described as a 'loner' and 'drifter'. He should be considered armed and extremely dangerous.

Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI.

$100 REWARD

BRONZE THRILLS will pay $100 for information leading to the arrest of this criminal.



Cucumbers and Beauty

by ANA MAHER

Every woman, at some time in her life, faces the spectre of an aging skin. Most women never solve the problem, and finally become resigned. A fortunate few find the answer and are rewarded with a complexion that remains fresh and youthful all their lives.

Eight years ago, I had this skin problem. Nothing very serious, but when I took my mirror over to a bright light, I could detect evidence of dryness and faint little lines in those areas where wrinkles have a tendency to show first. And I didn't like it. I knew that these were danger signals that warned of an aging skin.

I was also very bewildered. I had always taken the best care of my skin. I used expensive night creams, lotions and highly touted astringents. So I tried other creams, with no improvement. Finally I became resigned. After all, everybody gets older and most of us show our age.

Then one day I had a visit from an elderly widowed neighbor. This charming lady was about seventy, but she had the most beautiful, moist, youthful skin. I remarked about it and mentioned my own skin problem.

She told me she used a marvelous cream which had been formulated by her late husband, a physician, and that she made it herself. "Try it," she said, and then she left and returned with a jar of this cream.

So I tried using my neighbor's cream.

In only three weeks, I began to see a marked improvement. My skin was fresher, clearer, smoother. After two months, my former dry, dull skin was revitalized. The lines and puffiness had been eased away. My skin now had a youthful, almost translucent quality. I was thrilled with my neighbor's formula.

For six years, this kind lady kept me supplied with this cream. And I want to tell you that my skin was more vital and younger looking than it had been when I first started to use it, six years before.

Then my neighbor died suddenly — and with her went that wonderful cream and its secret ingredients. I was saddened by the loss of a good friend — and dejected by the loss of a miracle cream. Her family told me that her personal papers revealed no formulas of any kind. I was desperate. But I did have three jars left from the last batch she had made.

So I took the cream to one of the best known analytical cosmetic chemists. The cost of the analysis was enormous, but I got what I wanted. I had the wonder cream formula.

It had a base of pure cucumber juice, two super-moisturizers and three natural lubricants. It also contained Vitamins A and D and a special component to keep the cucumber juice fresh. My chemist told me that the formula consisted of only safe, pure ingredients — no hormones, estrogens or steroids.

I made a batch of cream for myself, following the chemist's instructions. Then my friends and relatives began using it. And in every case, the results were absolutely astounding.

Soon friends began insisting that the cream should be made known and available to all women, since the problem of aging skin is universal.

So my cream was put on the market a year ago, with the financial help of an uncle. It is called Cucumbre Frost.

The same wonderful results experienced by me, my friends and relatives were repeated time and time again by women all over the country. I have in my file hundreds of letters from grateful women telling of the remarkable results obtained with Cucumbre Frost.

Treatment is not a complicated ritual. I don't have time for that and the chances are you don't, either. You apply Cucumbre Frost at bedtime. Leave it on all night. It feeds, protects and nourishes your skin while you sleep.

I know what Cucumbre Frost can do for you. Therefore, I offer you this UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE. Try it. See for yourself in your own mirror how, after a few treatments, Cucumbre Frost helps revitalize dull, dry, aging skin. How Cucumbre Frost helps ease away lines and puffiness. Many women wrote me of astonishing results after only two weeks. Some take longer. But I say this to you: If, for any reason, you are not delighted with Cucumbre Frost—return the unused portion to me for a complete refund. No questions asked.

You now have the opportunity to have a vital, youthful, lovely skin—at no risk. Cucumbre Frost can be purchased only by ordering it directly from me. Simply fill out the coupon and mail today.

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Ana Maher Inc., Dept. 1707A
520 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10036

Please rush Cucumbre Frost to me (40 day supply). I must be completely satisfied with the results or you guarantee prompt and full refund upon the return of the unused portion of Cucumbre Frost.

☐ I enclose $5.00 (check, cash, money order). Send post paid.

☐ Send C.O.D. I will pay postman $5.00 plus about $1.00 in postal charges. Save the $1.00 by enclosing $5.00 with order.

Canadian and foreign, no C.O.D.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

FBI

Date: 6/6/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City daily summaries 6/5/68 and 6/6/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau and each office is one photograph of [redacted] aka [redacted] Enclosed photograph of [redacted] furnished for use in investigation to locate her paramour PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, former fellow inmate of subject RAY, for interview.

ENCLOSURE

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1)
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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 4, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Callahan

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In connection with the widespread publicity furnished this case the Bureau has prepared and distributed approximately 200,000 Wanted Flyers on subject as Eric S. Galt, 200,000 Wanted Flyers on subject as James Earl Ray as well as 200,000 Identification Orders on subject as James Earl Ray. In addition, 30,000 Wanted Flyers were printed in Spanish concerning the subject James Earl Ray and 30,000 were also printed in Spanish concerning subject as Eric S. Galt.

These Wanted Flyers and Identification Orders have been distributed to all field divisions and all Legal Attaches for distribution in foreign countries, particularly Mexico and Canada.

These Identification Orders and Wanted Flyers have been distributed to law enforcement agencies throughout the country. To airline and travel facilities as well as to Salvation Army, mission type rooming houses and hotels. There is attached a copy of each Wanted Flyer, Identification Order and the Circular Letter.

Identification Orders were provided to 290 U. S. Consular offices covering nations throughout the free world.

We also prepared and distributed 14,000 Circular Letters to be distributed to laundries and dry cleaning establishments throughout the United States.

ACTION:

For information. This case continues to receive top priority investigative attention.

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Enclosures

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ERIC STARVO GALT

FBI No. 405,942 G



Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



Photograph taken 1968

Aliases: Harvey Lowmyer, John Willard

DESCRIPTION

Age:	35, born July 20, 1931 (not supported by birth records)		
Height:	5'8" to 5'11"	**Eyes:**	Blue or hazel
Weight:	160 to 175 pounds	**Complexion:**	Medium
Build:	Medium	**Race:**	White
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short		
Occupation:	Has claimed employment as seaman		
Remarks:	Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.		

CAUTION

GALT IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241).

IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE NOTIFY ME OR CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

J. Edgar Hoover

DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535
TELEPHONE, NATIONAL 8-7117

Wanted Flyer 442
April 17, 1968

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INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY

JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 G





Photographs taken 1960



Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)

Aliases: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim,"

DESCRIPTION

Age:	40, born March 10, 1928, at Quincy or Alton, Illinois (not supported by birth records)		
Height:	5' 10"	**Eyes:**	Blue
Weight:	165 to 174 pounds	**Complexion:**	Medium
Build:	Medium	**Race:**	White
Hair:	Brown, possibly cut short	**Nationality:**	American

Occupations: Baker, color matcher, laborer

Scars and Marks: Small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand

Remarks: Noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending.

Fingerprint Classification: 16 M 9 U OOO 12

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CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

CAUTION

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Ray as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Constitutional Right of a citizen (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241). A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight to Avoid Confinement for the crime of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

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Wanted Flyer 442-A
April 19, 1968

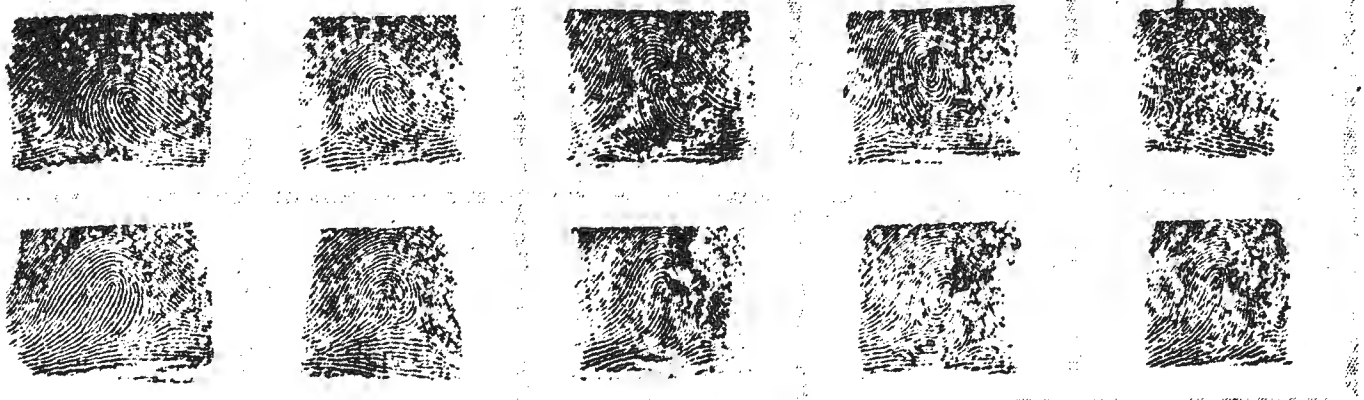
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ASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1968



Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds
BUILD: medium
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short
EYES: blue
COMPLEXION: medium
RACE: white
NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, fabrier
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

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Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (173-1) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Remycab 5/28/68.

On 5/31/68, [redacted] Special Agent, OSI, District Office #45, Seoul, Korea, advised [redacted] Foreign Affairs Section, Korean National Police (KNP), Seoul, stated he had interviewed the Associated Press (AP) representative in Seoul and had ascertained that he had misunderstood the KNP press release as intimating that the subject was possibly in Korea. Apparently AP in Taiwan carried the misunderstanding a bit further and alerted the Chinese police.

If nothing else, however, the photograph and story connected with JAMES EARL RAY and the case received excellent coverage with no apparent harm done.

This matter will be further explored on next road trip to Taiwan and Korea.

(3) - Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
1 - Tokyo
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FD-36 (Rev. [illegible])

FBI

Date: June 3, 1968

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Via _____ AIRTEL (Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)(P)

SUBJECT MURKIN
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OO: MEMPHIS

Remy telephone call this date.

Enclosed are the following items:

1) Four copies Kennedy Travel Bureau letter April 17, 1968 to Passport Office, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa.

2) Four copies application for Canadian Passport executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, April 16, 1968.

3) Four copies of Statutory Declaration In Lieu of Guarantor executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD at Toronto April 16, 1968.

4) Four copies passport photo attached to application by SNEYD.

It is noted while no information appears on the back of photo, original photo attached to application contained the following information:

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"Arcade Photo Studio, 137 Yonge Street, Suite 64, Toronto, Ontario, April 11, 1968."

5) Two passport photographs of SNEYD which have been blown up by RCMP Identification Branch.

5 - Bureau (Encs. 19)
1 Liaison Direct
1 Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Ottawa
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Approved _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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6) One copy of passport photograph with signature superimposed thereon which has been blown up by RCMP Identification Branch.

The above is being forwarded to the Bureau by hand aboard Eastern Airlines Flight departing Ottawa 8:10 AM, June 4, 1968, with scheduled arrival National Airport, Washington, D.C. at 10:28 AM on the same date.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI KAN CITY

1146 AM IMMEDIATE 6/6/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 4P

MURKIN

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL TO BUREAU, JUNE FIVE, SETTING FORTH LEAD FOR SAN FRANCISCO TO LOCATE PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN THROUGH HIS COUSINS, [redacted] AND [redacted] AT FAIRFIELD, CALIF.

FOR INFO OF SAN FRANCISCO, THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND CONCERNING URGENCY FOR LOCATING BRIDGEMAN IS SET FORTH:

SUBJECT RAY, BELIEVED TO HAVE OBTAINED BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PASSPORT ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. FRIEND NAMED IN PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS PAUL BRIDGMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSINGTON ST., TORONTO, CANADA. PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH TRAVEL AGENCY NEAR SNEYD'S ROOMING HOUSE.

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PAUL BRIDGEMAN MAY BE IDENTICAL OF FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, AKA PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, MSP NO. [redacted] DOB: [redacted], [redacted] WHO WAS RECEIVED AT MSP FROM JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CITY, MO. ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYFIVE, AND WAS DISCHARGED JAN.

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SIXTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, AND WAS NOT ON PAROLE. BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO PRISON LIMITED SECURITY SECTION AT MOBERLY, MO., ON MARCH SEVEN, SIXTYSIX, BRIDGEMAN WAORKED IN MSP KITCHEN AND COULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT RAY. [redacted]

[redacted]

PASSPORT OFFICE, DEPT. OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, OTTAWA, HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THEY DO NOT WANT ANY MENTION MADE THAT PASSPORT OFFICE WAS SOURCE OF INFO CONCERNING SUBJECT. IN INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS NO STATEMENT WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE MADE INDICATING THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED INFO FROM PASSPORT OFFICE IN CANADA NOR SHOULD IT BE INDICATED THAT BUREAU BELIEVES SUBJECT HAD DEPARTED FROM U.S. INTERVIEWES SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO OBTAIN FACTUAL INFO FROM PERSONS BEING INTERVIEWED. THERE IS NO NECESSITY TO MENTION TO INDIVIDUALS THAT BUREAU HAS OBTAINED PHOTO BELIEVED TO BE SUBJECT IN WHICH HE IS NOW WEARING GLASSES OR THAT HE HAD NOW BEEN USING ADDITIONAL ALIASES.

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PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN BELIEVED TO HAVE LEFT KANSAS CITY AREA FIRST PART OF MAY SIXTYEIGHT, DESTINATION UNKNOWN. HIS GIRLFRIEND, [redacted] AKA [redacted], [redacted] IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: AGE TWENTYFOUR, DOB [redacted] WF, FIVE FOUR, TWO HUNDRED LBS., DYED RED HAIR, BROWN EYES, EMPLOYED AS [redacted], DRIVING SIXTYEIGHT WHITE TWO DOOR CHEVROLET MALIBU THREE ZERO SEVEN, BEARING SIXTYEIGHT KANSAS YELLOW ON BLACK LICENSE NO. [redacted] LEFT KANSAS CITY JUNE TWO, REFUSING TO GIVE HER DESTINATION TO FRIENDS.

ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT BRIDGEMAN BE LOCATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THOROUGHLY INTERROGATED FOR HIS KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT RAY'S BACKGROUND AND EVENTS IN SUBJECT CASE PARTICULARLY ACTIVITIES IN CANADA AND INFO TO LEAD TO SUBJECT RAY'S APPREHENSION. PHOTOS OF BRIDGEMAN AND KLINE FORWARDED AM SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE SIX.

[redacted] BLOOMINGTON, ILL., FIRST WIFE OF PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN WHO DIVORCED HIM ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO, HAS WARNED THAT

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[redacted] AND WIFE, [redacted] WHO HAVE RESIDED IN DAYTONA BEACH, FLA., AREA FOR PAST TEN YEARS, HAVE PROTECTED BRIDGEMAN IN PAST WHEN HE WAS IN TROUBLE AND WILL PROBABLY NOT FURNISH INFO. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT [redacted] BE ADVISED THAT TO THE BUREAU'S KNOWLEDGE THERE ARE NO WARRANTS OUTSTANDING FOR PAUL BRIDGEMAN OTHER THAN TRAFFIC WARRANTS, KANSAS CITY, MO., FOR WHICH HE IS OUT ON THREE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLRS BOND AND FOR WHICH HE IS UNLIKELY TO BE EXTRADITED AND FOR WHICH THERE IS NO FEDERAL WARRANT. HIS COOPERATION MAY BE SOLICITED THROUGH AN EXPLANATION TO HIM THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY WHO IS CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THIS CASE, AND THAT PURPOSE FOR LOCATING PAUL BRIDGEMAN IS TO DEVELOP BACKGROUND AND ASSOCIATES OF SUBJECT RAY. AS INSTRUCTED BY BUREAU ABOVE, NO MENTION OF PASSPORT INFO SHOULD BE MADE TO ANYONE WITHOUT PRIOR BUREAU AUTHORITY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT WHEN PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN IS LOCATED AND HE DOES NOT VOLUNTEER PASSPORT INFO THAT HE WILL HAVE TO BE QUESTIONED DIRECTLY AS TO WHETHER HE HAS EVER BEEN IN CANADA, PARTICULARLY TORONTO, WITH SUBJECT RAY.

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FBI WASH DC

Jim Moreland ASAC of SF advised not to interview Bridgman along Canada Lines 6/6/68

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I SANDIEGO

07PM URGENT 6-6-68 JLN

) DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
AND LAS VEGAS.

ROM SAN DIEGO (44-387)

URKIN

RE [redacted] (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS).

RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND LOS ANGELES
UNE FIVE LAST.

RICHARD TUFTS INTERVIEWED JUNE FIVE LAST AND ADVISED ON
AY TWO SIX LAST HE WAS PICKED UP BY AN INDIVIDUAL USING NAME
[redacted] DRIVING SIXTYSEVEN WHITE FORD GALAXIE BEARING
NEVADA LICENSE PLATES AND IN GLOVE COMPARTMENT OF THIS CAR WAS
A RENTAL CONTRACT REFLECTING THIS AUTOMOBILE RENTED TO [redacted]
[redacted]

REC-14 4294

[redacted] CLAIMED HE WAS EMPLOYED AS TROUBLESHOOTER FOR
NTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY. TUFTS SPENT NIGHT OF MAY
WO SIX LAST WITH [redacted] AND LATER DETERMINED HIS TRUE IDENTITY
AS [redacted]

TELEPHONIC INQUIRY OF LAS VEGAS OFFICE INDICATES [redacted]
[redacted] ON MAY SIXTEEN LAST USING CREDENTIALS [redacted]
[redacted] ENTED FROM NATIONAL CAR RENTAL, LAS VEGAS, A SIXTYSEVEN

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cc - Long

ORD GALAXIE FOUR DOOR HARDTOP BEARING SIXTYEIGHT NEVADA
ICENSE [redacted] VIN [redacted]
[redacted], FOR A ONE DAY PERIOD AND HAS
OT RETURNED THIS AUTOMOBILE. NATIONAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY,
AS VEGAS, NEVADA, IS FILING CONVERSION CHARGES WITH LAS VEGAS
POLICE DEPARTMENT.

INVESTIGATION SAN DIEGO DIVISION REFLECTS [redacted]
[redacted] IDENTICAL WITH [redacted]
[redacted] FBI NUMBER [redacted]

AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT CHARGING [redacted] VIOLATION TITLE
EIGHTEEN, SECTION TWO THREE ONE TWO, INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION
OF SIXTYSEVEN FORD FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, TO SAN DIEGO,
CALIFORNIA, AND COMPLAINT BEING FILED BEFORE U. S. COMMISSIONER,
SAN DIEGO, JUNE SEVEN NEXT.

UACB NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE [redacted] UNDER
MURKIN CAPTION AND [redacted] WILL BE HANDLED UNDER DYER ACT
INVESTIGATION, SAN DIEGO, SD TWENTYSIX DASH ONE NINE SIX THREE
FOUR. UPON LOCATION [redacted] HE WILL BE INTERVIEWED CONCERNING
ANY KNOWLEDGE JAMES EARL RAY AND PERTINENT INFO WILL BE FURNISHED
UNDER MURKIN CAPTION.

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LOS ANGELES FURNISH SAN DIEGO RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION, UNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, BALBOA PARK, CALIFORNIA, AND OVINA, CALIFORNIA, REGARDING [redacted] FOR INCLUSION IN DYER ACT REPORT.

LAS VEGAS INSURE CONVERSION REPORT FILED AT LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT BY NATIONAL CAR RENTAL COMPANY AND SUBMIT RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA.

LOS ANGELES AND LAS VEGAS ARE BELIEVED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF CURRENT PHOTOS [redacted] AND SHOULD DISPLAY TO APPROPRIATE WITNESSES.

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEPRATELY.

END

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FBI WASH DC

6/7/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

To: Legat, Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

This confirms Bureau telephone call 6/6/68.

Inquiry has disclosed Sneyd turned in unused portion of round-trip Toronto - London ticket to BOAC Airlines, London, on 5/7/68 for ticket on British European Airlines to Lisbon. Sneyd received voucher 0610 4444 3731 from BOAC, London, in amount of $14.60 which can either be applied to future ticket purchase or to obtain cash refund.

Determine if voucher has been used and returned to BOAC, Toronto, and immediately advise Bureau full details including date and location where used. If not yet returned, insure appropriate stop placed with BOAC, Toronto. Follow closely and keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Legat, London

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1 - Foreign Liaison Desk (Cleared with G. Day)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
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800PM URGENT 6-7-68 JLS **TELETYPE**

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND MINNEAPOLIS

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

Mr. Tolson	
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Miss Gandy	

RE MP TEL THIS DATE RE INFO FROM PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

EX-CON [redacted] ADVISED HE SERVED THIRTY NINE MONTHS MSP. RELEASED [redacted] LAST. WORKED [redacted] MET RAY [redacted] RAY CLOSE MOUTHED KEPT TO SELF. TRIED TO BE INCONSPICUOUS TO GUARDS. [redacted] AT [redacted] AT TIME OF RAY ESCAPE. NO IDEA HOW ACCOMPLISHED. NO INFO OF RAY BACKGROUND. STATED OPINION SMART MAN WOULD NOT COME HOME AFTER ESCAPE. RAY WAS SO QUIET [redacted] UNABLE TO JUDGE WHETHER HE DUMB OR SMART. NEVER MENTIONED ANY TRAVEL OR DISPLAYED FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY. [redacted] UNABLE TO RECALL SUBSTANCE OF CONVERSATION. RAY NOT CLOSE TO ANYONE. USED AMPHETAMINE BUT NOT KNOWN TO SELL SAME. [redacted] HAS NOT BEEN CONTACTED IN ANY MANNER BY RAY SINCE ESCAPE, AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RAY WHEREABOUTS. STATED WOULD NOT HELP RAY IF CONTACTED, BUT WOULD NOT ADVISE FBI IN EVENT OF CONTACT.

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FOR INFO MP, PUSSY CAT A GO GO, SLMO CLOSED TWO YEARS AGO. OWNER ELIAS MOHANNA NOW AT MSP. KC REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW BY SEPARATE TEL.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI MEMPHIS

618PM URGENT 6-7-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR, MINNEAPOLIS, DENVER, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, OMAHA, ST. LOUIS, AND SPRINGFIELD.

FROM MEMPHIS

MURKIN.

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL THIS DATE.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT MEMPHIS DISCLOSES JAMES EARL RAY IN ATTENDANCE AT DANCE SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES ON FEB. ONE, FIVE, SIX EIGHT AND TWELVE. IN ADDITION, RAY WAS ENROLLED INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING AT LOS ANGELES FROM JAN. NINETEEN THROUGH MARCH TWO, SIXTYEIGHT. INFORMATION AT MEMPHIS DOES NOT DISCLOSE RECORDS AT BARTENDING SCHOOL WERE FAITHFULLY KEPT, HOWEVER, LOS ANGELES REPORT DATED APRIL EIGHTEEN, PAGE ONE HUNDRED FORTY, SHOWS INTERVIEW WITH CLASSMATE DONALD J. JACOBS, WHO SAID SUBJECT WAS ONLY ABSENT FROM SCHOOL ON FEW OCCASIONS. INFORMATION IN SAME LOS ANGELES REPORT, PAGES ONE HUNDRED TWO AND ONE HUNDRED THREE, SHOWS DEPOSITS MADE ON FEB. TWENTY THREE [illegible] RECEIPTS OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL COVERING PERIOD FEB. EIGHTEEN THROUGH TWENTY ONE. IN THESE DEPOSITS WAS CHECK FROM PACIFIC TELEPHONE CO. IN AMOUNT TWENTY EIGHT DOLLARS SIXTY FIVE CENTS, PAYABLE TO ERIC S. GALT. THIS WOULD PLACE SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES AT LEAST SOME TIME DURING THIS PERIOD.

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IN ADDITION, SUBJECT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN OWNER OF WHITE MUSTANG DURING FEB., NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AS IT WAS SERVICED AT LOS ANGELES ON FEB. THIRTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT. SUBJECT AS GALT WROTE LETTER DATED FEB. SEVENTEEN AS RESULT OF LOCAL SWINGERS CLUB. THIS WOULD ALSO SEEMINGLY PLACE SUBJECT IN LOS ANGELES FOR PERIOD OF INTEREST.

MEMPHIS SUGGESTS OFFICES LISTED ABOVE HOLD INVESTIGATION IN ABEYANCE UNTIL CERTAIN POINTS CLARIFIED IN REINTERVIEW OF RIDGMAN, WHOSE RELIABILITY IS QUESTIONABLE. BRIDGMAN SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AS TO WHEN HE MET RAY, WHERE HE MET RAY, AND WHO CAN CONFIRM PRESENCE OF BRIDGMAN IN KANSAS CITY DURING PERIOD HE CLAIMS HE MET RAY. SPECIFICALLY, WHERE DID BRIDGMAN STAY WHILE IN KANSAS CITY; WHO IS [redacted] AND WHERE DID SHE LIVE IN KANSAS CITY. WHERE DID BRIDGMAN MEET HER? ALSO, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURING THIS PERIOD OF TIME IN FEB., THERE IS NO INFO AVAILABLE TO INDICATE SUBJECT WAS IN NEED OF FUNDS. HE APPARENTLY SHORTLY BEFORE FEB. ENROLLED IN DANCING SCHOOL, ENROLLED IN BARTENDING SCHOOL, AND SEEMINGLY HAD NO PROBLEM WITH FUNDS. THIS WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH HIS BEING BROKE AND TRAVELING DISTANCE TO KANSAS CITY AND THEREAFTER BORROWING SMALL SUM FROM BRIDGMAN, IT BEING NOTED [redacted] WHEN INTERVIEWED IN

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DALLAS INDICATED THAT BRIDGMAN HAD TOLD HIM HE RAN INTO RAY IN OKLAHOMA AND RAY AT THAT TIME HAD AMPLE FUNDS.

BRIDGMAN INTERVIEW SHOULD BE VIGOROUSLY PRESSED IN ORDER TO CLARIFY DETAILS, IT BEING NOTED BRIDGMAN PROBABLY [redacted] NOT ADVERSE TO BEING LIAR.

NO OTHER PERTINENT INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY THIS DATE, MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR, DENVER, LOS ANGELES, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, OMAHA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

DAILY SUMMARY

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE, JUNE SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, TO ABOVE OFFICES SUMMARIZING INTERVIEW OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

KAYE HAMMOND, DAY BARTENDER FOR THREE YEARS AT OLD FORTRESS TAVERN, KANSAS CITY, MO., IDENTIFIED PHOTOS OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN AND [redacted] AS FREQUENT PATRONS DURING LAST FEW MONTHS, BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF AN [redacted] AS DESCRIBED BY BRIDGEMAN AS PATRON OR EMPLOYEE OF TAVERN.

JAMES DUARDI [redacted] PROPRIETOR OF THE TAVERN, HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED ON JUNE FOUR AND HAD ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED BRIDGEMAN AS FREQUENT PATRON UNTIL RECENT WEEKS. DUARDI BEING RE-INTERVIEWED CONCERNING POSSIBLE IDENTITY OF [redacted]

REC-14 44-3836-1-4298

KANSAS CITY INDICES NEGATIVE ON [redacted] LOCAL POLICE RECORDS AND VICE OFFICERS BEING CONTACTED TO TRY TO IDENTIFY [redacted] ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOS ANG

9:31 PM URGENT 6-7-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 MIAMI 44-1854

FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574 P

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL JUNE FIVE LAST.

RE CONTINENTAL AIRLINE TICKET.

RECORDS CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, REVEAL FOLLOWING:

COUPON ONE TICKET ZERO ZERO FIVE DASH THREE ONE ZERO: FIVE ZERO ZERO FOUR SEVEN SEVEN, ISSUED TO [redacted] APRIL TWO LAST, TUCSON, ARIZONA, CONTINENTAL AIRLINE TICKET OFFICE, TUCSON AIRPORT, BY CONTINENTAL AGENT NUMBER TWO, VALIDATOR STAMP EIGHT THREE ONE DASH ONE.

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THIS TICKET CONCERNED CONTINENTAL FLIGHT ONE FIVE TWO FROM TUCSON TO HOUSTON APRIL TWO LAST. PASSAGE CONTINUED FROM HOUSTON TO NEW ORLEANS ON NATIONAL AIRLINE FLIGHT THREE SEVEN FOUR ON APRIL TWO LAST. FLIGHT CONTINUED FROM NEW ORLEANS TO DOTHAN, ALABAMA, ON SOUTHERN AIRWAYS FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT ON APRIL TWO LAST.

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COUPON TWO, FOR TICKET ZERO ZERO FIVE DASH THREE ONE ZERO: FIVE ZERO ZERO FOUR SEVEN EIGHT, WAS FOR OPEN RESERVATION IN THE SAME NAME ON SOUTHERN AIRWAYS, NO FLIGHT NUMBER, FROM DOTHAN TO ATLANTA AND CONTINUING ON EASTERN AIRLINES, OPEN RESERVATION, FROM ATLANTA TO MONTREAL, CANADA, NO DATE.

THE COST OF THIS TICKET WAS ONE HUNDRED NINETY THREE DOLLARS, WHICH WAS PAID FOR BY CHECK.

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9:34PM URGENT 6-7-68 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND MINNEAPOLIS (157-450)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P) 2P

MURKIN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

RE PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

INVESTIGATION SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED ADDRESS FOR [redacted], AKA [redacted] [redacted] NON-EXISTENT. NO RECORD FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINED AT U. S. POST OFFICE, SANTA ANA.

LEO W. PAULY, OWNER "THE KINGS INN," COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO EMPLOYEE, PAST OR PRESENT, BY NAME OF [redacted] OR [redacted]

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INQUIRY AT "KINGS ROW" RESTAURANT, SANTA ANA, NEGATIVE RE PAST OR PRESENT EMPLOYEE NAMED [redacted] OR [redacted]

MINNEAPOLIS REQUESTED TO REINTERVIEW BRIDGEMAN TO DETERMINE BASIS OF HIS KNOWLEDGE RE [redacted] AND [redacted] SPECIFICALLY,

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THE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION RE ADDRESS ON [redacted]

SANTA ANA.

RE DI RANGO'S OR RANGO'S IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS POSSIBLE BRIDGEMAN MAY BE REFERRING TO RANGEL'S, A MEXICAN RESTAURANT LOCATED VICINITY OF ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, WHERE SUBJECT RESIDED. PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER REVEALED THIS RESTAURANT LOCATED IN AREA HAVING CONSIDERABLE NARCOTIC AND PROSTITUTION TRAFFIC. INVESTIGATION PREVIOUSLY CONDUCTED AT RANGEL'S CONCERNING SUBJECT WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 9, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Harold Shapiro, Criminal Division of the Department, on 6-9-68, by phone advised as a back-up to prosecutive action against James Earl Ray in Tennessee, arrangements are being made in the State of Missouri to request extradition ~~xxxxxx~~ of Ray as an escaped felon.

In this connection, United States Attorney Riddle is today (6-9-68), going to Jefferson City, Missouri, to meet with the Governor to arrange appropriate process.

Mr. Shapiro inquired as to whether we could be of assistance in expediting the transportation of the papers from Missouri to Washington, D. C.

It was arranged that United States Attorney Riddle would advise the SAC, Kansas City when and where the papers would be made available.

ACTION: SAC Karl Dissly was contacted by telephone and advised of the arrangements and instructed to take appropriate action upon contact by United States Attorney Riddle to see that the papers would be delivered to Washington on a most expedite basis.

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ADDENDUM DAS:erg 6-9-68

SAC Gearty, St. Louis Division, by phone 6-9-68, advised that United States Attorney Riddle had called him regarding the above. SAC Gearty is aware of what is transpiring and will coordinate with SAC Dissly and between them arrange for the papers to be forwarded to Washington as soon as available. SAC Gearty mentioned due to necessity of obtaining exemplified copies of pertinent records from the United States District Court Judge, the papers probably would not be available until 6-10-68.

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356PM URGENT 6-10-68 SMS

TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA (44-2386) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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REBUTELCAL TO LOS ANGELES AND LOS ANGELES TELCAL TO BUREAU, JUNE TEN INSTANT.

WHEN JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED LONDON, HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS MFG. COMPANY, JAPAN.

MILA SVOBODA, OWNER LIBERTY ARMS COMPANY AND SOLINGEN CUTLERY COMPANY, POST OFFICE BOX THREE ZERO SIX, MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED JUNE TEN INSTANT LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS MFG. COMPANY, JAPAN, RECEIVED MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTY SIX. REVOLVER SENT TO R. TATUM, NEW AND USED GUNS, ONE ONE EIGHT EDWARDS DRIVE, MABLETON, GEORGIA, ON OCTOBER THREE, SIXTY SIX, UNDER INVOICE NUMBER ONE THREE NINE

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R LIBERTY ARMS COMPANY. REVOLVER DESCRIBED AS THIRTY EIGHT

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ATLANTA CONDUCT INVESTIGATION AT R. TATUM FOR FURTHER

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FBI BOSTON

335PM URGENT 6/10/68 IP PJC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE BUTEL TO BOSTON, JUNE NINE LAST.

SHELLEY CANDIDUS, CUSTOMER SERVICE, POLAROID CORP., CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED TODAY THAT REGISTRATIONS OF PURCHASERS OF THIS TYPE CAMERA ARE NOT FILED IN ANY PARTICULAR NUMERICAL ORDER. CANDIDUS STATED A COMPUTER IS BEING PROGRAMMED BY POLAROID CORP. TO PROCESS APPROXIMATELY SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND REGISTRATIONS FOR SUCH CAMERAS IN HOPE OF FINDING REGISTRANT FOR GIVEN SERIAL NUMBER WITH PREFIX ZD WHICH IS CORRECT. ONLY ONE OUT OF FOUR PURCHASERS USUALLY REGISTER. RESULTS OF COMPUTER SHOULD BE OBTAINED BY JUNE ELEVEN NEXT.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

1130PM URGENT 6-10-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ST. LOUIS (44-775)

MURKIN

RE BU SUPERVISOR [redacted] CALL TO SL THIS DATE.

PURSUANT TO REQUEST OF USA RIDDLE, SL TODAY ARRANGED WITH EAL CAPTAIN TO DELIVER TO WFO SA AT NATIONAL AIRPORT, DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO MISSOURI GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF SUBJECT AS DESIRED BY DEPARTMENT. RIDDLE SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED ASAC DEPARTMENT ACKNOWLEDGED RECEIPT OF SAME BUT THAT ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY. NATURE OF SAME NOT DISCLOSED. GOVERNOR CAUSING SAME TO BE FLOWN TO RIDDLE BY STATE PATROL PLANE THIS EVENING. RIDDLE REQUESTED SL MAKE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSMITTAL BY EASTERN AIRLINES TOMORROW MORNING. DOCUMENTS WILL LEAVE ST. LOUIS TWA FLIGHT ONE THREE TWO FOUR A.M. SIX ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, WILL ARRIVE DALLAS AIRPORT SIX FIFTY ONE A.M. BY PILOT COURIER FOR DELIVERY TO SA WFO AND SUBSEQUENT DELIVERY TO DEPARTMENT ADDRESSEE. WFO ADVISED BY PHONE.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Date: 5/23/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

The Bureau may wish to give consideration to the following potential investigative leads and suggestions:

In view of subject RAY's statements to associates that he had previously been employed as a river man and cook on board a water vessel and his knowledge of various "beer joints" located in close proximity to the terminus of the navigable Warrior River, on which large barges operate, it is suggested that subject's photograph and description be published in "The Waterways Journal," Room 701 Chemical Building, 721 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo., which is considered the "bible" for all employers and employees who work on the major rivers.

It is noted RAY was working in the Missouri Penitentiary bake shop at the time of his escape. In view of the possibility RAY may seek employment as a baker, it is suggested that RAY's photograph and description be circularized in all publications designed for or directed to the baking industries. It is also suggested that similar circularization be given to all baking unions.

In view of the fact that RAY may have been employed aboard a barge on the Inland Waterways System, the Bureau is requested to consider circularization and/or contact with Coast Guard stations and cutters patrolling the navigable river system. It is noted Coast Guard personnel board and inspect craft on the rivers and might be in a position to

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locate RAY or former associates of RAY.

Inasmuch as RAY was known to have been interested in locksmithing and tinkering with locks in his spare time and was once enrolled in a correspondence course from the Locksmith Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, it is suggested that the Bureau consider having Newark recontact the Locksmithing Institute regarding all correspondence course applications from 4/5/68 to the present time to ascertain if RAY may have reapplied for enrollment in a locksmithing course under an assumed name, and identify other locksmithing schools and publications.

Being Done

It is noted that RAY expressed a great interest to fellow convicts while confined in Missouri State Penitentiary in baseball and baseball news and was considered an avid baseball fan. Therefore, it is suggested that the Bureau may wish to contact the J. J. Taylor Spink Publishing Company of St. Louis, Mo., publishers of "The Sporting News," the recognized "bible" of baseball fans, to ascertain if 'The Sporting News" would consider publishing an article and photograph of RAY.

In line with the above suggestion, it is suggested that the Bureau instruct all divisions having major and minor league baseball teams contact appropriate officials of these clubs to insure circularization of concession stand operators and security personnel and other appropriate individuals in view of the fact that RAY may attend professional ball games.

It is suggested that the Bureau may wish, in light of the successful results achieved in previous Bureau cases of major proportion, to consider contacting the Saturday Evening Post and Reader's Digest magazines, which have international circulation, to ascertain if these magazines would publish an article concerning RAY's fugitive status.

The Bureau may wish to explore the feasibility of taking fingerprint pictures of all thumb impressions of all persons who applied for permanent visas to Canada and Mexico from March until the present time and submit these to the Identification Division for comparison with subject's thumb prints.

It is noted that the Bureau previously directed that Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis and several other southern divisions personally contact all laundries and cleaning establishments within their respective territories regarding RAY's fugitive status, as well as the reward being offered for his apprehension. It is, therefore, suggested that the Bureau may desire to have all divisions contact all cleaning and laundry facilities within their respective areas, noting, however, that in the divisions with extremely dense population centers, the use of mailing lists may be more feasible than personal contact.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 27, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Mohr
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1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An individual by the name of [redacted] Denver, Colorado, advised our Denver Office he received a telephone call on two separate occasions from a friend, Edgar Eugene Bradley. According to [redacted] he and Bradley formerly lived in Ruby, Arkansas, attended school in Alma, Arkansas, but [redacted] lost track of Bradley when Bradley went into the United States Navy in 1933. He subsequently saw Bradley in Dallas, Texas, in 1963.

According to [redacted] Bradley called him on 5-17-68, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, and stated that he had Eric Galt with him. [redacted] did not know who Galt was and Bradley told him he was also known as James Ray. [redacted] related to Bradley that he did not know Ray and Bradley stated that Ray was the man who killed Martin Luther King, Jr. Bradley claims to have lived with Ray for about one week in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

[redacted] continued to state that Bradley called him again on 5-23-68, and stated that he was at the Old South Restaurant, Fort Smith, Arkansas, and was working his way West. Bradley claimed he was eating his meals at the Old South Restaurant which is operated by [redacted] Elba Basinger Thompson. [redacted] stated that Bradley was allegedly under subpoena by District Attorney James Garrison, New Orleans, Louisiana, in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thompson, operators of the Old South Restaurant, Fort Smith, Arkansas, were interviewed and they advised that Bradley is unknown to them and they could not identify a photograph of James Earl Ray. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is a mental case, tends to associate himself with criminal cases of national

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prominence and he was last in Fort Smith, Arkansas, about three years ago at which time he claimed he had been in a cell with Jack Ruby in Dallas, Texas. Investigation revealed this was a false statement and a doctor at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, examined [redacted] and found probable psychosis and possible brain syndrome.

Relatives of Edgar Eugene Bradley were interviewed at Fort Smith, Arkansas, and they advised that Bradley currently resides at North Hollywood, California, and is presently employed as [redacted] Relatives advised that Bradley was definitely not in Tulsa, Oklahoma, or Fort Smith, Arkansas, as alleged, and an uncle of Bradley's talked to him on 5-23-68, as Bradley was calling from North Hollywood, California. The relatives also advised that Bradley has been charged by James Garrison with conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy and is due to have extradition hearing before Governor Reagan of California on June 5 and 6, 1968.

We are presently conducting investigation to determine the whereabouts of Bradley on 5-17-68, and 5-23-68, and we will ascertain if he has any information concerning James Earl Ray.

Circuit Judge John C. Casey, St. Louis, Missouri [redacted] sentenced James Earl Ray to 20 years in a penitentiary for armed robbery in 1959. Ray was serving this sentence when he escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967. [redacted] a motion to set aside this conviction was filed before Ray's escape and is still pending. [redacted]

Hearing on this motion did not develop in the manner anticipated [redacted] The attorney for Ray stated in open court he had been appointed subsequent to escape and has never seen or been contacted by Ray. The attorney objected to attempted state introduction of escape notation on Missouri State Penitentiary record as insufficient evidence of escape. The attorney took the position that the appearance of Ray unnecessary on motion to vacate as same based solely on record which is available. Judge Casey has taken this matter under advisement and no publicity developed.

ACTION: The investigation is being afforded top priority.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 28, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To recommend the Liaison Section contact the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to determine if a review of new applications received by them for Social Security Numbers can be conducted as it is possible that subject James Earl Ray has applied for a new Social Security Number since April 23, 1967.

BACKGROUND:

The subject James Earl Ray in a prior employment* utilized Social Security Number [redacted]. Our investigation disclosed that Ray has been gainfully employed only a few times and these have been for periods of short duration only. In view of his fugitive status and his past history of changing his identity, it is possible that he may apply for a new Social Security Number.

Our Baltimore Office advises that there are between three and four million Social Security applications received each year, the majority of these received during the summer months. Information including name, date of birth, sex, color or race is taken from the application and is placed on computer tape. The Social Security Administration is approximately eight weeks behind in recording this data. Our Baltimore Office advises that on the surface, to obtain the desired information appears to be a tremendous task; however, in view of the fact the computer tape stores eliminating information, it is possible to program the computer to obtain information regarding all white males over 30 years of age in a simplified manner.

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*Glen Echo Country Club, St. Louis, Missouri, May, 1958.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare should be contacted to determine if a review of new applications for Social Security Numbers can be made. It should be determined if a review of this nature can be handled, how many applications involved, what information is reported on these applications and how current the applications are.

This should be a survey type of request and upon receipt of this information, further recommendation will be instituted. New Social Security Numbers are received at rate of 110,000 per week - the TAPE is 2 mos behind + contains only the name and date of birth B.F.R. 6-4-68

2. If approved, the Liaison Section should handle this matter as outlined above. The information from our Baltimore Office is not to be disseminated outside this Bureau, however, it may be used to appropriately handle an intelligent interview.

6-11-68 B.F.R.

APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20226

601.0

Date: June 3, 1968

BY LIAISON: [redacted]

TO : Federal Bureau of Investigation
ATTN: Special Agent [redacted]
FROM : DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Michael Fraytag [redacted]
Trenton, New Jersey

Attached for your information is a copy of an Office Memorandum by Special Agent [redacted] Intelligence Division, dated June 2, 1968 relating to a phone call received from this subject.

REC 11 44-3776-4308

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ENCLOSURE

ATTACHMENTS

Copy of O/M by SA [redacted] ID, dated June 2, 1968

JUN 18 1968

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-103

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

U.S. Secret Service

TO : SAIC [redacted] - ID

DATE: June 2, 1968
10:35 P.M.

FROM : SA [redacted] - ID

SUBJECT: MICHAEL FRAYTAG
[redacted]
Trenton, New Jersey

The above captioned individual called this date and was quite intoxicated. Subject stated that he wanted to kill James Earl Ray aka, Eric Starvo Galt. Subject stated that in killing Ray he would save this country from civil war. Subject also stated that if the country erupted into civil war he would come to Washington D.C. and "get some of you guys". When asked to further explain what he meant by this statement he said "you known damn well what it means" Subject gained some composure at this point and advised that he was drinking and that he would go home and think things over.

[redacted]

ENCLOSURE

CODE

6/4/68
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO: LEGAT, LONDON

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REBUCAB JUNE THREE LAST.

INQUIRY HAS DISCLOSED THAT WHILE SNEYD TRAVELED FROM TORONTO TO LONDON ON MAY SIX LAST, NO ONE USING THE NAME OF SNEYD RETURNED ON MAY TWO ONE LAST AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED.

SNEYD DEPARTED ON BOAC FLIGHT SIX ZERO ZERO FROM TORONTO. CREW MEMBERS ON BOAC FLIGHT IDENTIFIED AS FOLLOWS: E. BROWN, CAPTAIN; A. WOOD, R. THOMAS AND J. MORTON, FLIGHT OFFICERS; P. HILL AND J. MARTIN AND R. JOHNSTONE, STEWARDS; S. ELLIS, E. CRUMP, A. THICK AND

VIA TELETYPE
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7 JUN 6 pm 1968
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1 - BUFFALO
1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)
1 - LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)
1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared with G. Day)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☑

7 JUN 1968

CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON
RE MURKIN

M. JAGNINSKA, STEWARDESSES. THIS CREW DISBANDED AFTER FLIGHT OF MAY SIX LAST AND ARE NOT ASSIGNED TO CANADIAN FLIGHTS. THROUGH BOAC HEADQUARTERS IDENTIFY AND ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS OF FLIGHT CREW AND INTERVIEW FOR FULL DETAILS CONCERNING SNEYD.

CHECK SHOULD BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF SNEYD HAS DEPARTED ENGLAND SINCE MAY SIX LAST, IT BEING NOTED SUBJECT PREVIOUSLY INDICATED AN INTEREST IN GOING TO RHODESIA. PHOTOGRAPH OF INDIVIDUAL USING NAME OF SNEYD, AS WELL AS PHOTOGRAPHS OF SUBJECT BEING FORWARDED AIR MAIL.

AIR MAIL COPIES /SENT TO BUFFALO, MEMPHIS AND LEGAT, OTTAWA.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

NOTE: Legat Ottawa previously advised Bureau that individual using name of Sneyd had traveled from Toronto to London on 5/6/68 and had returned to Toronto on 5/21/68. Legat Ottawa and Buffalo office have now advised that recheck of records by Royal Canadian Mounted police has disclosed that while Sneyd did travel from Toronto on 5/6/68, flight manifests do not indicate that anyone using name of Sneyd returned on 5/21/68. Buffalo office ascertain identities of members of flight crew and fact that this crew had disbanded and would not return to Canada during the year.

Note continued page 3

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOTE (Con'td.)

ASAC Campbell and SA [redacted] of Buffalo office are at Toronto, Canada, to afford close liaison over investigative activities of Canadian police in Toronto and to assure investigative efforts are thorough and complete.

Administrative Division has been advised.

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FBI

Date: 6/4/68

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ia AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

In view of developments in the Toronto, Canada area, the Bureau is requested to furnish Buffalo with 300 copies of the photograph of RAY, taken in late 1/68 or early 2/68 in California; and 100 copies of the photograph of RAY taken in 1967 in Mexico.

RAY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(3) - Bureau
1 - Buffalo
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SAC WELCH advised on 6/7/68 to Disregard

REC 26 44-38861-4310

16 JUN 5 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
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TT 05 4-258 PM JHC

URGENT 6-5-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

CIVIL RIGHTS
MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

REMYTEL THIS DATE.

RCMP TORONTO ADVISE CHECK OF TORONTO MAP LEFT BY SUSPECT AT NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET INDICATED AREA OF CASANDRA STREET MARRED. FURTHER CHECK OF CITY DIRECTORY LISTS ONE PAUL BRIDGMAN AS RESIDING IN THAT AREA. THIS IS BEING CHECKED OUT.

IF NOT DONE, LEGAT RECOMMENDS CHECK BE MADE THROUGH INTERPOL CHANNELS OF ALL COUNTRIES TO DETERMINE IF PERSON USING NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, CANADIAN PASSPORT NO. DJ NINE ZERO NINE THREE TWO FOUR, HAS TRANSITED COUNTRY SINCE MAY SEVEN LAST AND, IF NOT, TO PLACE STOP SO WILL BE HELD IF DOES SHOW UP AS WANTED FOR QUESTIONING IN MURDER. IF FELT ADVISABLE FROM DISCRETION STANDPOINT, LEGAT COULD HANDLE THROUGH RCMP INTERPOL FACILITIES.

REC 26 44-38861-4311

4 JUN 11 1968

RCMP HAVE NOW ADVISED THAT CANADIAN PASSPORT OFFICIALS

JUN 5 1968

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

WOULD APPRECIATE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, ONE HOUR'S ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANY PRESS RELEASE AS ANTICIPATE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RECEIVE INQUIRIES RE SUBJECT'S USE OF CANADIAN PASSPORT.

PLEASE ENDEAVOR TO HONOR REQUEST THROUGH LEGAT.

END

JDR

FBI WASH DC

CC-MR. ROSEN

3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

VIA TELETYPE
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STATE 004

IMMEDIATE 6-5-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO 45

MURKIN

REBUCAB JUNE FOUR LAST.

YARD OBTAINED COPY PASSENGER MANIFEST BOAC FLIGHT SIX ZERO ZERO. BOAC HERE ADVISED TORONTO OFFICE SHOULD HAVE ADDRESSES OF PASSENGERS AND POSSIBLE SEATING PLAN.

SUGGEST BUREAU CONSIDER HAVING RCMP LOCATE AND INTERVIEW PASSENGERS. MANIFEST BEING POUCHED TODAY.

YARD HAS IDENTIFIED ALL CREW MEMBERS AND UPON RECEIPT PASSPORT PHOTO WILL COMMENCE INTERVIEWS.

NO DIRECT FLIGHTS LONDON-RHODESIA. BOOKING WOULD HAVE TO BE TO OTHER EUROPEAN, MIDDLE EAST OR AFRICAN CITIES. IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK ALL AIRLINES WITHOUT MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION OR RISK PUBLICITY.

BOAC ADVISES SNEYD USED TRAVEL AGENCY IN TORONTO. PLEASE FURNISH ALL PERTINENT INFO AVAILABLE THIS AGENCY INCLUDING SERIAL NUMBERS ANY TRAVELERS CHECKS.

EX-105 REC-34 47-3861-4312

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TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

MURKIN.

REURCAB JUNE FIVE INSTANT.

STATEMENT IS MADE "IMPOSSIBLE TO CHECK ALL AIRLINES WITHOUT MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION OR RISK PUBLICITY." PLEASE CLARIFY.

IT WOULD APPEAR LOGICAL AND REASONABLE THAT ALL AIRLINES COULD BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE IF ANYONE USING NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEYD HAS TRAVELED FROM LONDON SINCE MAY SIX SIXTY-EIGHT. IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO SPELL OUT TO AIRLINES THAT SNEYD MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH RAY AND IS INVOLVED IN INSTANT CASE. IF ANY STATEMENT IS NECESSARY YOU MAY STATE THAT SNEYD IS WANTED FOR UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT FOR A CHARGE OF ROBBERY. EXPEDITE CHECK AND SUBMIT RESULTS BY CABLEGRAM.

VIA TELETYPE
5:10 P.E.T. 1968
ENCIPHERED

1 - Foreign Liaison Desk (Cleared with G. Daly)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☒

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re San Antonio airtel, dated 5/20/68, setting out telephone number 415-654-4366.

The records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company on May 23, 1968, reflected that telephone number [redacted] was listed to EDNA MAE WILLS, [redacted] Berkeley, California.

On May 27, 1968, EDNA MAE WILLS, [redacted] Berkeley, California, advised that the telephone call made to her on December 17, 1967, was from CLARENCE WELLINGTON, a friend, who lives in San Antonio, Texas. She advised that WELLINGTON had called her two or three times that month from Texas.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to her and she stated she did not recognize these photographs as being identical with anyone known to her.

EDNA MAE WILLS advised that WELLINGTON is a Negro. It is to be noted that EDNA MAE WILLS is also a Negro.

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REC 26 1 4313

1 JUN 7 1968

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
1 - San Francisco
MTG/sms #11
(5)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Kansas City airtel to the Bureau, dated 5/8/68, regarding [redacted] and [redacted] San Francisco teletype to the Bureau, dated 5/23/68, regarding [redacted] and San Francisco teletype to Los Angeles, dated 5/22/68, regarding [redacted].

On May 17, 1968, [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] Sonoma, California. LESTER [redacted] advised his son, [redacted] who had served time at the Missouri State Penitentiary was presently working at [redacted] in San Francisco and would not return to his residence until the evening of May 17, 1968. [redacted] requested that the FBI not contact his son at his place of employment and in fact his parole officer would not permit it.

On May 17, 1968, [redacted] El Verano, California, advised that he was sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary for [redacted] in [redacted] and was paroled in [redacted]. He advised he first saw JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary in or about 1964; he would see him in the prison yard or in the hallway but at no time did he ever talk to RAY. He advised RAY worked in the kitchen for about sixty days in 1964 but he still did not talk to him or learn anything about him. He stated RAY attempted to escape from prison in about 1966 and was placed in solitary confinement for about a year. [redacted] stated it was his impression that RAY was not close to anyone, was very quiet, and preferred to be by himself. [redacted] stated he could not furnish any information regarding RAY's associates or his background.

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2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
1 - San Francisco
MTG/sms #11
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FBI

Date: 6/6/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL -- REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau teletype to all SACS 6/6/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division is a stop card for RAMON GEORGE SNEYD which was placed at Immigration and Naturalization Service Office, San Ysidro, California, June 6, 1966.

Above stop was placed with [redacted] Assistant Inspector In Charge, INS, San Ysidro, California. [redacted] advised that a stop record on a Canadian citizen is not too effective at the border inasmuch as it is not necessary to document a Canadian citizen entering the U.S. from Mexico as is necessary in cases involving Mexican Nationals and other foreign nationals. Mr. CLAYTON advised, however, that he would insure that this stop is placed with not only Immigration, but with U. S. Customs so that if RAMON GEORGE SNEYD does enter at San Ysidro, California, and presents a Canadian passport. This information will be immediately furnished the San Diego Office FBI.

Stop was placed in accordance with Bureau instructions and no mention was made that this stop applies to JAMES EARL RAY.

3 - Bureau (AM-REGISTERED)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (AM-REGISTERED)
2 - San Diego

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REC 26 44-38861-4315

1ST:10

1 JUN 8 1968

T. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

62 JUN 17 1968

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 6 1968
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1125 PM URGENT

TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA AND MEMPHIS

FROM BUFFALO

MURKIN

REMYTELEPHONE CALLS TO BUREAU, JUNE FOUR LAST, AND MYLET TO FBI LAB JUNE FOUR LAST TRANSMITTING HANDWRITING SPECIMENS OF SUSPECT RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO DEVELOPED AT TORONTO, ONTARIO RE SUBJECT AND USE OF NAME AND IDENTITY OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

AMONG ITEMS RECOVERED FROM ROOM PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY HIM AT FOUR SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET WEST, TORONTO, UP UNTIL MAY NINE LAST, WERE FIVE ROLLS OF KODAK SUPER EIGHT CARRIDGE TYPE COLOR MOVIE FILM, LOT NO. K A FOUR SIX FOUR, EXPIRATION DATE NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. EIGHTEEN OUNCE JAR COLD CREAM, NUMEROUS MISCELLANEOUS BANDAIDS AND THREE BROWN PAPERSACKS, A GRAY METAL STRONGBOX, AND A DARK BLUE ZIPPER TYPE FLIGHT BAG. ALL ABOVE ITEMS PROCESSED BY RCMP, TORONTO, ONTARIO, BUT ONLY ONE FINGERPRINT OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE DEVELOPED.

EX-111 REC 26 62-109060-4316

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ALSO LOCATED IN ROOM WERE MAPS OF CANADA AND OF CITIES OF TORONTO ND MONTREAL. TWO PARTIAL PALM LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED ON MAP. NLY ONE OF THE PACKS OF FILM APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN OPENED BUT NOT NOWN WHETHER CONTAINS ANY EXPOSURES. THIS BEING PROCESSED BY ODAK AT TORONTO.

LILLIAN SPENCER, MANAGER OF KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY, TORONTO, NTARIO, WHO HANDLED FLIGHT BOOKING AND OBTAINING OF PASSPORT FOR SUBJECT, INTERVIEWED IN DETAIL TODAY. SHE COULD NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY OR RECALL ANY DETAILS OF TRANSACTION WHICH WOULD FIRM UP SNEYD'S IDENTIFICATION AS RAY. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION BY HER GENERALLY FITS RAY AND NOTATION MADE BY HER ON SNEYD'S PASSPORT APPLICATION REGARDING SCAR OVER CENTER OF NOSE NOW BELIEVED BY HER TO HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN IN CENTER OF FOREHEAD.

SPENCER STATES SNEYD PURCHASED ROUND TRIP TICKET, TORONTO TO LONDON, VIA BOAC, PAYING THREE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS IN CANADIAN MONEY ON MAY TWO LAST, WITH LIMIT OF TWENTY ONE DAYS FROM MAY SIX LAST FOR USE OF RETURN HALF OF TICKET.

STATES TO GET REFUND FOR UNUSED PORTION SNEYD WOULD HAVE TO RETURN IT TO BOAC, TORONTO, OR KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY.

INVESTIGATION AT TORONTO ESTABLISHED THAT IN ADDITION TO CANADIAN PASSPORT IN NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, SUBJECT ALSO HAS BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN THAT NAME WHICH HE OBTAINED FROM BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, TORONTO, BY LETTER DATED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST. CERTIFICATE ATTESTING TO HIS BIRTH AT TORONTO ON OCTOBER EIGHT, NINETEEN THIRTY TWO, BEARS THE NAMES OF PARENTS AS FATHER GEORGE SNEYD AND MOTHER MAIDEN NAME GLADYS MAE KILNER (THESE ARE THE CORRECT NAMES OF THE PARENTS OF THE REAL RAMON GEORGE SNEYD).

RCMP AND METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD (MTPD), CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THE REAL RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHO IS A POLICE OFFICER ON THE TORONTO, ONTARIO PD, TO ASCERTAIN HOW SUBJECT OBTAINED THE NECESSARY BACKGROUND DATA TO OBTAIN FRAUDULENT BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND CANADIAN PASSPORT.

BUREAU ADVISE LEGAT, LONDON RE BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND HAVE CANADIAN EMBASSY, LONDON ALERTED REGARDING SNEYD.

INVESTIGATION CONTINUING IN TORONTO, ONTARIO.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND KANSAS CITY.

RECEIVED: 11:42 PM RDR

CC [illegible] Mr. Mr. Mr.

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/6/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReSAairtel, 5/20/68.

Re telephone calls, Interstate Highway 10, Texas

Reairtel set forth a list of 33 telephone calls made to Houston Division from telephones along U.S. Highway 10 in December, 1967. These calls were checked out and recipients were eliminated and no information was developed in captioned matter.

3 Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - Houston
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REC 26 4317

20 JUN 8 1968

C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

62 JUN 17 1968

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 6 1968

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FBI WASH DC

FBI SACTO

2:11 PM URGENT 6/6/68 CLV

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, KANSAS CITY AND MEMPHIS

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) 2P

MURKIN

RELSTEL JUNE FIVE LAST TO SACRAMENTO ONLY AND KANSAS CITY TEL TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS (NO COPY TO SACRAMENTO), BOTH RE PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

REKCTEL WAS TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED TO SACRAMENTO BY SAN FRANCISCO AS LEAD IS IN SACRAMENTO TERRITORY.

[redacted] FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA, DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF [redacted] ADVISED ON JUNE FIVE LAST, THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAVE HAD NO CONTACT WITH PAUL BRIDGEMAN IN AT LEAST TEN YEARS AND DO NOT KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS. SHE ADVISED THEY HAD HEARD RUMOR, SOURCE UNRECALLED, BRIDGEMAN CONFINED IN CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON. HOWEVER, CHECK OF CENTRAL LOCATOR FILES, CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON SYSTEM AT VACAVILLE, CALIFORNIA, ON JUNE FIVE LAST, INDICATED NO INMATE, PAST OR PRESENT, NAMED PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

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1 JUN 11 1968

END PAGE ONE.

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cc - Long

ON JUNE SIX INSTANT, [redacted] VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA, WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED THAT WE DESIRED LOCATION OF BRIDGEMAN ONLY FOR BACKGROUND PERTAINING TO SUBJECT RAY AS SET FORTH IN REKCTEL TODAY. [redacted] STATED HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH BRIDGEMAN IN AT LEAST THREE YEARS SINCE HE WAS CONTACTED BY FBI AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA, REGARDING BRIDGEMAN, WHO HAS THEN ALLEGEDLY A SUSPECT IN A BANK ROBBERY. HE STATED HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE REGARDING BRIDGEMAN'S WHEREABOUTS. HE SUGGESTED BRIDGEMAN'S SISTER, [redacted] (LNU), WHO LIVES NEAR WEST PLAINS, MISSOURI, IS PROBABLY MOST LIKELY PERSON TO KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS. THIS SISTER APPEARS TO BE THE [redacted] [redacted] REFERRED TO IN LOUISVILLE TEL. [redacted] APPEARED VERY COOPERATIVE.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO LOUISVILLE AND SAN FRANCISCO.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

END.

OUM

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FBI WASH DC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 6, 1968

OM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen

BJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It has previously been determined that James Earl Ray, using the name Ramon George Sneyd, obtained a Canadian passport stating that he was to fly from Toronto to London by British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) on 5/6/68 returning to Toronto 5/21/68. A person using the name Sneyd did fly to London 5/6/68 but there was no record of any return trip to Toronto.

Scotland Yard has now determined that on 5/7/68 the person using the name Ramon George Sneyd turned in the return portion of the BOAC ticket and received a ticket to Lisbon, Portugal, via British European Airlines and also received a voucher in the amount of $14.60 representing the difference in value between the return ticket and the ticket to Lisbon. This voucher can be either cashed or used to obtain further transportation.

Scotland Yard has determined that the man using the name Sneyd did depart from London on British European Airlines Flight 074, en route to Lisbon on 5/7/68 and an airline employee is 99 per cent certain that this individual is identical with the photograph of the subject.

It is noted that there is no direct travel possible from London to Rhodesia. Anyone planning to travel from London to Rhodesia would normally go through Lisbon.

EX-114 REC 26 4319

ACTION:

Legat London has been instructed to brief Legat Paris of these developments and instruct the Legat Paris to send a Bureau representative to Lisbon as quickly as possible to institute appropriate investigation for the purpose of further developing the subject's movements.

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67 JUN 17 1968

COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

VIA TELETYPE
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STATE 007

IMMEDIATE 6-6-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 47

MURKIN

REBUCAB AND LONCAB JUNE FIVE LAST.

BOAC ADVISE SECOND PORTION TICKET NOT TURNED IN TO DATE. THEY POINT OUT HE COULD USE THIS PORTION ON ANY OTHER AIRLINE BY ENDORSEMENT IN WHICH EVENT IT WOULD NOT REACH BOAC UNTIL ABOUT THREE WEEKS AFTER USE. STOP PLACED.

OTHER AIRLINES BEING CHECKED AND STOPS PLACED.

SCOTLAND YARD HAS PUT OUT STOPS THROUGH ALL PRTS WARNING ON BASIS SNEYD WANTED BY THEM FOR INTERROGATION FOR "SERIOUS ALIEN'S OFFENSE". ALL MAJOR HOTELS, METROPOLITAN LONDON CIRCULATED THRU SECURITY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION ON SAME BASIS AND REQUESTED TO CHECK ALL REGISTRATIONS FROM MAY SIX TO DATE.

REC 26 3-1-1-4320

IN VIEW POSSIBILITY DEPARTURE OF SNEYD FROM ENGLAND VIA TRAIN OR BOAT FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, SOURCES SCANDINAVIA AND IRELAND TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO CHECK ALIEN POLICE THESE COUNTRIES AND TELEPHONICALLY ADVISE RESULTS. AS POINTED OUT

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ONCAB JUNE FOUR LAST SINCE HE HAS CANADIAN PASSPORT AND THERE ARE NO CONTROLS HERE ON COMMONWEALTH CITIZENS HE WOULD TRAVEL TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND NO RECORD WOULD EXIST OF DEPARTURE. IN MOST THESE COUNTRIES HE WOULD EITHER FILL OUT CARD ON ARRIVAL OR WHEN REGISTERING AT A HOTEL. ONE COPY OF HIS REGISTRATION CARD WOULD GO TO ALIENS POLICE. STRONGLY SUGGEST OTHER EUROPEAN LEGATS BE REQUESTED TO CHECK SOURCES AND ALIENS POLICE IN COUNTRIES COVERED IN EFFORT TO LOCATE SNEYD.

UPON RECEIPT PASSPORT PHOTOS SCOTLAND YARD WILL PUT IN POLICE GAZETTE, CONFIDENTIAL PUBLICATION TO ALL POLICE FORCES IN BRITAIN CONTAINING NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS ALL WANTED PERSONS. SAME BASIS WILL BE USED.

SCOTLAND YARD VIGOROUSLY PURSUING ALL POSSIBILITIES. I AM CLOSELY AND AGGRESSIVELY FOLLOWING AND WILL KEEP BUREAU IMMEDIATELY ADVISED.

RECEIVED 1:53PM LRC

3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

6/6/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Los Angeles (44-1374) - Enc. (7)
Memphis (44-1987)
San Diego (44-387)

From: Director, FBI (44-38261)

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
AM

Re Los Angeles airtel 5/29/68, submitting check dated 5/13/68, (C-362), Gulf Oil invoice #6686908, (C-363), and five lifts.

One latent fingerprint developed C-362; one latent fingerprint developed C-363; and one latent fingerprint of value on lift #1. Latent prints on other lifts no value.

Latent fingerprints not identical fingerprints James Earl Ray, FBI #405542J; [redacted], FBI [redacted] or [redacted] and [redacted] previously considered suspects this matter.

Lifts, check, and invoice enclosed to Los Angeles.

Laboratory report separate.

REC-1 44-38261-4321

1 - Mr. Rosen

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Date: 5/29/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI Laboratory
Latent Fingerprint
Section

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

RE: [redacted]

Enclosed is a check in amount of $400 dated May 15, 1968, payable to ALAN A. KRAUSE, signed [redacted] a Gulf Oil Gasoline Invoice, dated 5/15/68, and signed [redacted] five cards, bearing partial latent prints obtained from 1967 Plymouth.

The above cards with latent prints are being forwarded for comparison with fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY.

The check and gase invoices are forwarded to determine if latent prints can be developed and compared with prints of RAY.

Also enclosed is signature of [redacted] on the check and gas invoice should be compared with handwriting of RAY. These items of evidence should be returned to Los Angeles for transmittal to Covina PD.

4 - Bureau (RM)(Enc. 3)
1 - Memphis (info)(RM)
2 - Los Angeles

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39PM URGENT 6-6-68 DPK
) DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND SAN DIEGO
ROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

URKIN; RE WILLIAM A. MARSHALL (CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

RE SAN DIEGO TEL JUNE FIVE LAST.

ALLEN KRAUSE, AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF [redacted] AS [redacted] WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE ACCIDENT AT COVINA. [redacted] AKA [redacted] AKA [redacted] NOT CURRENTLY REGISTERED AT AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES. RECORDS OF PAST REGISTRATION AT HOTEL WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW FOR A WEEK OR TWO BECAUSE OF KENNEDY ASSASINATION.

END

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Laboratory Transmittal Form

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: June 7, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680604198 JK

Examination requested by: Newark

Reference: Airtel 5/31/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

The items designated K454 through K484 were obtained from the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Newark (44-854) Enclosures (31) (K454-K484, 2 Lab report)

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REPORT
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FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 7, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680604198 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 6/4/68

K454 through K484 Known handwriting, hand printing and typewriting of thirty-one individuals appearing on various documents

Result of examination:

The typewriting, hand printing and handwriting appearing on items designated K454 through K484 were compared with items received in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation, but nothing of particular significance was noted.

K454 through K484 are returned to Newark. These items were not photographed.

JHM:AW (10)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38461-4323
Lab. # D-680604198 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Newark (44-854) Airtel 5/31/68

Examination requested: Document Date received: 6/4/68

Result of Examination: Examination by: Gorti er

Evidence returned 6-7-68 J. Hoffman

No Known Male

Specimens submitted for examination

K154 through 484 Documents obtained from Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey comprising known hand riting, hand printing and typewriting of thirty-one individuals

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FBI MINNAPLS

1101 AM 6-7-68 URGENT NCD

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

DENVER

KANSAS CITY

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MEMPHIS

FROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 5P

MURKIN

1- PAUL BRIDGEMAN, FORMER INMATE, MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ADVISED HE MET RAY IN PRISON IN NINETEEN SIXTY-FOUR. LAST SAW RAY FIRST TO MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY, LAST, IN KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, AT OLD FORTRESS BAR. BRIDGEMAN CLAIMS HE WAS APPROACHED BY GIRL WHO ASKED HIM IF HE WAS PAUL AND WHEN HE ANSWERED YES, SHE TOLD HIM HER NAME [redacted] AND THAT JIMMY WANTED TO SEE HIM. HE ADVISED HE FOLLOWED HER OUTSIDE AND MET RAY. RAY DRVING NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE T-BIRD, LIGHT BLUE WITH PLATES WHICH WERE WHITE WITH RED LETTERS. RAY TOLD BRIDGEMAN HE NEEDED SOME MONEY. BRIDGEMAN CLAIMS HE HAD ABOUT FIFTY-ONE DOLLARS ON HIM AND GAVE RAY THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS. AFTER HE GAVE RAY MONEY, RAY SAID, "I'LL SEE YOU

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HIS WEEKEND", AND LEFT. BRIDGEMAN CLAIMS THIS WAS LAST AND ONLY TIME HE SAW RAY SINCE RAY'S ESCAPE MSP.

HE DESCRIBED [redacted] AS FEMALE, WHITE, TWENTY-THREE, FIVE FEET TWO TO THREE INCHES, ONE ONE ZERO POUNDS, BLOND, ATTRACTIVE, WHO APPEARED FAMILIAR TO HIM [redacted]

WHILE AT MSP, BRIDGEMAN TOLD RAY HE HUNG OUT AT OLD FORTRESS AND HIGH HAT BARS IN KANSAS CITY AND THAT IS WHY RAY KNEW HOW TO FIND HIM. BRIDGEMAN RECALLS DISCUSSING WITH RAY WHILE AT MSP A [redacted] AKA [redacted] SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, WHO WAS DESCRIBED BY BRIDGEMAN AS "GOOD PEOPLE" FOR A CON ON THE RUN. SHE WORKED AT KINGS INN IN COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA.

RAY ALSO MENTIONED A DI RANGO'S OR RANGO'S IN LOS ANGELES CHINA TOWN [redacted] RAY TALKED LOT ABOUT MOHANNAN (PH) WHO OWNED PLACE CALLED PUSSY CAT A GO-GO ON GAS LIGHT SQUARE IN ST. LOUIS. BRIDGEMAN FELT RAY WELL KNOWN AT THIS NIGHT CLUB AND GOOD INFO CONCERNING RAY CAN BE OBTAINED THERE.

[redacted] ON SOUTH BELDEN OR BELVAR IN

DENVER, COLORADO, WHERE BRIDGEMAN FELT RAY WOULD BE WELL KNOWN.

BRIDGEMAN MENTIONED FOLLOWING AS BEING FRIENDS OF RAY: [redacted] SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA; [redacted] NORTH GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS; [redacted] ST. LOUIS.

BRIDGEMAN DENIED EVER BEING OUT OF U.S. AND DENIED KNOWING ANYTHING CONCERNING RAY'S WHEREABOUTS. BRIDGEMAN DESCRIBED RAY AS BEING A PRETTY COOL CON WHO MANAGED TO OBTAIN INGREDIENTS, I.E., RAISINS, SUGAR, YEAST, WHICH HE USED TO MAKE INTOXICANTS WHILE AT MSP, MAJORITY OF WHICH HE SOLD TO OTHER INMATES. BRIDGEMAN EXPRESSED OPINION RAY WOULD BE CAPABLE OF MURDER BUT ONLY IF THERE WAS MONEY INVOLVED. RAY HAD STRONG DISLIKE FOR NEGROES AND REFUSED TO ATTEND VARIOUS SPORTING EVENTS WHILE AT PRISON DUE TO FACT MAJORITY OF TEAM CONSISTED OF NEGROES.

BRIDGEMAN ADVISED RAY AT ONE TIME MENTIONED WANTING TO GO TO BRAZIL AND ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN CASTRO GOVERNMENT OF CUBA. HE ALSO MENTIONED WANTING TO GO TO AUSTRALIA BECAUSE HE FELT THERE WERE NO NEGROES IN AUSTRALIA.

DENVER, ATTEMPT TO LOCATE BAR ON SOUTH BELDEN OR BELVAR AND CONDUCT ANY INDICATED INVESTIGATION IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFO CONCERNING RAY.

KANSAS CITY, WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [redacted] AND CONDUCT ANY INDICATED INVESTIGATION AT OLD FORTRESS BAR AND HIGH HAT BAR.

LOS ANGELES, WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA FOR ANY INFO SHE MAY HAVE CONCERNING RAY. WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY AND INTERVIEW [redacted] SANTA ANA. WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THE DI RANGO'S OR RANGO'S IN LOS ANGELES CHINA TOWN AND CONDUCT ANY INDICATED INVESTIGATION CONCERNING RAY.

OMAHA, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE IOWA AUTO REGISTRATION FOR [redacted]

ST. LOUIS, WILL INTERVIEW [redacted] AND MAKE INQUIRY AT PUSSY CATA A GO-GO FOR INFO CONCERNING RAY.

SPRINGFIELS, WILL INTERVIEW [redacted] NORTH GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS.

[redacted] GIRL FRIEND OF BRIDGEMAN, ALSO INTERVIEWED

IP 157-450

'AGE FIVE

3UT COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFO CONCERNING RAY.

ALL OFFICES EVALUATE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY

3RIDGEMAN AND FURNISH MINNEAPOLIS WITH ANY PERTINENT INFO

3ECAUSE CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH BRIDGEMAN AND [redacted]

BRIDGEMAN WILL BE QUESTIONED CONCERNING HIS ALLEGED MEETING WITH

RAY IN OKLAHOME WHEN RAY HAD PLENTY OF MONEY

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VIA TELETYPE
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STATE 003

URGENT 6-7-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT MEXICO CITY NO. 271

MURKIN.

REBUCAB TO ALL LEGATS JUNE SIX INSTANT.

FOR ASSISTANCE IN PLACING APPROPRIATE STOPS CONCERNING SUBJECT RAY UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS OFFICE BE FURNISHED DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH UTILIZED ON PASSPORT AND ANY OTHER DESCRIPTIVE DATA SET OUT ON PASSPORT. IF DESCRIPTIVE DATA, ASIDE FROM DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, NOT SHOWN ON PASSPORT OR PASSPORT APPLICATION, AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO UTILIZE IN GENERAL TERMS BASIC PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF RAY.

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BRD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

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TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) — 4325

MURKIN

SUBJECT UNDER NAME OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD IN APPLICATION FOR CANADIAN PASSPORT LISTED DATE OF BIRTH AS OCTOBER EIGHT THIRTY-TWO, BORN TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA AND DESCRIBED AS MALE, FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, BLACK HAIR BLUE EYES ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-EIGHT POUNDS.

YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ANY STOPS PLACED CONCERNING SNEYD IS TO BE IN NO WAY CONNECTED WITH ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

VIA TELETYPE
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NOTE: We previously instructed border offices to place stops with appropriate border offices regarding subject as Sneyd and no mention, of course, to be made that these stops in conjunction with assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Legat, Mexico City requests descriptive data appearing on application for passport in order to place appropriate stops.

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Date: 6/7/68

Transmit the following in AIRTEL

(Type in plaintext or code)

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

In view of JAMES EARL RAY's inquiry as early as December, 1967, regarding entry into Rhodesia and on the basis of limited information available to WFO, it appears his escape from the USA was well planned. The following observation is submitted for consideration:

Should it be impossible to determine if subject as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD has left any foreign city to which he is traced, it is suggested that foreign authorities canvas hotels or drinking establishments. It is believed subject's attendance at a bar tenders school in Los Angeles and his interest in lock picking fits into plans for his new identity. This then would indicate that RAY plans to work as a bartender in a hotel, possibly catering to tourists, and during off-duty hours apply any training he received on lock picking to burglarize hotel rooms.

This investigation may be shortened by circularizing all American hotels abroad.

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(3) - Bureau
1 - WFO

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01AM URGENT 6-7-68 SAB

DIRECOR, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO,
LLAS, HOUSTON, INDIANAPOLIS, JACKSONVILLE, KANSAS CITY,
OS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE, MINNEAPOLIS, NEW YORK, OKLAHOMA CITY,
ACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, ST. LOUIS AND SPPINGFIELD.

ROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

URKIN.

RECEIVING OFFICES DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAUL
SBORN BRIDGEMAN, MSP NUMBER [redacted] AS
E WAS LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED BY MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION
HIS DATE. ARMED AND DANGERCUS. P. END.

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TELETYPE

URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO SAC SPRINGFIELD

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF FACT THAT SOURCE OF FUNDS OF SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT SPRINGFIELD COMPLETELY EXHAUST EVERY AVENUE AVAILABLE TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT INVOLVED IN ROBBERY OF BANK OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, ON JULY THIRTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN.

IT WILL BE INCUMBENT UPON SPRINGFIELD TO INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE DIVISIONS THOROUGHLY, EXHAUSTIVELY COVER EVERY LEAD IN A MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER. COPY MAILED MEMPHIS. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE:

[redacted] a former close friend of subject Ray, previously furnished information that he and Ray cased the Bank of Alton, Illinois, in 1959, for purposes of robbery but robbery by them never occurred. He states that Ray could be possibly involved in the robbery on 7/13/67. We are attempting to ascertain if subject involved in bank robbery and are attempting to ascertain source of funds used by the subject. Springfield in this teletype is being reminded of the importance of this case and to check out every possible lead.

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FBI KNOXVLE

4-33 PM DEFERRED 6-7-68 CKH

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38661)

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1986)

NORFOLK 4(44-286)

RICHMOND

FROM: KNOXVILLE (44-696)

OMURKIN: CR.

RE KNOXVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU MAY TWO LAST AND NORFOLK AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY SIX LAST RE FRANK HENRY NILES.

[redacted] CHATTANOOGA, TENN., ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECEIVED POSTCARD FROM FATHER-IN-LAW, [redacted] POST MARKED JUNE THREE, WILLIAMSBURG, VA., STATING: " I AM LEAVING HOSPITAL TOMORROW. I AM GOING TO HEADQUARTERS IN ARLINGTON, VA. SIGND DAD."

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INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED ABOVE OFFICES IN VIEW OF PARTY AFFILIATION OF [redacted] WITH AMERICAN NAZI PARTY.

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VIA TELETYPE
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DEFERRED 6-7-68

TO DIRECTOR, NEW YORK AND MEMPHIS

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM INDIANAPOLIS

MURKIN

RE: DONALD STOUT

SUSPECT - CO-CONSPIRATOR

RE: NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL JUNE FOUR, SIX EIGHT. ON JUNE FOUR, SIX EIGHT, INVESTIGATION AT AVIS RENT-A-CAR, SOUTH BEND, IND. REVEALED INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION WAS [redacted] DEARBORN, MICHIGAN. [redacted] IS EMPLOYED BY [redacted] ORLANDO, FLA. HE USED AMERICAN EXPRESS CREDIT CARD [redacted] HE IS THREE SIX YEARS OF AGE, SIX FEET TWO INCHES, WEIGHT TWO TWO FIVE LBS. IN VIEW HIS DESCRIPTION DOES NOT MEET THAT OF [redacted] NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN.

RECEIVED 12:59 PM WLM

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FBI SPRNGFLD

310PM URGENT 6/7/68 MAL

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38961)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE SIX LAST.

CASE DISCUSSED DISCRETELY WITH PAUL COUSLEY, EDITOR, ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, AT WHICH TIME AVAILABILITY OF REWARD MONIES INJECTED INTO CONVERSATION. COUSLEY ADVISED NO WORTHWHILE TIPS RECEIVED AND SOURCES OF PAPER HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN MATTER.

DUPUTY SHERIFF [redacted] MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, STATED HE WILL CONTACT SOURCES IN TRI-CITY AREA OF GRANITE CITY, MADISON, AND VENICE IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP INFORMATION. STATES HE HAS RECEIVED NO POSITIVE INFORMATION ON CASE TO DATE.

AM COPIE TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS FOR INFO.

END

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FBI

Date: 6/7/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Minneapolis teletype to Director 6/7/68.

Re interview PAUL BRIDGEMAN, former inmate, Missouri State Prison, with JAMES EARL RAY.

BRIDGEMAN during interview stated he heard RAY mention [redacted] Santa Ana, California, as being a friend of RAY's.

Review of Los Angeles indices revealed file [redacted] subject [redacted] aka [redacted] Bufile [redacted]. This individual is described as follows:

Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Born:	[redacted]
Height:	5'7
Weight:	140 lbs.
Build:	Slender
Hair:	Brown, curly
Eyes:	Blue
Distinguishing features:	Lower teeth missing, upper dentures; 1' scar inner corner right eyebrow; 1½" scar left side of chin; tattoo of dagger and scroll with "Memo" upper right arm.

REC 26 44-38861-4332

3 - Bureau (AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
2 - Minneapolis (157-450)(Enc.)(AM)
2 - Los Angeles
TJA:CM
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Special Agent in Charge

LA 44-1574

Enclosed for Minneapolis is one photograph of [redacted] to display to BRIDGEMAN.

Minneapolis is requested to determine if BRIDGEMAN ever observed [redacted] or if BRIDGEMAN has any descriptive data regarding [redacted] to enable Los Angeles to locate and interview.

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FBI

Date: 6/7/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Indianapolis (44-563) (P)

MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re Birmingham teletype to Director, FBI, 4/23/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at Indianapolis, Indiana:

On 6/5/68 GARVER WHEELER, Editor, "Journeyman Barber" Magazine, published by The Journeyman Barbers Hairdresser, Cosmetologists and Proprietors International Union of America, AFL - CIO, 1141 North Delaware, Indianapolis, Indiana, advised that the article pertaining to the subject which he originally agreed to publish in the July, 1968 edition of his Union's magazine, was shown to Mr. JOSEPH N. DE PAOLA, the President of this Union on 6/5/68. When Mr. DE PAOLA viewed the article and photograph, he immediately and without hesitation told Mr. WHEELER that the article would not be published. This decision is final.

[redacted] DE PAOLA advised that the matter was too highly controversial in view of the Negro-White member makeup of the union and he did not want anything this highly controversial in the magazine.

(3) - Bureau
2 - Memphis
2 - Indianapolis

REC 26 44-38861-4333

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RJD/rel
(7) C. C. Bishop

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted]

Mr. WHEELER advised that he would continue to cooperate in the future concerning the publication of items pertaining to Bureau fugitives, as he has in the past, but that he is unable to publish the article in instant matter.

Mr. WHEELER apologized for his not being able to publish instant article after having agreed to do so, but stated that he did not feel that DE PAOLA would overrule him. He professed his continued cooperation in the future.

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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ AND MEMPHIS /44-1987/ /CODE/

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

RE BUTEL TO ALL SACS JUNE SIX LAST.

RE ALERTING CUSTOMS FOR RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. INS, CUSTOMS, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL AT O'HARE FIELD, CHICAGO ALERTED RE POSSIBILITY OF SNEYD ENTERING UNITED STATES VIA AN OVERSEAS FLIGHT LANDING AT O'HARE FIELD. NOTE THAT ARRIVING FLIGHTS FROM CANADA DO NOT GO THROUGH INS OR CUSTOMS HERE IF PERSON ORIGINATES IN CANADA, SINCE PASSENGER IS CHECKED THERE.

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MEMPHIS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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FBI ST. LOUIS

934PM URGENT 6-7-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM ST. LOUIS

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE EX-CON PAUL BRIDGEMAN: PUSSY CAT A GO GO, SLMO, CLOSED TWO YEARS AGO. OWNER ELIAS MOHANNA CONFINED MSP. KC REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW.

EX-CON [redacted] KNEW RAY SLIGHTLY MSP. RAY CLOSE MOUTHED, QUIET. NEVER MENTIONED TRAVEL OR DISPLAYED FOREIGN LANGUAGE ABILITY. USED AMPHETAMINE, BUT NOT KNOWN TO SELL SAME. NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH ANYONE. [redacted] AT FARM AT TIME OF ESCAPE. NO INFO RE SAME. [redacted] RELEASED [redacted] NOT CONTACTED BY RAY AND NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHEREABOUTS. WOULD NOT HELP RAY IF CONTACTED, BUT WOULD NOT TELL FBI OF CONTACT.

REC 26 4335

RE JERRY RAYNES: INTERVIEWED LAST EVENING. STATED KENNEDY ASSASSIN SHOULD BE SHOT. SAME FOR SUBJECT, AS CASES ALIKE. NO INFO RE SUBJECT. CAROL PEPPER CALLED WEDNESDAY. HE IS CONVINCED SHE HAS NO INFO RE SUBJECT. DOES NOT BELIEVE SUBJECT WOULD CONTACT HIM IN ANY EVENT.

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RE CAROL PEPPER, JOHN LARRY RAY: SOURCES AND SPOT CHECKS INDICATE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE [redacted] REINTERVIEWED. REITERATED DOES NOT KNOW SUBJECT OR ANY MEMBER OF FAMILY, DOES NOT OWN, CONTROL, OR HAVE USE OF ANY FARM PROPERTY. BELIEVES IMPOSSIBLE TO ESCAPE MSP BY WALKING OUT, WITHOUT NEGLIGENCE OR CONVIVANCE OF GUARDS. [redacted] DENIED VISITS TO MSP INMATES OR DRIVING BY PRISON FARMM PRIOR TO RETURN OF ESCAPEE [redacted] SEPTEMBER SIXTYSEVEN. WAS WORKING IN [redacted] SLMO EACH DAY (APARIL THRU JULY SIXTYSEVEN, AND NOT IN VICINITY OF MSP.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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~~CORR THIRD LINE FROM BOTTOM, THE WRD "PARIL" SHOULD READ "APRIL"~~

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FBI-COLUMBIA

505PM URGENT 6/7/68 KAB

TO DIRECTOR, JACKSONVILLE (44-769), AND SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

FROM COLUMBIA (44-299)

MURKIN

RE PAUL OSBORNE BRIDGMAN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE SIX, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

[redacted] NORTH AUGUSTA, S. C., FORMER NEIGHBOR OF [redacted] AND [redacted] AUNT AND UNCLE OF BRIDGMAN, ADVISED THEY MOVED ABOUT SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, POSSIBLY TO FT. BRAGG, N. C., AND THEN TO GERMANY. [redacted] WAS SGT., USA, STATIONED AT FT. GORDON, AUGUSTA, GA. [redacted] PARENTS, NAME UNKNOWN, RESIDE BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, WHERE [redacted] WORKED IN DEPARTMENT STORE WHEN HUSBAND ON TRAINING EXERCISES. [redacted] REGULARLY RECEIVED BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, NEWSPAPER BY MAIL.

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AUGUSTA, GA., CREDIT RECORDS REFLECTED SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE CREDIT REPORT FOR [redacted] REFLECTING

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JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS, INQUIRY, AND LISTING JENKINS AS

[redacted]

CREDIT REPORT REFLECTS [redacted] ADDRESS AS [redacted]

[redacted] FAYETTEVILLE, N. C. PERMANENT ADDRESS

LISTED AS [redacted] BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS,

[redacted] WHICH IS PROBABLY ADDRESS OF [redacted]

[redacted] PARENTS.

IN VIEW OF PERMANENT ADDRESS, NO LEAD SET FORTH FOR INDIANAPOLIS OR ST. LOUIS TO CHECK MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORDS OF [redacted].

SPRINGFIELD, AT BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, CONTACT RESIDENT AT [redacted], PROBABLY PARENTS OF [redacted] AND LOCATE [redacted] RE BRIDGMAN'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

JACKSONVILLE ADVISED IN VIEW OF OUTSTANDING LEADS TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN IN ITS TERRITORY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND MEMPHIS

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MUPKIN.

REFRENCE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX SEVEN INSTANT.

[redacted]

DOB [redacted]

GRANITE CITY, ILLINOIS. [redacted] PRESENTLY BEING SOUGHT GRANITE CITY PD ON BURGLARY WARRANT. WIFE RESIDES [redacted] H. GRANITE CITY. NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRY REFLECTS [redacted] REPORTEDLY WORKING OUT OF STATE, POSSIBLY KENTUCKY. GRANITE CITY PD SPOT CHECKING [redacted] RESIDENCE APPROXIMATELY PAST THREE MONTHS AND HAVE INFORMANTS AND SOURCES ALERTED TO ADVISE WHEN HE RETURNS. PD WILL ADVISE FBI IF [redacted] APPREHENDED.

SPRINGFIELD AT GRANITE CITY WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted]

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AIRMAIL COPY SENT MINNEAPOLIS.

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FBI ATLANTA

611PM URGENT 6-7-68 WCS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38561 AND MEMPHIS 44-1007

FROM ATLANTA 44-2376

MURKIN

REMETEL TO BUREAU JUNE SIX SIXTYEIGHT, MIAMI TEL TO DIRECTOR, JUNE FIVE SIXTYEIGHT.

SUMMARY OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

DELTA AIRLINES, ATLANTA, HAS LOCATED ADDITIONAL TWO TICKETS REFERRED TO IN MIAMI TELETYPE. A [redacted] TRAVELED ROUND TRIP ATLANTA TO TORONTO APRIL THIRTEEN RETURNING APRIL EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. TICKET NUMBER ZERO ZERO SIX DASH TWO ZERO ONE DASH THREE ONE THREE DASH SIX ONE NINE, ITEM TWO, APPARENTLY INCORRECTED NUMBER. THIS TICKET SOLD JANUARY FIFTEEN SIXTYEIGHT, A ONE WAY TICKET FROM CHICAGO TO PALM BEACH, FLORIDA.

[redacted] DELTA AIRLINES, ADVISED TICKETS LOCATED FOR PASSENGER [redacted] AND [redacted] ON DELTA FLIGHT ONE FIVE SEVEN NONSTOP MEMPHIS TO HOUSTON APRIL FIVE SIXTYEIGHT. THESE PASSENGERS TRAVELED TOGETHER AS TICKET CONTAINED BOTH NAMES. TICKET WAS ONE WAY; NO RETURN RESERVATIONS MADE. MANIFEST OF ENTIRE PASSENGER LIST BEING OBTAINED.

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UACB, ATLANTA IS DISCONTINUING DAILY TELETYPES IN THIS CASE.

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FBI SANDIEGO

300PM URGENT 6-7-68 CND

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES LAS VEGAS, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

FROM SAN DIEGO 44-397 2P

MURKIN

RE [redacted] (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS.)

OO: MEMPHIS.

[redacted] AKA [redacted]

[redacted] - FUGITIVE, ITSMV, OO SAN DIEGO.

RE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SA [redacted] SAN DIEGO, TO SA [redacted] SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

REFERENCED TELEPHONE CALL SET FORTH COMPLETE BACKGROUND RE SUBJECT [redacted] PARTICULARLY THE BUREAU'S INTEREST IN MURKIN CASE UNDER CAPTION [redacted]

KEN NICHOLS, ASSISTANT PASTOR, FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WITH WHOM [redacted] IN CONTACT WITH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS SINCE HIS RELEASE ON PAROLE FROM U.S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, MAY TEN LAST, ADVISED JUNE SEVEN INSTANT HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM THE PASTOR,

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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA, MAKING INQUIRY RE [redacted] AND STATED [redacted] WAS INCARCERATED REDWOOD CITY JAIL.

SAN FRANCISCO REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW [redacted] CONCERNING THEFT OF SIXTYSEVEN FORD GALAXIE WHICH HE RENTED NATIONAL AUTO RENTAL COMPANY, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, MAY SIXTEEN LAST, USING CREDENTIALS AND NAME [redacted] ALSO ASCERTAIN PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF THIS VEHICLE.

WILL ALSO INTERVIEW [redacted] TO DETERMINE ANY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN HE AND SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY AT U.S. PENITENTIARY, LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, OR ANY OTHER ASSOCIATION THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

MURKIN

RE: Unidentified Deceased

Re Richmond airtel to Bureau, 5-28-68 and Bureau airtel to Richmond, 5-31-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a photograph indicating dentures of subject RAY, as well as a photograph showing skull cavities of RAY.

These photographs were afforded to Dr. GEOFFREY T. MANN, Chief Medical Examiner, State of Virginia, Richmond, Va., by SA [redacted]

On 6-6-68, Dr. MANN advised that the unidentified deceased described in re Richmond airtel was not identical with subject RAY.

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(3) - Bureau (Encls. 2) (REGISTERED MAIL)
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2 - Richmond

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Special Agent in Charge

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To: SAC's San Diego (44-387)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype 6/5/68.

Five latent fingerprints previously reported on specimens Q341, Q382, Q383, and one lift reported in connection with the [redacted] investigation, are not identical with the fingerprints of [redacted], FBI # [redacted]

Laboratory reporting separate.

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1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)
1 - Mr. Rosen

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FBI MEMPHIS

6:01 PM URGENT 6/8/68 TSJ

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

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SUBMITTED HEREWITH IS THE LANGUAGE APPEARING IN AN INDICTMENT ISSUED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SHELBY COUNTY, CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, JANUARY TERM, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. THE BODY OF THE INDICTMENT READS AS FOLLOWS:

"THE GRAND JURORS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, DULY ELECTED, EMPANELED, SWORN AND CHARGED TO INQUIRE IN AND FOR THE BODY OF THE COUNTY OF SHELBY, IN THE STATE AFORESAID, UPON THEIR OATH, PRESENT THAT JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS 'ERIC STARVO GALT,' ALIAS 'JOHN WILLARD,' ALIAS 'HARVEY LOWMEYER,' ALIAS 'HARVEY LOWMYER,' LAST OF THE COUNTY AFORESAID HERETOFORE, TO-WIT ON THE FOURTH DAY OF APRIL A.D., NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, BEFORE THE FINDING OF THIS INDICTMENT, IN THE COUNTY AFORESAID DID UNLAWFULLY, FELONIOUSLY, WILFULLY, DELIBERATELY, PREMEDITATEDLY AND OF HIS MALICE AFORETHOUGHT, KILL AND MURDER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL

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COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY (TENNESSEE)."

OTHER SIDE OF INDICTMENT BEARS NUMBER ONE SIX SIX FOUR FIVE, STATE OF TENNESSEE, INDICTMENT FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE VS. JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMYER; WITNESSES SUMMON FOR STATE, BESSIE RUTH BREWER, FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE HALF S. MAIN; RALPH CARPENTER, CARE OF YORK ARMS CO., ONE SIX TWO S. MAIN; GUY W CANIPE, FOUR TWO FOUR S. MAIN OF ONE ZERO TWO EIGHT BROWER; JOHN L. CARLISLE, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR (ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE); INSPECTOR M.E. ZACHARY, CARE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT; LT. J.L. HARRISON, CARE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT. BY ORDER OF PHIL M. CANALE, JR., ATTORNEY GENERAL, SWORN BY THE FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY TO GIVE EVIDENCE ON THIS BILL OF INDICTMENT OF THIS, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MAY NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, W.F. BOWLD, FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY, J.L. HARRISON, PROSECUTOR. A TRUE BILL , W.F. BOWLD, FOREMAN OF THE GRAND JURY. ATTACHED TO THE INDICTMENT IS A CERTIFICATION FURNISHED BY J.L. BLACKWELL, CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DATED JUNE EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. P.

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CABLEGRAM

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT TOKYO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

AT TIME OF ARREST IN LONDON, SUBJECT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER "LIBERTY CHIEF" REVOLVER--MIROKU FIREARMS MANUFACTURING COMPANY ON BUTT AND NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE JAPAN.

IMMEDIATELY ARRANGE FOR APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION TO HAVE THIS GUN TRACED. SUCAB RESULTS.

1 - MEMPHIS

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

TO SAC NEWARK

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN.

AT TIME OF ARREST IN LONDON SUBJECT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A "MERC" TRANSISTOR RADIO MANUFACTURED BY RCA, NUMBER TWO ONE SIX V S THREE ONE TWO AND J I S ZERO ZERO SIX P.

AT RCA CONDUCT APPROPRIATE CHECK IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND TRACE THIS TRANSISTOR RADIO. AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

1 - MEMPHIS

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1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

TO SAC BOSTON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN.

AT TIME OF ARREST SUBJECT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION POLAROID TWO TWO ZERO CAMERA WHICH IS MANUFACTURED BY POLAROID CORPORATION, CAMBRIDGE, MASS., SERIAL NUMBER Z D OR Z O ONE TWO SEVEN ONE THREE ONE.

CHECK RECORDS OF POLAROID COMPANY IN EFFORT TO TRACE THIS CAMERA. AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

1 - MEMPHIS

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1 - Mr. McGowan

1 - Mr. Long

MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR.,
ATTORNEY GENERAL
SHELBY COUNTY,
MEMPHIS, TENN.

NEW SCOTLAND YARD, LONDON, ENGLAND, HAS ADVISED THE FBI THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS PRESENTLY IN CUSTODY IN LONDON, ENGLAND. THE FBI HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE IDENTITY OF RAY HAS BEEN CONFIRMED THROUGH FINGERPRINTS.

RAY IS SCHEDULED TO BE ARRAIGNED IN COURT IN LONDON ON JUNE TEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE CANNOT BE INTERVIEWED PRIOR TO ARRAIGNMENT. THEREFORE, IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD WAIVE EXTRADITION.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WESTERN UNION

NOTE: Harold Shapiro, Attorney Criminal Division of the Department advised that it would be necessary for a telegram to be sent to the Attorney General in Tenn., advising that Ray was in custody and how identification has been established and whether or not Ray would waive extradition.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

6/10/68

I called [redacted] with reference to the attached and gave him the name of George Bonebrake as the individual who had handled this matter and who would be able to testify if needed. [redacted] said he does not know whether the English authorities will need him in connection with the local charges of false passport and carrying concealed weapons, nevertheless, he wanted to render them all possible assistance.

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STATE 886

IMMEDIATE 6-10-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO 53

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MURKIN

YARD ADVISES THAT FOR REPORT TO PROSECUTOR IT IS NECESSARY TO BE ABLE TO STATE THAT THERE IS AN ACTUAL PERSON NAMED RAMON GEORGE SNEYD BORN OCTOBER EIGHT, ONE NINE THREE TWO, TORONTO AND THIS PERSON IS NOT IN ENGLAND. I HAVE GIVEN THE YARD INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRUE SNEYD AS SET FORTH IN BUCAB JUNE SIX LAST.

[redacted] Copy this is Handled R

YARD ALSO NEEDS IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD BE IN POSITION TO TESTIFY THAT THE FINGERPRINTS ON THE I O FOUR ONE EIGHT TWO ARE THE FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY BORN MARCH ONE ZERO, ONE NINE TWO EIGHT AT ALTON, ILLINOIS, A U S CITIZEN. I TOLD THE YARD AN OFFICIAL OF THE FBI.

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IF THIS IS NOT CORRECT SUCAB IMMEDIATELY IDENTITY OF PERSON CAPABLE OF TESTIFYING TO THIS. I ASSURED THE YARD THAT WHETHER IT IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE FBI OR SOME OTHER PERSON, AND IF NEEDED, THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY FLOWN TO ENGLAND FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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c.c McGowan

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 10, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In connection with the case involving the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., I am enclosing a copy of a communication from our Legal Attache in London, England.

This is for your information.

Enclosure

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NOTE:

Legal Attache in London this date advises that subject appeared in Magistrate's Court, London, England, charged with entry into England on a fraudulent passport and possessing a firearm without permission contrary to the Firearms Act. He was remanded in custody to 6/18/68 on these offenses. He made request for legal aid. "London Daily Telegraph" carrying story that prior to subject's arrest he contacted paper asking for information about joining a mercenary group in Africa. New Scotland Yard working on this matter. This information being transmitted to Mr. Pollak of the Department.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

On 5/9/68, WFO received information that RAY, as ERIC S. GALT, as early as December, 1967, was inquiring as to procedures to enter Rhodesia. In view of this, WFO recommended that plans be effected with the Passport Office, United States Department of State, to arrange for a systematic review of all passport applications received since RAY's prison escape in April, 1967.

This project was commenced and over 700,000 of a total of about 2,100,000 applications were reviewed before the project was halted on 6/4/68, as a result of investigative developments from a similar project in Canada.

As many as 36 Agents a day were used in this review which in some instances consisted of round-the-clock work. Miss FRANCES G. KNIGHT, Director, Passport Office, and Mr. ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Deputy Director, Passport Office, were most cooperative in arranging for this review.

Miss KNIGHT unhesitatingly made available the full facilities of the Passport Office and Mr. JOHNSON made arrangements for passport employees to be on duty in order that WFO's search could be continued during other than normal working hours. He also arranged for Agent personnel to use the garage facilities of the Passport Office in view of the absence of public transportation available to Agent personnel arriving for work or departing from work at the Passport Office at midnight.

It is recommended that the Director send a letter to Miss KNIGHT expressing appreciation for her warm and whole-

(2) - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - WFO

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CORRESPONDENCE

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hearted cooperation in making Passport Office files available to WFO Agent personnel for this project. It is further recommended that the Director express thanks to Mr. JOHNSON for assisting WFO personnel in perfecting the fine details of this review and handling of necessary administrative changes. WFO files reflect that both Miss KNIGHT and Mr. JOHNSON have been staunch Bureau friends for years.

RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION:

The General Investigative Division recommends that letters of appreciation be sent to Miss Frances G. Knight and Mr. Robert D. Johnson for their excellent cooperation in assisting Agents of this Bureau in connection with a recent investigative matter. It is not felt that any mention should be made to the investigation involved.

charged with apprehension of Ray. Dec 1410

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June 10, 1968

PERSONAL

Mr. Robert D. Johnson
Deputy Director
Passport Office
Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D. C. 20524

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have learned of the outstanding cooperation you extended to personnel of our Washington Field Office in connection with the investigation relating to James Earl Ray. I want you to know that my associates and I are most grateful for your many courtesies and willingness in this matter, and we want to express our sincere gratitude for your help.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 7
JUN 10 1968
COMM-FBI

1 - Washington Field (44-703)
Reurlet 6-5-68.

NOTE: We have had prior correspondence with Mr. Johnson. Last outgoing 3-14-68 at which time he was sent a photograph that was taken when he saw the Director on that date. This letter recommended by SAC, Washington Field Office, and General Investigative Division concurs. Subject's name being utilized in view of his apprehension.

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/8/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Submitted herewith is a certified copy of the indictment returned by the Grand Jury, January Term of Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee. Certification of Clerk of the Court J. A. BLACKWELL attached thereto.

In addition, there is also submitted a certified copy of the warrant issued by Clerk of the Court based on the aforesaid indictment for the arrest of JAMES EARL RAY, with aliases. Certification attached thereto also.

ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Enc.-2)
1 - Memphis
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Delivered to AG's Office
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Approved: R G Jensen
Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

70 JUN 17 1968

STATE OF TENNESSEE
SHELBY COUNTY

CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY
JANUARY Term, A.D. 19 68

THE GRAND JURORS of the State of Tennessee, duly elected, empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire in and for the body of the County of Shelby, in the State aforesaid, upon their oath, present that JAMES EARL RAY, alias "ERIC STARVO GALT", alias "JOHN WILLARD", alias "HARVEY LOWMEYER", alias "HARVEY LOWMEYER"

late of the County aforesaid, heretofore, to-wit on the 4th day of APRIL, A.D. 19 68 before the finding of this indictment, in the County aforesaid, did unlawfully, feloniously, wilfully, deliberately, premeditatedly and of his malice aforethought KILL and MURDER MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

against the peace and dignity of the State of Tennessee.

Phil M. Canale

Attorney-General Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee

State of Tennessee }
SHELBY COUNTY } ss.

I, J. A. BLACKWELL, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing TWO (2) Pages contain a full, true and perfect copy of the INDICTMENT FOR MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE AGAINST - JAMES EARL RAY - INDICTED NOT IN CUSTODY - STATE OF TENNESSEE VS JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS "ERIC STARVO GALT" ALIAS "JOHN WILLIARD" ALIAS "HARVEY LOMMEYER" ALIAS "HARVEY LOMMYER" - DOCKET NO. 16645 as the same appears of record now on file in my office.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis, this 8th day of June 19 68

J. A. Blackwell Clerk
By Roger Watson D. C.

State of Tennessee }
SHELBY COUNTY }

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENN.
Memphis, Tenn. June 8 19 68

I, PERRY H. SELLERS, sole and presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of said County Division I, certify that J. A. BLACKWELL, who gave the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, and that said Court is a Court of Record, and that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of June 19 68

Perry H. Sellers Judge.

State of Tennessee }
SHELBY COUNTY }

I, J. A. BLACKWELL, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of said County, certify that HON. PERRY H. SELLERS, whose genuine official signature appears to the above and hereto annexed Certificate, is and was at the time of signing the same, sole and presiding Judge of the Criminal Court Division I, in and for the County and State aforesaid, duly commissioned and qualified, and that all his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis, this 8th day of June 19 68

J. A. Blackwell Clerk.
By Roger Watson D. C.

No. 17645

STATE OF TENNESSEE
INDICTMENT FOR

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE

vs. JAMES EARL RAY, alias
"ERIC STARVO GALT", alias
"JOHN WILLARD" alias
"HARVEY LOWMEYER", alias
"HARVEY LOWMEYER"

WITNESSES:
Summon for State

Bessie Ruth Brewer 422-1/2 S.Main
Ralph Carpenter c/o York Arms Co.162 S.Main
Guy T. Canipe 424 S. Main or 1026 Brower
John L.Carlisle- Criminal Investigator,
(Attorney General's Office)
Inspector W.P. Zachary-c/o Police Dept.
Lieut. J.L. Harrison-c/o Police Dept.

By order of

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
Attorney-General

Sworn by the Foreman of the Grand Jury
to give evidence on this Bill of Indictment
on this, the 7th day of MAY 1968

Foreman of the Grand Jury

J.L. HARRISON
Prosecutor

A TRUE BILL

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

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STATE OF TENNESSEE

To All Sheriffs of State of Tennessee – GREETING:

You Are Hereby Commanded to take the body of [illegible] ALIAS "[illegible]" ALIAS "[illegible]" ALIAS "[illegible]" ALIAS "[illegible]"

late of [illegible] County, and [illegible] safely keep, so that you have [illegible] before the Judge of the Criminal Court of said County, at a term of said Court, to be held for said County, at the Court House in Memphis on the third Monday in [illegible] 19[illegible] then and there to answer the State of Tennessee, on a Bill of Indictment against him for [illegible]

Herein fail not and have you then and there this Writ.

Witness, J. A. BLACKWELL, Clerk of said Court, at office, in Memphis, the third Monday in [illegible] 19[illegible]

J. A. BLACKWELL, Clerk

By [illegible] D. C.

INDICTED NOT INCUSTODY
CITY POLICE

No. 16645

To MAY Term, 1968

STATE OF TENNESSEE

vs.

CAPIAS

JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS "ERIC STARVO GALT"
ALIAS "JOHN WILLARD" ALIAS "HARVEY LOWMEYER"
ALIAS "HARVEY LOWNEY"

Issued 7th day of May 1968

Came to hand ____ day of ____ 19____

Defendant arrested ____ day

of ____ 19____

and ____

Sheriff Shelby County.

By ____
Deputy Sheriff Shelby County.

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State of Tennessee }
SHELBY COUNTY } ss.

I, J. A. BLACKWELL, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing TWO (2) Pages contain a full, true and perfect copy of the

CAPIAS ON JAMES EARL RAY

STATE OF TENNESSEE VS JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS " ERIC STARVO GALT" ALIAS "JOHN WILLARD" ALIAS "HARVEY LOWZYER" ALIAS HARVEY LOWYER" - CHARGED WITH MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE DOCKET NO. 16645

as the same appears of record now on file in my office.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis, this 8th day of June 1968

Clerk

By D. C.

State of Tennessee }
SHELBY COUNTY }

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Judge.

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SHELBY COUNTY }

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Clerk.

By D. C.

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CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 55

v. 5-22-64)

Section 55

FBI

Date: 6/10/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) Attn: EXHIBIT SECTION

RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles, 6/4/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Exhibit Section is one (1) photograph of [redacted] FBI #[redacted]

Witness, ALLAN O. THOMPSON, shown artist conception of individual he knew as JAMES C. HARDIN. After observing the artist's conception, THOMPSON made the following observations:

A. The likeness of the artist's conception with regard to the shape of the head is good.

B. The shape, size and appearance of the eyes as contained in the enclosed photograph of [redacted] are very similar to those of the person he knew as JAMES C. HARDIN.

C. The eyebrows of [redacted] are, likewise, very similar to the eyebrows of JAMES C. HARDIN.

D. The nose of HARDIN is slightly thinner at the bridge than the artist's conception. Further, there is no bump at the bridge as in the artist's conception, but appears straight as in KD1-9.

E. The mouth is to be less wide than appears in the artist's conception with a slightly fuller upper lip.

4 - Bureau (RM) (Encl. 1)
1 - Los Angeles
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EXHIBIT SECTION 106

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

F. The chin in the artist's conception is too full, too round; the chin that appears in the enclosed photograph of [redacted] is very similar in appearance to that of JAMES C. HARDIN.

G. The ears of HARDIN are as they appear in KG1-7; the ears in the artist's conception protrude too much, and further, are too wide at the bottom.

H. Good likeness.

J. The hair in the artist's conception is too stiff; THOMPSON preferred the hair, hairline and height of the forehead as that which appear in KD 3-9.

THOMPSON advised that in general, the artist's conception was not sufficiently swarthy in appearance to convey the proper complexion of HARDIN. THOMPSON had no further remarks as to the general description of the subject.

It is requested that the Exhibit Section prepare an additional artist's conception of JAMES C. HARDIN with the above mentioned modifications. It is further requested that upon completion of the artist's conception, that copies be forwarded to Los Angeles and all interested offices.

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FBI

Date: 6/17/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via Airtel _____
(Priority)

To: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) -4351

MURKIN

Re urairtel 6/10/68 and urtel 5/30/68.

1. ITEMS ENCLOSED PREPARED BY EXHIBITS SECTION, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION:
Three photographic copies of revised artist's conception

2. ACTION TO BE TAKEN:
A. Have witness(es) view item(s) for evaluation.
B. If modification is necessary, submit additional information and any pertinent comments of witness(es) to Exhibits Section, Administrative Division.
If likeness is satisfactory and additional copies are desired, request same by letter or routing slip.
As the case progresses, advise Exhibits Section re use and effectiveness of item(s) as investigative aid(s). Upon apprehension of subject(s), submit arrest photograph(s).
Photograph of Ashmore being returned herewith.
Notify Bureau, Attention: Exhibits Section of approval or changes desired by witnesses. Copies will then be sent to field offices listed in referenced teletype dated 5/30/68.

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1 - General Investigative Division (Mr. Long) (Enc.) (Sent Direct)

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ENCLOSURE

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE
IO #4182; WF #442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UFAC - ROBBERY

On June 4, 1968, Deputy United States Marshal [redacted] Executive Office of United States Marshals, Ninth and D Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C., made available to SA [redacted] an army photograph taken on October 22, 1967, at the Pentagon following the anti-Vietnam demonstration.

The photograph shows various writings on the wall of the Pentagon, one of which is, "Who is John Galt?" [redacted] said he did not see the actual writing and his knowledge is limited to his noticing the writing on the photograph. He did not know the significance of the writing, if any, but wanted to bring it to the attention of the FBI because of the name "Galt." He had been reviewing photographs of the demonstration in an unrelated matter.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Enclosure KEL 36

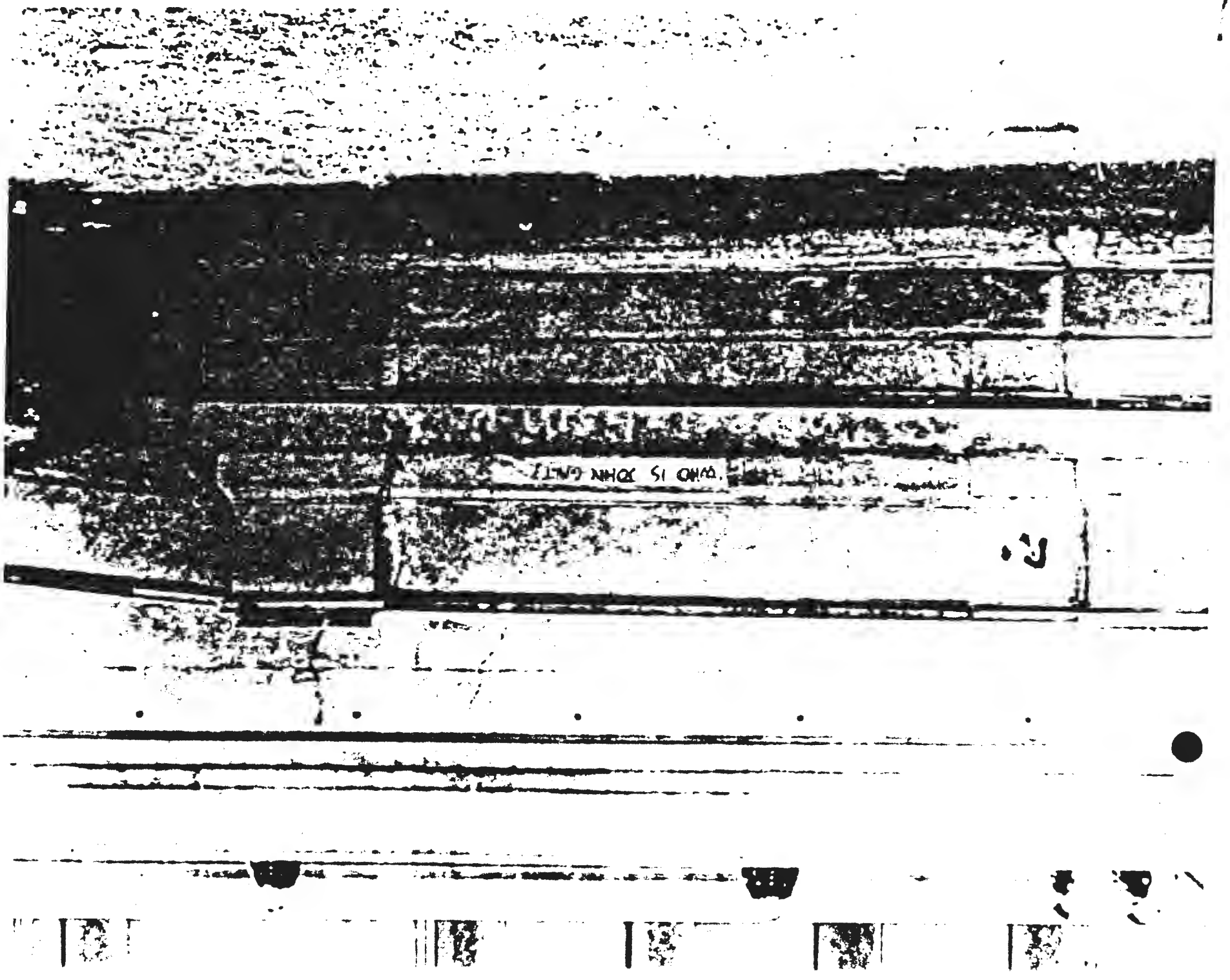
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Rosen

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70 JUN 17 1968


WHO IS JOHN GALT?

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 25, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In continuing to run out the story reportedly furnished the Los Angeles "Times" by an individual identified only as [redacted] information has been developed indicating that the individual known to [redacted] an effeminate Negro, employee of [redacted] in Los Angeles, as [redacted] is in reality [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] A photograph of [redacted] was exhibited to [redacted] who identified it as the photograph of the individual he knew as [redacted]

The manager of an apartment house located at [redacted] Los Angeles, identified this same photograph as a former resident of that apartment house. The manager stated that the individual resided in an apartment with [redacted] who is currently [redacted] in Los Angeles.

Jerry Cohen of the Los Angeles "Times" advised that the newspaper had promised their informant, [redacted] that they would not reveal his identity nor furnish information which would lead to his location. Cohen did advise our Los Angeles Office that he would advise if any of the photographs exhibited to him were identical with his informant, [redacted] Cohen stated that the photograph of [redacted] an ex-convict who has been primarily suspected as being [redacted] was not identical with his informant but Cohen "declined to comment" when the photograph of [redacted] was exhibited to him.

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

11 JUN 7 1968

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

[redacted] wife, [redacted] was interviewed in [redacted] Los Angeles [redacted] and she stated that she filed for divorce from [redacted] two months ago on grounds of desertion, cruelty and nonsupport. She stated her legal fees were being paid by her relatives and she added that she was so mad at [redacted] at the time of the filing of the divorce that she tore up all of the photographs she had of him. She described him as a shiftless drifter who never held a job during their five years of marriage. She stated she does not know his present whereabouts.

Background information on [redacted] and interview with [redacted] indicates he has spent time in Belle Glade, Florida; Reno, Nevada; various locations in Tennessee; Chicago, Illinois; and Kansas City. These areas were mentioned in connection with the story furnished the Los Angeles "Times" by [redacted] believes [redacted] is the individual who took his two guns and is the only individual outside of [redacted] and a person whom he knew as [redacted] cousin whose name he could not recall that would have known he even possessed the guns.

[redacted] previously advised he taught Ray to be a burglar. He previously stated that he and Ray cased a bank in 1958 or 1959 but did not rob it because [redacted] injured his leg. [redacted] furnished varying information regarding subject's alleged involvement in a bank robbery following his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67. After numerous efforts to elicit the truth from [redacted] he has now revealed that the bank allegedly robbed by Ray and an accomplice is located in Alton, Illinois. [redacted] stated that Ray's accomplice in the bank robbery told him, [redacted] that his name was [redacted] last name unknown. [redacted] stated that the last time he saw [redacted] he was with a man previously unknown to him who was named [redacted] last name unknown, and they visited him on the nights of 5/13 and 14/68. Ex-convicts [redacted] and [redacted] are known to have visited [redacted] on those dates.

Bureau files show that at approximately 1 p.m.,7/13/67, two unknown subjects wearing stocking masks entered the side door and robbed the Bank of Alton in Alton, Illinois. One subject proceeded directly

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to the tellers' area, walked behind the counter, emptied cash from two tellers' cages and left the bank by the same route. Unknown subject number two stood outside the side door flourishing a sawed-off shotgun and covered the customers and employees until unknown subject number one left. Then he backed out of the bank. The robbers obtained $27,230 in loot, not $50,000 as alleged by [redacted]

St. Louis City Jail records establish that [redacted] was in City Jail, St. Louis, from [redacted]67 to [redacted]68 and could not, therefore, have participated in the bank robbery or have contacted [redacted] as [redacted] had claimed in 1967. [redacted] description does not fit either of the unknown subjects; although Ray's description could approximate that of unknown subject number two.

[redacted]led Agents to the above bank and identified it as the one he and Ray had cased in 1959. The modus operandi planned was substantially the same as that used in the actual bank robbery. [redacted] stated that he had deliberately misled Agents as to the amount involved and the location of the bank to gain time to be sure he would be in the clear. Investigation of the bank robbery mentioned above is being intensified to ascertain whether Ray could have possibly been involved, thereby accounting for his source of funds.

ACTION:

Vigorous investigation is continuing in order to bring this matter to a prompt conclusion.

The Attorney General

June 12, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

Enclosed are copies of an editorial from the Chicago Tribune and an editorial and cartoon from the New York Daily News which you may not have had the opportunity to see.

Enclosures (3)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (3)

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (5)
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (5)
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (5)

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The Attorney General

June 12, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

Several members of Congress have been most laudatory of the efforts of this Bureau concerning the investigation and subsequent location of James Earl Ray. I am enclosing copies of their remarks in the event you have not had an opportunity to read them.

Enclosures (6)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (6)

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (6)
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (6)
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (6)

NOTE: Letters were written to Senators Byrd and Hruska on 6-11-68. Proposed letters are being prepared to Congressmen Andrews, Devine, Smith and Wyatt on the date of 6-12-68.

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Date: 6/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: ME

RE: [redacted]

Re Las Vegas airtel to Bureau, 5/29/68.

[redacted] Little Rock, Ark., advised on 6/3/68 that the name [redacted] is not familiar to him and, after a check of his records, advised that [redacted] is not employed by him. He had no suggestion as to the possible whereabouts of [redacted]

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Jackson (Info)
1 - Jacksonville (44-769) (Info)
1 - Las Vegas (157-133) (Info)
2 - Little Rock
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22 JUN 4 1968

C. O. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson
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URGENT 6-4-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 7P

MURKIN, CR. OO MEMPHIS.

REMYTEL CALLS JUNE ONE AND THREE LAST.

FOLLOWING IS SUMMATION OF INFO DEVELOPED TO DATE ON SUSPECT RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

BACKGROUND.

ON JUNE ONE LAST, DURING REVIEW OF OVER TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND PASSPORT APPLICATIONS, RCMP INVESTIGATOR OBSERVED ONE UNDER NAME RAMON GEORGE SNEYD WHICH BORE STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO RAY. PHOTO, HANDWRITING AND PRINTING HAVE BEEN OBSERVED BY RCMP HEADQUARTERS PERSONNEL AND LEGAT, AND ALL CONCUR EXCELLENT LIKENESS IN PHOTO AND MARKED SIMILARITIES IN SIGNATURE AND HANDPRINTING WITH RAY.

44-38861-4357

REC-14

JUN 11 1968

INFO FROM PASSPORT FILE.

APPLICATION WAS DATED APRIL SIXTEEN LAST AT TORONTO AND WAS FILED ON BEHALF OF SNEYD BY KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU, TORONTO,

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IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED BOAC TRAVEL TO LONDON, ENGLAND MAY SIX LAST WITH RETURN TRAVEL MAY TWENTYONE LAST. APPLICATION LISTED ADDRESS NINE SIX EIGHT DUNDAS STREET W., TORONTO, DATE OF BIRTH OCTOBER EIGHT, THIRTYTWO, FIVE FEET TEN, ONE SIX EIGHT POUNDS, BLACK HAIR, BLUE EYES, SCAR ABOVE NOSE. NAME OF PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN EMERGENCY PAUL BRIDGMAN, ONE ZERO TWO OR ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSINGTON STREET, TORONTO. Canada

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION WAS PASSPORT PHOTO WITH NOTATION ON BACK "ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO, ONE THREE SEVEN YONGE STREET, SUITE SIX FOUR, TORONTO." IN PHOTO, SNEYD APPEARS TO BE WEARING CHECKED JACKET SIMILAR TO ONE WORN IN PHOTO OF RAY.

IN LIEU OF A GUARANTOR, PASSPORT APPLICATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN AFFIDAVIT EXECUTED BY SNEYD APRIL SIXTEEN LAST INDICATING HAD ONLY BEEN IN TORONTO THREE WEEKS AND KNEW NO GUARANTOR. ALSO INDICATED WAS CAR SALESMAN. NAME

F NOTARY NOT LEGIBLE BUT AN EMPLOYEE OF KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU. PASSPORT APPLICATION FORWARDED OTTAWA BY MISS L. SPENCER, KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU. SUBSEQUENTLY, PASSPORT

TORONTO Canada

NUMBER D J NINE ZERO NINE THREE TWO FOUR WAS ISSUED TO SNEYD APRIL TWENTYFOUR LAST BY PASSPORT OFFICE, OTTAWA, AND MAILED TO HIM IN CERE OF KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU, TORONTO.

FOUR COPIES OF APPLICATION, AFFIDAVIT AND PASSPORT PHOTO OBTAINED AND FORWARDED BUREAU BY HAND VIA EASTERN AIRLINES PILOT ARRIVING WASHINGTON, D. C. TEN TWENTYEIGHT AM, JUNE FOUR INSTANT.

RESULTS INVESTIGATION TO DATE.

BOAC RECORDS AVAILABLE TORONTO INDICATE PASSENGER USING NAME SNEYD WAS ABOARD FLIGHT TO LONDON MAY SIX LAST AND ON RETURN TRIP FROM LONDON TO TORONTO MAY TWENTYONE LAST.

BIRTH RECORDS SHOW A RAMON GEORGE SNEYD BORN OCTOBER EIGHT, THIRTYTWO, TORONTO, AND FROM BIRTH RECORD SNEYD LOCATED AND IDENTIFIED AS MEMBER METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD. ON INTERVIEW, DENIED APPLYING FOR PASSPORT OR TRAVELING TO ENGLAND. HAD NO INFO AS TO HOW HIS IDENTITY KNOWN TO SUSPECT.

INVESTIGATION NINE SIX EIGHT DUNDAS STREET W. INDICATED CHEAP CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE AND SUSPECT REGISTERED APRIL NINETEEN LAST AND STAYED APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS. CLAIMED

WAS WORKING NIGHTS BUT NOT KNOWN WHERE. LANDLORD UNABLE IDENTIFY FROM PHOTO OF RAY. HOWEVER, RCMP, TORONTO, ATTACH NO SIGNIFICANCE [redacted]

Possibility of Bridgman's purchase of car? Drivers license

EFFORTS TO LOCATE BRIDGMAN IN VICINITY ONE ZERO TWO AND ONE ZERO EIGHT OSSINGTON NEGATIVE ALTHOUGH LETTER REPORTEDLY ADDRESSED TO HIM WAS RECEIVED ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO AND RETURNED POST OFFICE AS NO ONE AT ADDRESS BY THAT NAME.

MISS SPENCER, KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU, MADE TRAVEL AND PASSPORT ARRANGEMENTS BUT COULD NOT IDENTIFY FROM PHOTO OF RAY. NOTARY NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. TRAVEL BUREAU SUBSEQUENTLY LOCATED ON JUNE THREE LAST LETTER FROM SNEYD DATED APRIL TWENTY LAST ADVISING HAD TO GO CAPREOL, ONTARIO FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND WOULD PICK UP PASSPORT ON RETURN. NO ADDRESS AT CAPREOL GIVEN. NOTED CAPREOL IS SMALL RAILROAD TOWN NORTH OF SUDBURY, ONTARIO AND IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE SOME EXCELLENT FISHING LODGES IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY WHICH COULD BE IDEAL SPOT FOR HIDEOUT.

INVESTIGATION REQUESTED OF RCMP ON BASIS ABOVE.

WIRE PHOTO OF PASSPORT APPLICATION, PHOTO, ETC. TO TORONTO JUNE THREE LAST FOR ITS ASSISTANCE, AND PARTICULARS AND PHOTO OF PAUL BRIDGEMAN, FBI NUMBER [redacted] RECEIVED ELEVEN PM, JUNE THREE LAST, AND SENT SAME DATE TO TORONTO BY WIRE PHOTO FOR ASSISTANCE.

MISS SPENCER BE THOROUGHLY REINTERVIEWED WITH PASSPORT APPLICATION TO EXTRACT FROM HER ALL INFO REGARDING HER CONTACTS WITH SUSPECT AND ANY STATEMENTS MADE BY HIM, HOW HE PAID FOR HIS FARE, ETC.

REINTERVIEW OFFICER SNEYD TO TRY TO DETERMINE HOW HIS IDENTIFICATION CAME INTO SUSPECT'S CUSTODY, BEARING IN MIND SNEYD MAY HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED BY HIM AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER IN TORONTO DURING WHICH TIME SNEYD WOULD HAVE EXHIBITED HIS CREDENTIALS. ALSO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HE HAD RECENTLY LOST ANY PERSONAL PAPERS OR WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN ANY INFO ABOUT HIM IN THE PAPERS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD.

DISCREET INVESTIGATION IN VICINITY NINE SIX EIGHT DUNDAS STREET W., INCLUDING LAUNDRIES, BARS, DANCE STUDIOS, BANKS, SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES, POSTAL SUBSTATIONS ETC. TO

ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE WHERE SUSPECT RESIDED FROM APRIL ELEVEN TO APRIL NINETEEN LAST AND IF POSSIBLE CAME BACK TO AREA MAY TWENTYONE LAST. EMPHASIS TO BE PLACED IN GETTING POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ON RAY WITH SUSPECT.

CHECK OF BOAC PILOTS AND STEWARDESSES ON FLIGHTS MAY SIX AND MAY TWENTYONE LAST AND IF POSSIBLE DETERMINE SEATING ARRANGEMENTS AND IDENTITIES OF FELLOW PASSENGERS SO EFFORT MAY BE MADE TO DEFINITELY PLACE ON ONE OR BOTH FLIGHTS, BEARING IN MIND COULD HAVE FLOWN TO LONDON AND SOLD RETURN TRIP TICKET. IN THIS REGARD, RCMP SUGGEST LEGAT LONDON INSURE CHECK MADE CANADA HOUSE, LONDON, AS MAY HAVE HAD CONTACT THERE.

INVESTIGATION CAPREOL, ONTARIO TO DETERMINE REASON FOR TRIP THERE, HOW TRAVELLED, WHO CONTACTED AND POSSIBLE USE OF CAMP IN VICINITY AS HIDEOUT.

LOCATE AND INTERVIEW NOTARY AT EARTIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

TRY TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFO REGARDING LETTER TO BRIDGMAN TWO WEEKS AGO TO DETERMINE WHERE IT ORIGINATED, ETC.

INVESTIGATION ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY

SUSPECT WITH RAY AND ANY ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS AVAILABLE SUCH AS ADDRESS RESIDING AT TIME.

ADVISE RESULTS LATENT PRINT EXAMINATION. IT IS UNDERSTOOD NUMEROUS LATENTS WERE LOCATED ON ABOVE DOCUMENTS AND ARE PRESENTLY BEING PROCESSED AGAINST RAY'S.

OBSERVATION.

RCMP WELL AWARE NECESSITY FOR DISCREET INVESTIGATION TO AVOID FLUSHING SUSPECT IF IS INDEED UTILIZING SNEYD DOCUMENTATION AND INSTRUCTIONS HAVE GONE OUT FROM TOP LEVEL OF RCMP TO AFFORD EVERY FACET OF INVESTIGATION VIGOROUS AND CONTINUING ATTENTION.

BUREAU TO BE KEPT ADVISED ALL DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: GEORGE MC MILLAN
[redacted]
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON BOOK ABOUT
ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

On June 4, 1968, the above-captioned individual, who identified himself as a free-lance writer, appeared in my office and furnished me the attached copy of a letter which reflects that McMillan is writing a book for Little, Brown and Company, Publishers, Boston, Massachusetts, concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and one of the important features of the book would be a fully developed profile of the assassin. This book is to be published by Little, Brown and Company.

McMillan asked if we could be of assistance to him in connection with the preparation of his book.

It was pointed out to him that we could not be of assistance in connection with the book, that this case is a pending investigation, and that the FBI, therefore, is unable to furnish any information concerning the case other than has been contained in the previously issued press releases. McMillan was disappointed but appeared satisfied with this decision. Our files reflect that McMillan is a free-lance writer who was the author of an article entitled "The Birmingham Church Bombing" which appeared in the "Saturday Evening Post" issue of 6-6-64, which was not unfavorable to the FBI. Our files also reflect that he was the author of an article which appeared in November, 1960, captioned "Racial Violence and Law Enforcement" dealing with troubles in Little Rock, Chattanooga and Montgomery. The article was printed in pamphlet form by "New South," a publication published by the Southern Regional Council which, in turn, is interlocked with the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, an organization cited as subversive by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Our files

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

15 April 1968

To Whom It May Concern

This letter intends to make it clear that George McMillan of [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, will be compiling information concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This information is necessary for the book he is writing, a book Little, Brown and Company intends to publish in accord with our contract with Mr. McMillan.

Important to the nature of this book will be a fully developed profile of the assassin. Any aid given Mr. McMillan in his research will be greatly appreciated by the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

H. Stanley Hart

H. Stanley Hart
Associate Editor

SH/dd

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also reflect that McMillan wrote some studies in 1956 on "Individual Rights and Civil Liberties" for which he was paid by the "Fund for the Republic, Inc." He had contacted several of our offices and Bureau Headquarters prior to the publication of his "Saturday Evening Post" article mentioned above, but we gave him no assistance of any kind.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

Right.

VIA TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM BUFFALO

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM INVESTIGATION, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA:

RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, METROPOLITAN TORONTO PD (MTPD) CONSTABLE, IN WHOSE NAME SUBJECT OBTAINED BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND CANADIAN PASSPORT ON INTERVIEW EVENING OF JUNE FOUR AND AGAIN JUNE FIVE LAST, COULD FURNISH NO EXPLANATION AS TO HOW SUBJECT OBTAINED PERSONAL BACKGROUND INFO NECESSARY FOR APPLICATIONS THESE DOCUMENTS.

LANDLADY, OSSINGTON STREET ADDRESS TORONTO, ON REINTERVIEW ADVISED SUBJECT HAD ONLY ONE OUTFIT OF CLOTHING CONSISTING OF A BROWN SUIT

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JACKET, BLACK PANTS, AND A TOBACCO COLOR RAINCOAT. ONLY LUGGAGE HIS POSSESSION WAS SMALL FLAT VALISE, COLOR UNRECALLED, WITH PLAID INTERIOR, SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN AN ATTACHE CASE.

RECHECK, BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS, DISCLOSED SUBJECT BY LETTER DATED APRIL TEN LAST APPLIED FOR BIRTH CERTIFICATE IN NAME PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN WITH BIRTH DATE NOV. TEN NINETEEN THIRTYTWO, POB TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, TO BE MAILED TO OSSINGTON ST. ADDRESS.
THIS ITEM RETURNED TO POST OFFICE AS UNDELIVERABLE BECAUSE NO FORWARDING ADDRESS LEFT.

TWO LATENTS DEVELOPED BY RCMP ON CERTIFICATE NOT IDENTIFIED WITH SUBJECT.

INTERVIEW OF REAL PAUL BRIDGMAN, TORONTO, BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE HOW SUBJECT OBTAINED BACKGROUND INFO FOR APPLICATION BIRTH CERTIFICATE THAT NAME.

AFTER ABSENCE FROM DUNDAS STREET ADDRESS FOR APPROXIMATE PERIOD APRIL NINETEEN TO TWENTYSIX, LAST, SUBJECT TOLD LANDLADY UPON RETURN HAD BEEN IN MONTREAL, QUEBEC.

NO WITNESSES LOCATED TO SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE FROM DUNDAS STREET ADDRESS WHEN HE LEFT MAY SIX LAST, TO

CATCH BOAC FLIGHT.

CHECK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES AT BANKS VICINITY TWO KNOWN RESIDENCES NEGATIVE.

INVESTIGATION BY RCMP, TORONTO UNDERWAY TO LOCATE BOAC REFUND VOUCHER GIVEN SUBJECT IN LONDON, ENGLAND WHEN HE SURRENDERED RETURN HALF, TORONTO-LONDON TICKET FOR AIRLINE TICKET TO LISBON.

NO EVIDENCE LOCATED OF EMPLOYMENT BY SUBJECT DURING TORONTO STAY.

RCMP, TORONTO, IS TURNING OVER TO CAPTAIN, BOAC FLIGHT SIX ZERO ZERO, DEPARTING TORONTO TONIGHT, COPIES OF BEST AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT TAKEN FROM ORIGINAL NEGATIVE OF HIS PASSPORT PHOTOGRAPH FOR DELIVERY TO RCMP REPRESENTATIVE, LONDON, UPON ARRIVAL, WHO IN TURN WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO LEGAT, THERE.

FOR ASSISTANCE IN LISBON INVESTIGATION, SUBJECT AT TORONTO, LOCATED ROOM THROUGH SIGN IN WINDOW, INDICATING ROOM FOR RENT.
BOTH ROOMING HOUSES LOCATED IN LOWER CLASS NEIGHBORHOODS INHABITED PRIMARILY BY FIRST GENERATION ETHNIC GROUPS INCLUDING CHINESE, PORTUGESE, POLISH AND HUNGARIAN NATIONALISTS, WHERE VERY LITTLE ENGLISH SPOKEN.

AMCC TO KANSAS CITY, BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

RECEIVED: 1040 PM EFH

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FBI JACKSVLE

8:04 PM EDT URGENT 6/6/68 JLC

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, KANSAS CITY AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM JACKSONVILLE (44-769) 2P

MURKIN.

RE JACKSONVILLE TEL JUNE FIVE LAST AND SPRINGFIELD TEL JUNE SIX INSTANT. RE PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION AT DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. REFLECTS ABSENCE OF EMPLOYMENT BY BRIDGEMAN THERE. APPEARS BRIDGEMAN LOAFED, USING PROCEEDS OF PARENTS' ESTATE. WHEN THIS RAN OUT, BRIDGEMAN BEGAN WRITING BAD CHECKS WHICH RESULTED IN SHORT TERM VOLUSIA COUNTY PRISON FARM. IN THIS REGARD, ADDRESS THAT FACILITY IS [redacted] DELAND, FLA., WHICH IS ADDRESS MENTIONED IN RE SPRINGFIELD TEL.

IN CONNECTION WITH ANOTHER INVESTIGATION, BUAGENTS TODAY INTERVIEWED [redacted] AT DELAND [redacted] EX-105 REC [redacted] 4360 [redacted] IS WM, DOB [redacted] DURING INTERVIEW STATES SERVED TIME AT MO. STATE PEN, JEFFERSON CITY, MO. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. [redacted] NOT CLEAR ON PRECISE PERIOD OF LAST CONFINEMENT THERE BUT BELIEVES IT WAS AFTER

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CC - Lenz

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NINETEEN SIXTYF[redacted]E. KANSAS CITY AWARE OF BRIDGEMAN'S CONF[redacted]EMENT THERE APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE UNTIL JANUARY NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. [redacted] OBSERVED PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND STATES RECALLS SEEING RAY AT MSP BUT STATES HAD NO ACQUAINTANCESHIP WITH HIM. [redacted] OBSERVED NINETEEN SIXTYTWO PHOTO OF BRIDGEMAN AND STATES DEFINITE RECOLLECTION OF BRIDGEMAN [redacted] CLAIMS BRIDGEMAN PLAYED SHORTSTOP AND THIRD BASE ON "METS". [redacted] STATES HE WAS NOT INTIMATELY ACQUAINTED WITH BRIDGEMAN AND HAS NO IDEA BRIDGEMAN'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. [redacted] STATES MANAGER OF "METS" [redacted] BELIEVED BY [redacted] TO HAVE MSP NO. [redacted] IS STILL INCARCERATED AT MSP. [redacted] STATES [redacted] QUITE FRIENDLY WITH BRIDGEMAN AND MAY HAVE LEADS RE BRIDGEMAN'S CURRENT WHEREABOUTS. [redacted] APPEARED SINCERE IN RELATING ABOVE BUT MAY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO INGRATIATE SELF WITH FBI.

INVESTIGATION AT DAYTONA BEACH CONTINUING.

KANSAS CITY DETERMINE FROM MSP RECORDS IF [redacted] AT MSP DURING BRIDGEMAN'S CONFINEMENT THERE AND CONDUCT INDICATED INTERVIEW OF [redacted] TO DETERMINE ADDITIONAL LEADS RE BRIDGEMAN FROM [redacted] AND OTHER PRESENT OR FORMER MEMBERS OF "METS".

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI ST LOUIS

845PM URGENT 6-6-68 JJR

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775) 2P

MURKIN - SUMMARY

RE JOHN LARRY RAY. EMPLOYMENT MAY TWENTY TWO TO JUNE TWO SIXTY SEVEN VERIFIED. ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY OTHER EMPLOYMENT CONTINUING

RE JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER

SOURCES AND SPOTCHECKS REVEAL NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

RE FELLOW PRISONER [redacted] IN MSP [redacted] TO [redacted] RECOGNIZED PHOTO OF RAY AS PRISONER HE KNEW SLIGHTLY. RAY WAS LONER, DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH OTHER INMATES, NOT WELL LIKED. NOT KNOWN TO GAMBLE. [redacted] UNABLE TO RECALL PRISONER NAMED [redacted] BUT MIGHT RECOGNIZE PHOTO IF AVAILABLE. RECALLED INMATE [redacted] AS NOTORIOUS LIAR AND TELLER OF FANTASTIC TALES, WHICH CAUSED HIM TO SHUN [redacted] BIRMINGHAM BEING ADVISED BY AIRTEL.

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RE OBSCENE PEN PAL CLUBS. SLPD INSPECTOR ADVISED [redacted] SLMO, DOES NOT OPERATE CLUB, BUT SENDS NUDE PHOTOS OF SELF TO CLUBS.

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cc - Ivy

SL 44-775

UACB [redacted] WILL NOT BE INTERVIEWED. [redacted] DAVENPORT, IA., IS [redacted] PRACTICALLY UNKNOWN, SPECIALIZING IN FURNISHING PORNOGRAPHIC PHOTOS ON REQUEST. OBJECTS TO INTERVIEW OF [redacted] AS SAME WOULD JEOPARDIZE PO CASE. UACB OMAHA WILL NOT BE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW.

RE [redacted] APPOINTMENT MADE TO REINTERVIEW [redacted] AT PORTAGEVILLE, MO., TOMORROW.

SUBJECT ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI LOS ANG

8:49PM URGENT 6-6-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38961), AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

MURKIN

RE LETTER TO QUOTE ERIC S. GALT UNQUOTE FROM G AND M ENTERPRISES, INC.

ON JUNE FIVE LAST ALLAN O. THOMPSON ADVISED LETTER HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL FOR ERIC S. GALT. HE ADVISED LETTER POSTMARKED MAY TWENTY NINE, SIXTY EIGHT, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CALIFORNIA. LETTER CONTAINED RETURN ADDRESS G AND M ENTERPRISES, INC., P. O. BOX TWO SEVEN ONE ZERO, HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, NINE ZERO ZERO TWO EIGHT.

MARVIN MILLER, G AND M ENTERPRISES, INC., ONE FOUR NINE TWO THREE EAST PROCTOR, CITY OF INDUSTRY, CALIFORNIA, CONTACTED JUNE SIX INSTANT, ADVISED LETTER TO ERIC S. GALT, ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NORTH SERRANO AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, CONTAINED TWO LEAFLETS, ONE PERTAINING TO FOUR LEWD FILMS, THE OTHER PERTAINING TO A BOOK, QUOTE INTERCOURSE UNQUOTE. ALSO ENCLOSED

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WAS ADDRESSED ENVELOPE. MILLER STATED HE PURCHASED GALT'S NAME AND ADDRESS ALONG WITH OTHERS, AND WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE SOURCE IN THAT SOURCE DOCUMENT IS DESTROYED UPON SENDING OF INITIAL CORRESPONDENCE. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THOSE WHO REPLY TO INITIAL CORRESPONDENCE ARE MAINTAINED. MILLER STATED HE HAS PURCHASED MAILING LISTS RECENTLY FROM GORDON W. SCHINDLER, PRESIDENT OF BOTH MONOGRAM PUBLICATIONS, INC., AND FURURE BOOKS, INC. HE STATED HE DOES NOT KNOW IF IN FACT NAME AND ADDRESS OF ERIC S. GALT WAS CONTAINED. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO WAY HIS OFFICE COULD ESTABLISH WHETHER OR NOT SUCH NAME AND ADDRESS WAS CONTAINED.

SCHINDLER CONTACTED MAY SIX, SIXTY EIGHT, RE MONEY ORDER SENT BY GALT TO FUTURA BOOKS. INTERVIEW SET FORTH PAGES ONE FORTY EIGHT TO ONE FIFTY, LOS ANGELES REPORT MAY SEVENTEEN LAST.

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ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI KAN CITY

715PM IMMEDIATE 6-6-68 ENT

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, CLEVELAND, DALLAS, MEMPHIS, MINNEAPOLIS, OKLAHOMA CITY, SACRAMENTO, ST. LOUIS AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM KANSAS CITY (44-760) 4P

MURKIN.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE DALLS TEL JUNE SIX LAST, BUREAU RAD JUNE SIX LAST, SPRINGFIELD TEL JUNE FOUR AND FIVE LAST, WFO AIRTEL MAY THREE ONE LAST, RE PEN PAL CLUBS.

PAUL BRIDGEMAN MAY BE IDENTICAL TO FORMER FELLOW INMATE OF SUBJECT RAY, PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, AKA., PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, MSP NO. [redacted] BORN [redacted] WHO WAS RECEIVED AT MSP FROM JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CITY, MO., APRIL TWO THREE, SIXTY-FIVE, AND WAS DISCHARGED JAN. SIXTEEN, SIXTY-EIGHT, AND WAS NOT ON PAROLE. BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO PRISON LIMITED SECURITY SECTION AT MOBERLY, MO., ON MARCH SEVEN, SIXTY-SIX, BRIDGEMAN WORKED IN THE MSP KITCHEN AND COULD HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT RAY.

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EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION TO LOCATE BRIDGEMAN IN KANSAS CITY AREA HAS IDENTIFIED HIS GIRLFRIEND DURING APRIL AND POSSIBLY PART OF MAY SIXTY-EIGHT IN KANSAS CITY AREA AS [redacted] AKA.

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cc - S. Lang

[redacted], [redacted], WHO IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: AGE TWENTY-FOUR, DOB [redacted] WF, FIVE FEET FOUR, TWO HUNDRED LBS., DYED RED HAIR, EYES BROWN, EMPLOYED AS [redacted] DRIVING SIXTY-EIGHT WHITE TWO-DOOR CHEVROLET MALIBU THREE ZERO SEVEN, BEARING SIXTY-EIGHT KANSAS YELLOW ON BLACK LICENSE [redacted]

PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN LEFT KANSAS CITY PROBABLY THE FIRST PART OF MAY AND [redacted] LEFT KANSAS CITY ON SUNDAY, JUNE TWO, SIXTY-EIGHT PROBABLY TO MEET BRIDGEMAN, BUT DECLINED TO TELL ASSOCIATES HER DESTINATION.

[redacted]

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[redacted]

PHOTOGRAPHS OF PAULA JAMES BRIDGEMAN WERE SHOWN TO EMPLOYEES OF THE PERSONNEL OFFICE, [redacted] KANSAS CITY, MO., AND BRIDGEMAN COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COMPANY.

JOHN GEIL, MANAGER, PRINCETON HOTEL, THREE TWO FOUR ONE PASED, KANSAS CITY, MO., STATED BRIDGEMAN WAS EMPLOYED THERE IN SIXTY-FOUR OR SIXTY-FIVE BEFORE GOING TO PRISON. HE STATED BRIDGEMAN CALLED THE PRINCETON HOTEL SINCE BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON IN JAN. SIXTY-EIGHT, AND WAS TOLD HE COULD NOT STAY AT THIS HOTEL. GEIL STATED BRIDGEMAN HAS NO RELATIVES RESIDING AT THE HOTEL AND THE NAME FNU [redacted] IS NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM.

[redacted]

[redacted] KANSAS CITY, MO., FORMER ASSOCIATE OF BRIDGEMAN, STATED

HE HAS NOT SEEN OR HEARD FROM BRIDGEMAN SINCE ABOUT SIXTY-FIVE.

POST OFFICE INSPECTOR [redacted] KANSAS CITY, MO., STATES SWINGING SET CLUB IS NOW OUT OF BUSINESS, AND THE LOLITA CLUB IS OPERATED BY EARL V. KELLY, TWO SIX EAST FIFTY-THIRD ST., KANSAS CITY, MO. PRESENT RESIDENT OF [redacted] IS A KANSAS CITY, MO. PD PATROLMAN WHO STATES KELLY MOVED FROM THIS ADDRESS LAST WEEK IN MAY SIXTY-EIGHT AND LEFT NO FORWARDING.

OFFICES RECEIVING THIS TELETYPE SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION [redacted] AND CONDUCT NECESSARY INTERVIEWS TO LOCATE PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN AND INTERVIEW HIM REGARDING KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. -P-

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FBI ST LOUIS

2:45 PM URGENT 6-7-68 DCJ

TO: DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY

FROM: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

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MURKIN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL THIS DATE.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF KANSAS CITY, PUSSY CAT A GO GO, GASLIGHT SQUARE, ST. LOUIS, MO., CLOSED APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO. THIS NIGHT SPOT AT ONE TIME OWNED BY ELIAS MOHANNA, REFERRED TO IN RE TEL, MOHANNAN. MOHANNA HAS BEEN CONFINED TO MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, FOR ABOUT PAST TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS.

KANSAS CITY INTERVIEW ELIAS MOHANNA AT MSP FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING RAY.

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1213PM URGENT 6-7-68 MS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) (ATTN NCIC) & MEMPHIS (44-1987) LOS ANGELES (44-1574) LAS VEGAS SAN DIEGO (44-387 & 26-16934)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (26-NEW) 1P

MURKIN

RE: [redacted]; [redacted]., AKA [redacted], [redacted] - FUGITIVE, ITSMV, OO: SAN DIEGO

RE SAN DIEGO TEL CALL TO SAN FRANCISCO THIS DATE.

SAN DIEGO ADVISED IN RE CALL THEY WERE IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION THAT SUBJECT INCARCERATED REDWOOD CITY JAIL, REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA.

SUBJECT LOCATED REDWOOD CITY JAIL THIS DATE HAVING BEEN ARRESTED [redacted] BY MILLBRAE, CALIF., PD FOR [redacted]

SUBJECT TO BE INTERVIEWED THIS DATE REGARDING ANY ASSOCIATION OR KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY AND WHEREABOUTS OF ONE NINE SIX SEVEN FORD, VIN FIVE J FIVE SIX H ONE ONE NINE FIVE SIX THREE

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HOLD HAS BEEN PLACE FOR USM. SAN DIEGO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD NECESSARY PAPERS FOR HANDLING.

END TELETYPED TO: NCIC

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Date: 6/7/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (REGISTERED) (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Los Angeles 5/29/68 and Los Angeles airtel to Director 6/3/68, relative to EDGAR EUGENE BRADLEY.

Bureau authorization requested to interview BRADLEY only for specific purpose of ascertaining his whereabouts on dates in question. Reasons for request as follows:

In past contacts, including contact on 5/31/68, BRADLEY always expressed highest admiration for Director and FBI. He has invaribly offered full assistance and on 5/31/68 specifically stated would be glad to furnish all information to establish whereabouts on dates in question or any other dates should it become necessary.

Extensive investigation would be required to verify his whereabouts if do not use his assistance. Note that BRADLEY promptly learned of recent investigation, as mentioned referenced Los Angeles airtel. Since he has offered full assistance, then should investigation proceed without prior contact with him, he would undoubtedly feel his offer was ignored. Since allegations of New Orleans District Attorney GARRISON are uppermost in BRADLEY's mind, embarrassment to Bureau could follow if he took his own inference that such investigation pertains to GARRISON's allegations.

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1 - Denver (157-203) (RM) (AM)
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Embarrassment might also arise should GARRISON learn of current investigation about BRADLEY, since GARRISON might infer this supports his position in some way.

It is felt that most discreet verification of alibi could be undertaken on basis of information received directly from BRADLEY, since it would allow fewest possible contacts and minimize possible embarrassment. Los Angeles holding investigation in abeyance.

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OTT #5 5-35PM JHC

URGENT 6-7-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA

MURKIN.

REBUTEL CALL JUNE SIX LAST.

RCMP TORONTO ADVISE CHECK BOAC FAILS TO INDICATE VOUCHER ZERO SIX ONE ZERO FOUR FOUR FOUR FOUR THREE SEVEN THREE ONE RETURNED. STOP PLACED; HOWEVER, BOAC OFFICIALS POINT OUT IF CASHED BY ANOTHER AIRLINE, IT MAY BE WEEKS OR EVEN MONTHS BEFORE RECEIVED BOAC TORONTO.

RCMP MONTREAL ADVISED THIS DATE IN CONNECTION INFO RECEIVED FROM DANCE STUDIO REFERRED TO PAGE THREE MYTEL JUNE FOUR LAST THAT WOMAN INVOLVED FINALLY LOCATED THIS DATE ON RETURN FROM TRIP NEW YORK AND WHEN SHOWN PASSPORT PHOTO OF SUBJECT MADE TENTATIVE IDENT AS SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO CONTACTED HER MAY TWENTYFIVE LAST AND MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DANCE LESSON MAY THIRTYONE LAST. SHE RECEIVED RCMP FLYER ON SUBJECT AND IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED RCMP MAY TWENTYEIGHT LAST. PLACE STAKED OUT MAY

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cc Long

THIRTYONE LAST BUT SUBJECT DID NOT SHOW. HER RECORDS DO NOT CONTAIN ANY NAME FOR PERSON BOOKING LESSON AND WHILE DESCRIPTION GENERALLY TALLIES, SHE SAID GLASSES HE WAS WEARING AT TIME HAD RIM ON TOP HALF ONLY. RCMP NOT TOO OPTIMISTIC ON IDENT, BUT MATTER BEING PURSUED.

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TELETYPE URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO ALL SACS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED AT LONDON, ENGLAND, JUNE EIGHT INSTANT. DISCONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND REMOVE ALL STOPS. ~~COPIES MAILED WFO~~.

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2 - SAC, WFO (BY COURIER SERVICE)

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1 - Mr. McGowan
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TO ALL LEGATS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) -PLAINTEXT-

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 1P

MURKIN

REBUTELCAL JUNE SEVEN INSTANT.

RE [redacted] PASADENA, CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES INDICES NEGATIVE BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING [redacted]

REVIEW OF LOS ANGELES TIMES REVEALED ARTICLE IN APRIL THIRTEEN LAST ISSUE CAPTIONED "SECRECY SHROUDS MYSTERY MAN IN KING SLAYING" DATELINED BIRMINGHAM, ARTICLE REPORTS IN PART "SO TIGHT WAS THE SECRECY THAT THE FBI DREW AROUND ITS INVESTIGATION, BIRMINGHAM RESIDENTS ONCE ACQUAINTED WITH THE MAN WHO USED THE NAME GALT WERE INSTRUCTED BY AGENTS TO KEEP SILENT."

XEROX COPIES OF ARTICLE BEING FORWARDED BY AIRTEL.

END

RDR

FBI WASH DC

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 9, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An individual identifying himself as Gary Ralph, a reporter for the Toronto Telegram, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, telephonically contacted the Bureau on June 10, 1968. Ralph indicated that he had developed information concerning Ray and his activities in Toronto and was desirous of "trading" with the FBI. Ralph inquired as to whether or not the Bureau had or had not established if there was a conspiracy. He was advised that this matter was receiving investigative attention and the Bureau could not make any statement concerning a conspiracy matter.

Ralph stated that he had established through three or four persons that Ray had been seen with a particular individual in bars in Toronto before he showed up in the rooming house (in this regard Ray appeared as Paul Bridgman at one boarding house on 4/8/68 and as Ramon George Sneyd at another boarding house on 4/19/68). Ralph also indicated that Ray had been in Buffalo before going to Toronto.

ACTION:

Legat [redacted] Ottawa, was telephonically advised of the above information so that it could be furnished to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Toronto Police.

The Buffalo Office was telephonically advised of the report that Ray had been in Buffalo before proceeding to Toronto and was instructed to initiate appropriate inquiry in an effort to verify such allegation.

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430PM URGENT 6-10-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38886L), LOUISVILLE (44-947), AND ST. LOUIS (44-775)

FROM SPRINGFIELD) (44-561)

MURKIN

REFERENCE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX SEVEN LAST AND LOUISVILLE TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX SIX LAST.

WITNESSES THE BANK OF ALTON RECONTACTED, ADVISE THEY DO NOT FEEL THEY COULD MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF UNSUBS DUE TO SILK STOCKING MASKS.

LOUISVILLE AT MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY, DISPLAY PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY TO LARRY MC INTOSH, MENS STYLE SHOP TO DETERMINE IF RAY KNOWN THERE. FURTHER DISPLAY PHOTOS TO SOURCES AND POLICE AGENCIES FOR SAME PURPOSE.

ST. LOUIS REINTERVIEW [redacted] TO DETERMINE IF HE WAS CONTACTED BY RAY SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE MSP AND BR JULY THIRTEEN LAST.

AIRMAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS FOR INFO.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

DATE: June 10, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. Harold Shapiro, Criminal Division of the Department, advised 6/9/68 he heard Ralph Carpenter (the person who sold the binoculars to Ray) was confined to a mental institution. Mr. Shapiro asked for verification of this and specific information as to the condition of Carpenter and whether he was sufficiently lucid to sign an affidavit.

ACTION:

SA Joseph Hester, Memphis Division, was instructed by phone to look into this, contact appropriate doctors and phone results to the Bureau as soon as possible on 6/10/68.

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ADDENDUM:

SA Hester, by phone, 6/9/68, stated it has been verified Carpenter is a patient at Tennessee Psychiatric Institute and Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee. They have an appointment with the psychiatrist at 9 a. m., 6/10/68, (10 a. m. Washington, D. C., time) and will phone in the results.

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IMMEDIATE 6-10-68 EXR

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 50

MURKIN.

REMYCAB JUNE NINE LAST.

SUBJECT APPEARED BOW STREET MAGISTRATES COURT TEN THIRTY AM TODAY, CHARGED WITH ENTRY INTO ENGLAND ON A FRAUDULENT PASSPORT CONTRARY TO ALIENS ORDER AND POSSESSING A FIREARM WITHOUT PERMISSION CONTRARY TO FIREARMS ACT. HE WAS REMANDED IN CUSTODY TO JUNE ONE EIGHT NEXT ON THESE OFFENSES. SUBJECT MADE REQUEST FOR LEGAL AID.

TOTAL APPEARANCE IN COURT WAS TWO MINUTES. SUBJECT BEING AFFORDED MAXIMUM SECURITY AND HAS BEEN TRANSPORTED TO BRIXTON PRISON.

LONDON DAILY TELEGRAPH CARRIES STORY SUBJECT PRIOR TO ARREST CONTACTED PAPER ASKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT JOINING A MERCENARY GROUP IN AFRICA. NEW SCOTLAND YARD IS WORKING ON THIS AND WILL INTERVIEW WRITER OF ARTICLE.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. ROSEN

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Dear Sir:

You're pretty competent when it comes to maintaining finger prints on all of us or of pursuing the unimportant wrong door, particularly if he appears to qualify for your definition of subversive.

Successfully to run down assassins of pleaders for the little man such as JFK, FDR, RFK, Medgar Evars, etc. is quite obviously a horse of a different color. Haven't heard anything recently about your successes with Rev. King's murderer(s). Is that now, too, swept under your thick-piled rug? And wasn't it fortunate the LA police were on the job rather than the FBI, Dallas or Memphis police this week.

Another thing, there's no evidence you

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IMMEDIATE 6-9-68
TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 49

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING ITEMS FOUND BY NEW SCOTLAND YARD WHEN SUBJECT ARRESTED JUNE EIGHT LAST: THREE EIGHT CALIBER "LIBERTY CHIEF" REVOLVER - MIROKU FIREARMS MFG CO ON BUTT NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE JAPAN; POLAROID TWO TWO ZERO CAMERA, POLAROID CORP, CAMBRIDGE, MASS. NO. ZD OR ZO ONE TWO SEVEN ONE THREE ONE; "MERC" TRANSISTOR RADIO RCA NO. TWO ONE SIX V S THREE ONE TWO AND JIS ZERO ZERO SIX P INSIDE OF CASE; LIGHT TAN RAINCOAT "NOVELINE" BELIEVED PURCHASED MAY SIX LAST FROM ANDY'S MENS SHOP, ONE SIX TWO ONE DUNDAS ST. WEST TORONTO, PRICE FOUR ONE DOLLARS NINE FIVE CENTS INCL. TAX; BROWN WOOL SUIT WITH LABEL INSIDE INNER POCKET, ENGLISH AND SCOTCH WOOLEN CO LTD, MONTREAL WITH NAME ERIC GALT DATE JULY TWO ONE, SIX SEVEN, ORDER ONE ONE FIVE TWO SIX; BLUE OXFORD CLOTH SHIRT, CANADIAN MAKE, "IF" LAUNDRY MARK TWO THREE ZERO SEVEN - TWO TWO ONE NINE; SPORT JACKET AND TROUSERS, TIP TOP TAILORS BEARING INK STAMPED NUMBER THREE SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE. RECEIPT DATED MAY TWO LAST FOR THREE HUNDRED FOUR FIVE DOLLARS, INVOICE NO. THREE THREE TWO SEVEN ZERO FROM KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU, FOUR TWO FOUR BLOOR STREET

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WEST TORONTO FOR R. SNEYD, NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS ST. W., TORONTO; PASSPORT PHOTOS OF SUBJECT FROM ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO, APRIL ONE ONE LAST, ONE TWO SEVEN YONGE STREET SUITE SIX FOUR, TEL THREE SIX SIX - FOUR EIGHT SEVEN FIVE (NO CITY GIVEN); MIMEOGRAPHED BOOKLET "HOW TO HYPNOTIZE" BY DR. ADOLPH F. LONK, LONK INSTITUTE OF HYPNOTISM, PALATINE, ILL. PRICE TEN DOLLARS.

PAPER MATCH BOOK FOR NEW GOREVALE RESTAURANT, NINE THREE TWO QUEENS STREET W, TORONTO, TEL FIVE THREE THREE - FIVE FOUR ZERO TWO; CAN SPRAY DEODORANT "RIGHTGUARD," EIGHTY FIVE CENTS, BEARING ENGLISH AND FRENCH LABEL FROM STEINBERGS; BIRTH CERTIFICATE AND RECEIPT FOR CERTIFICATE BEARING REFERENCE NUMBER TWO THREE TWO ONE EIGHT NINE ISSUED APRIL TWO FOUR LAST TO SNEYD, RAMON GEORGE, DOB OCTOBER EIGHT, ONE NINE THREE TWO, TORONTO, CERTIFICATE NO. THREE TWO - ZERO FIVE - ZERO TWO ZERO FOUR TWO EIGHT; INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION ISSUED BY CANADIAN DEPT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE, APRIL TWO NINE LAST, A Y BOYD MD, TORONTO HEALTH OFFICER; WALLET WITH SIXTY POUNDS IN FIVE POUND NOTES.

ABOVE PROPERTY CONTAINS IDENTIFIABLE DATA ON WHICH BUREAU INVESTIGATION CAN BE BASED. OTHER ITEMS LIKE CLOTHING HAVE BEEN STRIPPED OF LABELS. COMPLETE LISTING OF PROPERTY BEING FURNISHED BY AIRTEL NEXT POUCH.

RECEIVED: 12:15 PM LRC

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq. 6/14/68

Dear Sir:-

We the People of the Midwest feel that you have completely ignored investigation of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Assassination by Sirhan Sirhan. We feel that knowledge you have of such knowledge should be made known.

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Juen 4, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir:

We the people of the Midwest feel that you have completely ignored Investigations of the Dr. Martin Luther King's Slayers as you did of Pres. John F. Kennedy's. We feel you have deep knowledge of each of these assinations. You got the payoffs.

Tell Mr. Chas. H. (Sen.) Percy, his wife killed his daughter she was jealous of her with her own Dad

Besure to publish this

Yours

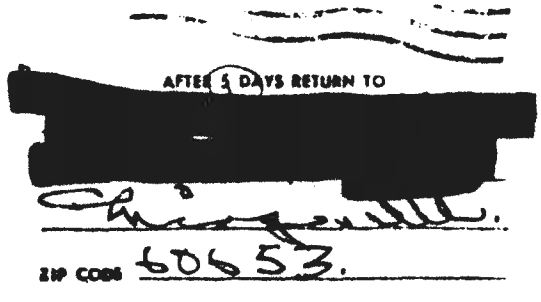
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(Return address on envelope --

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Chicago, Ill. 60653.)

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Keep this for your FBI files.

Daily Defender

JOHN H. SENGSTACKE
Editor and Publisher

Hunting The King Slayer?

Exactly two months have gone by since the news of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., punctuated the air waves with its dolorous impact. We were told that the identity of the killer was known and that his apprehension would be only a matter of days.

Yet 60 days have passed without a single significant trace of James Earl Ray, the No. 1 suspect. Every passing day tends to lead to the conclusion that the murderer has successfully escaped the dragnet that had been set up by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Some serious questions are now coming to the fore. Remembering the feud between FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and Dr. King, some people are wondering how much heart and muscle Hoover is putting into the search for Dr. King's killer. NONE

The college campus revolts, which are ascribed by some people to Communist infiltration, have become the focal point of concern, necessitating a shift of considerable manpower by the FBI to watch these activities. It may well be that in the judgment of the Justice Department, scrutiny of the campus turmoil is far more important than the search for Dr. King's slayer. At least the revolting students afford a convenient excuse for slowing down or abandoning a task for which the FBI hadn't too much enthusiasm in the first place.

Carl T. Rowan observed in his syndicated column that even with $100,000 or so of reward money lying around, the FBI hasn't even had a hot tip or a rumor worth pursuing with hope. Where did Ray, an escaped convict from the Missouri State Penitentiary, get the money to buy a car, the death weapon, and make good his escape? Obviously he was hired to do the job. But by whom? KKK OR MAFIA

These questions are creeping up with increasing frequency. They are being asked by a public which shares the pessimistic predictions of some FBI personnel that "They'll never catch Dr. King's killer."

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TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 6-10-68

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: [redacted]
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

By letter dated 6-4-68 captioned individual, who in signing her letter gives an apparent alternative spelling of [redacted] accuses the Director of completely ignoring the slaying of Martin Luther King as he did that of President Kennedy. She feels the Director has knowledge of both these murders and has accepted payoffs apparently to remain quiet. She also accuses Senator Percy's wife of having killed the Senator's daughter. She enclosed a copy of an editorial from the "Chicago Daily Defender," which she apparently used as the basis for her diatribe.

Bufiles contain no record of correspondent and it was not possible to verify the spelling of her name in the current Chicago telephone directory.

OBSERVATIONS:

Correspondent makes scurrilous accusations against both the Director and the wife of Senator Percy which do not deserve the dignity of a reply.

RECOMMENDATION:

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That her letter be filed without acknowledgement.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McGowan

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division called to advise me that with reference to the extradition of Ray the Department had compiled a number of affidavits which will be necessary to submit to the British authorities. He indicated that our experts here at Washington had furnished information for the preparation of a ballistics and fingerprint affidavit; that two affidavits had been prepared with reference to the purchase of the rifle at Birmingham; and that affidavits will be prepared with reference to persons in the police department; namely, Zachary, who had possession of the gun and binoculars and material found at the crime scene. Also they plan to have medical expert testimony concerning the possibility that the trajectory could be fired from the room which Ray had rented.

He also mentioned that at Memphis there were four persons to be interviewed in connection with the preparation of affidavits and they had dispatched a Departmental attorney to contact our Memphis Office so these individuals could be located. He identified them as (1) Stephens, who saw profile of the subject in the rooming house; (2) Mrs. Brewer, the landlady; (3) the individual who sold the binoculars to Ray; and (4) Canipe, who ran the amusement parlor on Main Street in Memphis where the gun, binoculars and other personal belongings were abandoned.

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With reference to the above, Mr. Pollak said he would send these to us today and he would appreciate our oral advice as to whether the affidavits are satisfactory.

I pointed out to him that it would appear that re-interviewing some of these witnesses at this stage of the proceedings would be to expose the Department to conflicting statements. I asked him why it was necessary to investigate the case, so to speak, at this stage of the proceedings. Pollak stated it was believed any information which might be furnished to the British authorities to insure his extradition would be

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desirable. He said the question which I raised concerning the re-interviewing of persons at this stage certainly was sufficiently important so he felt he would like to talk to the Solicitor concerning this matter because he felt this has some merit and should be considered. It was pointed out to Pollak that it was my understanding that all that need be presented would be information to establish probable cause that Ray was the individual mentioned in the indictment. Pollak advised me he would be in touch with me later.

ADDENDUM:

Pollak called to advise me he was sending over the affidavits they had prepared for signature. They have eliminated Mrs. Brewer. We have reviewed and read these to Birmingham and Memphis. We have no changes, comments or suggestions. Pollak was so advised.

ACTION:

For your information.

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FBI MEMPHIS

741 URGENT 6/10/68 TSJ

TO: DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT PREPARED THIS DATE BEING SUBMITTED VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES LATER THIS EVENING. DETAILS ON ARRIVAL WILL BE FURNISHED TELEPHONICALLY TO SOG.

DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE IN MEMPHIS THIS DATE DID SECURE AFFIDAVITS IN CONNECTION WITH INSTANT CASE FROM PD REPRESENTATIVES, GUY WARREN CANIPE, JR., AND SAC, MEMPHIS. SAC, MEMPHIS AFFIDAVIT CONCERNS FACT THAT HE RECEIVED VARIOUS ITEMS FROM INSPECTOR N.E. ZACHARY OF MEMPHIS PD AND THAT HE IN TURN DIRECTED THESE ITEMS BE DELIVERED TO FBI LABORATORY. ITEMS MENTIONED IN AFFIDAVIT BY SAC ARE RIFLE, RIFLE SCOPE, BROWN BOX IN WHICH RIFLE WAS LOCATED, BINOCULARS, GRAY PAPER BAG BEARING LEGENT "YORK ARMS," CARTRIDGE SHELL REMOVED FROM RIFLE BY SAC, BULLET WHICH WAS RECOVERED BY BODY OF DR. KING, AND CARTRIDGE BOX. REC 36 4380

AFFIDAVIT NOT SECURED FROM RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER, YORK ARMS EMPLOYEE, BY DEPARTMENT AS OF SEVEN PM INASMUCH AS CARPENTER STILL IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. EFFORTS BEING MADE BY DEPARTMENTAL

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EMPLOYEE TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE PHYSICIAN AT HOSPITAL.

CHARLES Q. STEPHEN, WHO WAS RESIDENT AT ROOMING HOUSE OF INTEREST, NOT LOCATED THIS DATE AND HAS MOVED FROM ROOMING HOUSE RESIDENCE. STEPHIENS, ACCORDING TO INVESTIGATION, IS MAKING EFFORTS TO AVOID CONTACT BY ANYONE.

NO FURTHER PERTINENT ACTIVITY THIS DATE. P.

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Mr. Conrad

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Date: 6-10-68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

ReBUphone call to Birmingham this date.

Referenced Bureau telephone call indicated that an article appeared in a recent Los Angeles newspaper inferring that the FBI in Birmingham had instructed individuals contacted in connection with captioned investigation not to furnish information to any other individuals.

No such instructions were given to persons contacted by Agents of this office; however, ROBERT WOOD, owner of Aeromarine Supply Company, from which company the subject purchased the rifle used in shooting Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, when first contacted stated that he was extremely concerned that if it became known that the subject purchased the gun used in the KING killing from his company, certain elements of the Negro population might burn his place of business. He requested the Bureau not divulge the fact that RAY purchased the gun from his company. When given such assurance, he furnished all available information to this office and has been extremely cooperative in the entire investigation. He was advised that any information he gave this office would be held in confidence with the understanding, of course, that in the event the matter came to trial it would become public knowledge. He said he understood this perfectly. He was also advised that any leak would have to come from him or his employees and if he desired that this information be kept secret, he should not divulge this information. He said he had instructed his employees not to furnish any information regarding the sale of this gun.

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Indicative of the fact that he was not bound by any instructions from this office, he subsequently furnished information to the press when a direct inquiry was made of him; however, this was only after continual prodding from members of the local press. To the best of our knowledge, he did not furnish any information to out-of-town reporters.

For the information of the Bureau, witnesses in this investigation, namely, CHERPES, owner of the boarding house, and Mr. PAISLEY, from whom RAY purchased a car, both gave information to the press at the inception of this investigation. However, inquiries were so numerous and made at all hours of the day and night that Mr. PAISLEY found it necessary to move his family from his home to the home of relatives and Mr. CHERPES changed his residence to another rooming house which he owned.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. McGowan

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

I called [redacted] Legat at London, and advised him that [redacted] we understand, will complete his work in Lisbon sometime tomorrow. He was to get in touch with the Bureau before he left Lisbon to return to Paris.

[redacted] stated that he had asked the Bureau to furnish a restraining kit to him and that if a military plane was used that a medical doctor be requested to accompany the plane.

Martindale is in London and [redacted] will instruct him to coordinate any memorandum reflecting investigation being conducted. He is to also tell Martindale that [redacted] will check prior to the time he leaves Lisbon to determine whether the investigation which he has conducted is satisfactory. If Martindale feels that it does complete the work, [redacted] will return to Paris and immediately submit information covering the nature and extent of his investigation for transmittal to the Bureau. He will, however, check with Martindale to determine the information is adequate and in proper form.

[redacted] was asked whether major case prints have been taken in this matter (palm prints and prints covering the full fingers). He said that under British law no prints can be taken of an individual until after he is convicted. The results of the fingerprints of subject Ray by British authorities were furnished to [redacted] "under the table."

ACTION TAKEN:

Mr. DeLoach has arranged for the furnishing of the restraining kit and medical doctor in the event such is needed.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:40 p.m., 6-10-68, [redacted] New York Office, advised that the Resident Agent at White Plains, New York, had learned from one [redacted] a known gambler, that a female acquaintance of [redacted] employed by [redacted] had heard that a call was placed on Saturday, p.m., from area code 213 (Los Angeles) to London, England. The caller wanted to speak with subject Ray but did not have a telephone number and requested the operator's assistance. The call was reportedly completed to an unknown law enforcement office, and the caller was advised that Ray was in custody and could not speak to anyone. The caller allegedly identified himself as an attorney.

New York Office is checking through their sources at AT&T to verify this information.

ACTION:

If such a call was placed and pertinent information is developed by New York, New York will furnish such information to Los Angeles for appropriate investigation.

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FBI CHICAGO

512PM URGENT 6-10-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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MURKIN

REBU TELCALL INSTANT.

INASMUCH AS SUBJECT RAY HAD IN HIS POSSESSION AT TIME OF ARREST A BOOKLET, "HOW TO HYPNOTIZE," INQUIRY WAS MADE OF AUTHOR DR. ADOLPH F. LONK, LONK INSTITUTE OF HYPNOSIS, PALATINE, ILLINOIS, IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHERE BOOK OBTAINED BY RAY.

DR. LONK NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL JUNE TWELVE NEXT, HOWEVER, OFFICE MANAGER, ADVISED DR. LONK ADVANCED IN AGE, IN RETIREMENT STATUS AND NOT AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. FURTHER ADVISED BOOK PUBLISHED APPROXIMATELY THIRTY YEARS AGO AND LAST PRINTING TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO. ADVISED THAT DUE TO DOCTOR LONK'S AGE, HE WOULD NOT KNOW DISTRIBUTION OF BOOK.

INQUIRY BY LOS ANGELES DIVISION OF DR. MARK FREEMAN, PSYCHIATRIST TREATING RAY, DETERMINED HE HAD NOT RECOMMENDED SUCH BOOK TO RAY. FURTHER INQUIRY OF MELVIN POWERS, PUBLISHER, WILSHIRE BOOK COMPANY,

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BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA, REVEALED ABOVE BOOK LAST PRINTED APPROXIMATELY TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO AND TO KNOWLEDGE OF POWERS, THIS BOOK NOT SOLD TO RAY. POWERS STATED THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY, THIS BOOK OBTAINED FROM BOOK STROES IN ENGLAND SPECIALIZING IN HYPNOSIS. MOST LOGICAL STORES WERE THE W AND G FOYLE BOOK COMPANY AND JOHN WATKINS BOOK COMPANY, BOTH LOCATED CHARING CROSS ROAD, LONDON, ENGLAND.

BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO ADVISE LEGAT LONDON IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF RAY PURCHASED BOOK IN LONDON. CONTACT WILL BE MADE FOR ANY INFORMATION IN POSSESSION OF DR. LONK ON JUNE TWELVE NEXT.

AIR MAIL COPIES TO LOS ANGELES AND MEMPHIS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReButel, dated 6/8/68.

UACB, the San Francisco Office will not submit a report in this matter. All investigation conducted by the San Francisco Office has been forwarded to the Bureau and/or Memphis in appropriate communications. Investigation conducted to date by San Francisco did not produce any positive information that JAMES EARL RAY at any time was within the area covered by the San Francisco Office.

Bishop

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FBI SPRNGFLD

6:46 PM URGENT 6-11-68 AEF

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TEN LAST.

CONTACTS INITIATED WITH LAUNDRIES ALTON AREA AND DISPLAY OF PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY AND ASSOCIATES UNPRODUCTIVE. CONTACTS WITH LAUNDRIES CONTINUING.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS FOR INFORMATION.

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FBI CHICAGO
736PM URGENT 6-11-68 RMF
TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ MEMPHIS /44-1987/
FROM CHICAGO /44-1114/

MURKIN

JERRY RAY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ABC TV CHICAGO, REQUESTING INTERVIEW WITH REPORTER SHERRY BLAIR THIS DATE. FILM AND AUDIO TAPES REVIEWED BY AGENTS AND NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION DEVELOPED. JERRY STILL OBTAINS IDEAS FROM NEWSPAPER AND TV STORIES CONCERNING BROTHER. DID STATE HE WILL GO TO MEMPHIS TO ASSIST BROTHER. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS ACTION OF OBTAINING MONEY THROUGH PUBLICITY SOURCES WAS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BY JERRY AS ACTION HE WOULD TAKE TO OBTAIN MONEY FOR BROTHER'S DEFENSE AT TIME OF SUBJECT'S ARREST.

FILM CLIP TO BE SHOWN LOCALLY BEGINNING SIX PM TONIGHT AND ON NETWORK TV BEGINNING TOMORROW MORNING.

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130 PM URGENT 6-11-68 JLW

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND HOUSTON (PLAINTEXT)

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 1P

MURKIN

[redacted], JUNE NINE LAST, A LONG DISTANCE PERSON-TO-PERSON CALL WAS PLACED FROM JIM TATUM, HOUSTON, TEXAS, TO SUBJECT, JAMES EARL RAY, LONDON, ENGLAND. CALL WAS PLACED FROM FOLLOWING NUMBER. [redacted] CALLER EVENTUALLY CONTACTED CANON ROW POLICE HEADQUARTERS, PHONE NUMBER NINE THREE ZERO - ONE ONE ONE THREE, LONDON, ENGLAND, AND AFTER BEING DENIED ACCESS TO RAY, ASKED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE WHO COULD FURNISH INFORMATION REGARDING RAY. HE WAS REFERRED TO CHIEF OF DETECTIVES SUPERINTENDENT BUTLER BY THE NIGHT STATION OFFICER, HOWEVER, DECLINED TO CALL BUTLER.

UACB, HOUSTON TACTFULLY IDENTIFY JIM TATUM AND DETERMINE HIS INTEREST IN SUBJECT RAY.

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URGENT

TO DIRECTOR PLAINTEXT

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

REBUTEL TO NK, THIS DATE.

NORMAN MC CABE, DIRECTOR OF SECURITY, RCA, CAMDEN, NJ, ADVISED THAT MANUFACTURER'S SERIAL NUMBERS AS FURNISHED OF TWO ONE SIX V S THREE ONE TWO AND J I S ZERO ZERO SIX P ARE NUMBERS FOR RCA BATTERIES AND NOT FOR TRANSISTOR RADIOS. THE FIRST NUMBER IS THE BATTERY SERIAL NUMBER AND THE J I S NUMBER IS A BOLTAGE DISCLOSURE CODE NUMBER. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE SUCH NUMBERS. MC CABE ADVISED THAT INSIDE THE CASING OF RCA PRODUCED TRANSISTOR SETS IS PLACED ON A PIECE OF GLUED PAPER THE SERIAL NUMBER, MODEL NUMBER, AND BATTERY INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SET. OCCASIONALLY A SERIAL NUMBER OR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER IS PLACED ON THE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD OF THE SET. THESE NUMBERS MUST BE OBTAINED TO EFFECT ANY POSSIBLE TRACING OF AN RCA MADE TRANSISTOR RADIO. THE ACTUAL POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING WHERE THE RADIO WAS SOLD IS REMOTE BUT IF RCA COULD OBTAIN THESE NUMBERS THEY WILL

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DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE IN THIS REGARD. IF THE NUMBERS ARE OBTAINED AT LEAST THE DATE AND PLACE OF MANUFACTURE CAN BE ESTABLISHED. MR.MC CABE ADVISED THAT THE TRACING OF A TRANSISTOR RADIO MANUFACTURED BY THAT COMPANY WILL BE DONE BY RCA AT INDIANAPOLIS AND HE SUGGESTED THAT TO EXPEDITE SUCH A TRACING ANY FUTURE CONTACTS THIS REGARD BE HANDLED AT INDIANAPOLIS.

FOR INFO OF INDIANAPOLIS SUBJECT HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A "MERC" TRANSISTOR RADIO MANUFACTURED BY RCA. BUREAU DESIROUS OF TRACING SAME.

MAIL COPY MEMPHIS AND INDIANAPOLIS.

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WASHINGTON --01-- 5-55 PM RCM

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MEMPHIS - [redacted]

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

JERRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER [redacted] DURING DISCUSSIONS [redacted] JERRY RAY INDICATED THE FOLLOWING-

SINCE SUBJECT HAD TO SERVE EIGHTEEN YEARS IN PRISON, HE CERTAINLY HAD NOTHING TO LOOSE IF SOMEONE DID OFFER HIM A LOT OF MONEY AND WOULD GET HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO KILL A PERSON HE DIDN'T LIKE ANYWAY THIS ANSWER WAS TO A DIRECT QUESTION [redacted] "DID YOUR BROTHER KILL KING"?

THAT SUBJECT RECEIVED SOME MONEY IN ADVANCE WHICH HE MAINTAINED IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT UNKNOWN LOCATION, WHICH WAS WITHDRAWN WHEN "SUBJECT LEFT". IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT FROM WHERE HE LEFT WHEN HE WITHDREW THE MONEY COULD NOT BE CLARIFIED [redacted] SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY INDICATED SUBJECT RECEIVED EITHER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR

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cc - Long

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS [redacted]

"IT BROKE SUBJECT'S HEART TO ABANDON THE MUSTANG". JERRY RAY AT NO TIME DURING DISCUSSIONS [redacted] MADE A STATEMENT THAT HE HAD DIRECT KNOWLEDGE THAT SUBJECT ? KILLED KING OR WHO MADE THE MONEY AVAILABLE.

NEWARK DOES NOT DOUBT WORD [redacted] BUT HAS NO WAY TO EVALUATE JERRY RAY'S INFORMATION.

NEWARK FEELS PERHAPS THIS INFORMATION COULD BE USED IN DIRECT INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT, HOWEVER TO APPROACH JERRY RAY ABOUT ABOVE WOULD [redacted] UNDOUBTEDLY STOP THE FLOW OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM JERRY RAY.

[redacted] JERRY INDICATED THAT HE WILL VISIT HIS BROTHER IN ST. LOUIS AND FEEL THEY WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE OBTAINING A GOOD ATTORNEY BECAUSE OF THE PUBLICITY.

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SINCE SIX SEVEN LAST NEWARK HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN IN [redacted] IN AN EFFORT TO CLARIFY ANY VARIATIONS IN INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted] JERRY RAY [redacted]

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1 - Foreign Liaison
1 - Mr. Long

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JUNE 11, 1968

CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGAT, LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

THE FOLLOWING IS BEING SET FORTH FOR THE INFORMATION AND INVESTIGATIVE ASSISTANCE OF LEGAT, LONDON:

JERRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER [redacted] JERRY RAY INDICATED THE FOLLOWING: SINCE SUBJECT HAD TO SERVE EIGHTEEN YEARS IN PRISON, HE CERTAINLY HAD NOTHING TO LOSE IF SOMEONE DID OFFER HIM A LOT OF MONEY AND WOULD GET HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY TO KILL A PERSON HE DIDN'T LIKE ANYWAY. THIS ANSWER WAS TO A DIRECT QUESTION [redacted] - "DID YOUR BROTHER KILL KING?" THAT SUBJECT RECEIVED SOME MONEY IN ADVANCE WHICH HE MAINTAINED IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AT UNKNOWN LOCATION, WHICH WAS WITHDRAWN WHEN "SUBJECT LEFT." IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT FROM WHERE HE LEFT WHEN HE WITHDREW THE MONEY COULD NOT BE CLARIFIED [redacted] SUBJECT'S BROTHER JERRY INDICATED SUBJECT RECEIVED EITHER

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON
RE; MURKIN

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND OR FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

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SINCE JUNE SEVEN, LAST, NEWARK OFFICE HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN [redacted] IN AN EFFORT TO CLARIFY ANY VARIATIONS

CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON
RE: MURKIN

IN INFORMATION FURNISHED BY [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 11, 1968

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Ottawa, Canada, (telephone Area Code 613, 992-3008) telephoned my office this morning, 6-11-68, and spoke to SA [redacted] said that he wanted the FBI in Washington to know that the RCMP was not furnishing any information to the press in Canada regarding the James Earl Ray case other than information confirming the issuance of a Canadian passport to Ray in the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

[redacted] said that he was in close touch with our liaison representative, [redacted] He said that the RCMP has taken the position that the Ray case is an FBI matter and that any information concerning Ray should not come from the RCMP but only from the FBI. He said that the RCMP did not want or intend to jeopardize the subsequent prosecution of Ray in any way.

[redacted] said that he was most proud of the excellent relationship between the FBI and the RCMP and was most complimentary of the Director and the FBI.

ACTION:

For information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

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1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 11, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680610041 JK

Examination requested by: Newark

Reference: Airtel 6/7/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and the disposition of Q368.

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2 - Newark (44-854) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - San Francisco (173-65) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 11, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
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Re: MURKIN
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Specimens received 6/8/68

Q368 Application for subscription to the "Select Magazine," in the name "James E. Ray"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned hand printing on Q368 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q368 will be returned separately. Photographs are retained.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Gandy

6-5-68

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hoover

Enclosed, please find an article taken from the Indianapolis News, 6-3-68.

Being a most concerned citizen, I'm wondering just how accurate the article is. I ask for no confidential information. I seek only to learn from you what statements are factual, what statements are still unfounded.

Any light you can shed on this article will be greatly appreciated. I have numbered those comments of particular interest.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance, and commending you for your long service to your country, I remain

Respectfully

[redacted]

P. S. What background information has the F. B. I. on the mentioned R. D. Abernathy, relative to his political activities.

COPY:nm

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[redacted]

PHONE [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed please find an order blank for the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Please send a complete set, bound in maroon leather, to the address given below. Please ship at once from open stock. If not in stock, please advise when they will be forthcoming.

Kindly bill me for the set, plus postage, as directed above.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance, and remaining

Yours for good government, I remain

Respectfully,

[redacted]

P.S. Need background information

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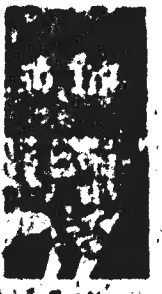
FOREIGN INFLUENCE

New Leads On King Assassination

By Paul Scott

THE FEDERAL Bureau of Investigation's massive probe of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King is taking a possibly sensational turn.

With James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin, apparently either outside the U.S. or now dead, FBI agents have increased their surveillance of several American Communists known to have been closely associated with King, including one who wrote speeches for him in the past.



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This new development was triggered by evidence gathered by the more than 1,000 agents who have worked on the mysterious King shooting and by several "tips" and letters sent to the FBI.

One of the most interesting of these "tips" came from an alert TV viewer and concerns the now famous "Mountain Top" speech King made on April 3, the night before his slaying, showing a premonition of his impending death.

"IF THE SPEECH was truly made in Memphis on April 3 as reported," the letter pointed out, "then how can one account for King stating his age as 36 (instead of 39) and why does he speak of demonstrating in Alabama twice during the speech?"

After checking out the time and location of King's final speech, several of the FBI agents assigned to the case decided to begin seeking answers to a number of their own questions, including:

"If King had personally written that speech, why would he make mistakes like those contained in it — especially the one involving his age?"

"If the speech was written by someone other than King, who was the author and when was it written?"

The answers to these questions are considered highly important to the investigation, since, if another person was concerned in the preparation of that speech, the writer might be able to shed new light on it — especially those mistakes.

Also, if King had received help with the speech, the passages dealing with the civil rights leader's premonition of death would probably have been fully discussed. King's request to the Detroit police department for protection when he visited that city a few weeks before his death indicated he feared for his life then.

INFORMATION gathered by the FBI on King, prior to his assassination, showed that a secret member of the Communist party's executive committee was one of King's closest advisers and speech writers.

This ghost writer for King prepared many of his most famous speeches, according to testimony given by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover during a closed door meeting of a House Appropriations subcommittee.

Since Ray during his trips prior to King's assassination visited the same city in which this ghost writer lives, the FBI is now investigating to determine if the two met covertly.

Recent evidence gathered by FBI agents in one of the most massive probes in the nation's history has forced serious investigation of these possibilities:

- That somebody close to King or within his own organization tipped off his assassin as to the civil rights leader's routine on the day of his slaying.
- That Ray was hired directly by certain Black Nationalists who paid him with money made available by foreign sources.
- That an international Communist "assassin squad" was involved in the slaying.

Because of Ray's mysterious trips to Mexico and Canada shortly before the assassination, the entire U.S. intelligence operation, ranging from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Defense Intelligence Agency, has been pressed into the hunt for King's killer.

One CIA report indicates that Ray, who is linked to the murder weapon by fingerprints and ballistic data, may have visited Cuba during his Mexican trip, according to information furnished by a Mexican airline official.

The FBI assumption is that, if there was a conspiracy to kill King, those involved made arrangements to spirit their hired killer out of the U.S. to Cuba via either Mexico or Canada.

Probably the greatest irony of the probe of King's assassination is that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, one of the civil rights leader's severest critics when he was alive, is doing everything in his power to solve the case.

On the other hand, King's closest aides in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are showing little or no interest in whether the killer is found.

WHEN REV. Ralph Abernathy, King's successor as president of the SCLC, presented a series of demands to Attorney General Ramsey Clark for the "Poor People's" campaign none of these called for more intensive effort to solve King's assassination.

According to people who attended the meeting, nothing was said about King's death or the FBI investigation, although a number of the poor in "Resurrection City" had urged Abernathy to press for a more vigorous probe.

ENCLOSURE

June 11, 1968

REC 8 47-[redacted]-4393

[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 5th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiries, portions of my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations are given in a closed session and I am not at liberty to disclose the nature of that testimony. Further, information contained in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I am unable to furnish the data you are seeking.

I am, however, enclosing a copy of my published testimony before the Committee on February 23, 1968, and I hope you will find it of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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FBI MEMPHIS

4:42PM 6-11-68 URGENT BKS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1887) (2P)

MURKIN.

[redacted] INSPECTOR, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF PRISONS, AND [redacted] ALSO WITH U. S. BUREAU OF PRISONS, CONTACTED MEMPHIS FBI OFFICE ON AFTERNOON JUNE ELEVEN. THEY ADVISED THEY HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS TWO DAYS ON INSTRUCTIONS ATTORNEY GENERAL COUNSELING WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES RE SECURITY MEASURES WHICH MAY BE NEEDED WHEN RAY IS RETURNED TO MEMPHIS. THEY STATED THEY ARE HERE IN ADVISORY CAPACITY AND TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. PURPOSE IN CONTACTING FBI OFFICE WAS TO ADVISE THEY WERE IN CITY AND THAT THEY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS THIS OFFICE MIGHT HAVE TO MAKE IN CONNECTION WITH HANDLING OF RAY IN MEMPHIS FBI OFFICE AT MEMPHIS WILL MAKE NO COMMENTS RE HANDLING OR SECURITY OF RAY IF AND WHEN HE IS RETURNED TO MEMPHIS.

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STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, COVERING SHELBY COUNTY IN STATE OF TENNESSEE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED SAC THIS DATE AS FOLLOWS:

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CANALE STATED HE WAS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ROSENBERG IN REGARD TO MAKING EFFORTS TO SECURE AFFIDAVITS FROM RALPH M. CARPENTER. CARPENTER, AS BUREAU IS AWARE, IS EMPLOYEE AT YORK ARMS WHO SOLD BINOCULARS TO SUBJECT INSTANT CASE AND HAS IDENTIFIED PHOTO. CARPENTER CURRENTLY CONFINED TENNESSEE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL AND INSTITUTE IN MEMPHIS. CANALE WAS OF OPINION THAT ANY EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH CARPENTER MAY WELL LEAD TO EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY REGARDING HIS INCARCERATION AND MAY HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON FUTURE OF THIS CASE.

DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE ROSENBERG CONTACTED MEMPHIS OFFICE AND ADVISED THAT AT PRESENT TIME NO INTERVIEWS WILL BE ATTEMPTED WITH CARPENTER. THIS INFO FURNISHED AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR PM, ~~CST~~ Central Standard Time, TODAY.

A & D. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The General Investigative Division advised this morning of a request from the Department for a portrait parle (photograph) comparison between certain pictures of the subject James Earl Ray. Specifically, the comparison requested was between a photograph of "Eric S. Galt" purportedly taken in early 1968 in connection with his attendance at a bartender school in California and prison photographs of James Earl Ray taken in 1960 and 1966. The requested comparisons have been made and we have determined definitely that the Eric S. Galt photograph is actually a photograph of the same person depicted in the James Earl Ray prison photographs. Results of this comparison have been telephonically furnished General Investigative Division.

Assistant Director Rosen advises he has furnished the results of the examination to Mr. Pollak in the Department and Mr. Pollak has requested the Laboratory's assistance in preparing an affidavit. A Mr. Maurice A. Roberts subsequently contacted me and requested assistance in the technical wording incident to the preparation of the affidavit. We are complying with this Department request and will execute the affidavit after it has been prepared and the wording has been determined to be technically accurate.

ACTION: None. For information.

44-38861

1 -Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Shaneyfelt
1 - Mr. Mortimer

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BI MEMPHIS

49 AM URGENT 6-12-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR AND BUFFALO

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

RE BUFFALO TEL EIGHT ELEVEN P. M., JUNE ELEVEN PAST.

IT IS NOTED ROBERT MC DOULDTON IN INFORMATION FURNISHED TORONTO PD EXPLAINED HE HAD USED PUBLIC PHONE BOOTH IN VICINITY NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET AND FOUND ENVELOPE THERE ADDRESSED TO SNEYD AT DUNDAS ADDRESS. REQUEST BUFFALO THROUGH LIASON WITH TORONTO PD DETERMINE IF POSSIBLE LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALLS THAT MAY HAVE EMANATED FROM PHONE BOOTH OF INTEREST. STRONG POSSIBLIITY EXISTS THAT SUBJECT MAY VERY WELL HAVE USED PHONE BOOTH AND THIS MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR ENVELOPE BEING THERE.

~~CORRECTION: LINE 4, LAST WORD IS ADDRESSED.~~

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12:38 AM DEFERRED 6-12-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 KNOXVILLE 44-696

FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES TELS, MAY SEVENTEEN, EIGHTEEN, TWENTY TWO, AND TWENTY NINE LAST.

BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED REASONABLE EFFORT BE EXPENDED TO LOCATE [redacted] AND RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS FURNISHED LOS ANGELES TIMES. EFFORTS TO LOCATE [redacted] LOS ANGELES NEGATIVE. [redacted] HAS FOLLOWING RELATIVES: MOTHER, [redacted] LAST KNOWN ADDRESS [redacted] SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE; BROTHER, [redacted] SWEETWATER; SISTER, [redacted] KNOXVILLE.

KNOXVILLE CONTACT RELATIVES TO DETERMINE [redacted] PRESENT ADDRESS.

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[redacted] EMPLOYEE, ADVISED TODAY [redacted] WAS IN LOS ANGELES FROM WEDNESDAY, JUNE

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FIVE LAST, THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE NINE LAST, LOOKING FOR [redacted], WHO [redacted] HAS IDENTIFIED AS IDENTICAL TO [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] REPORTS [redacted] SEARCH NEGATIVE.

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Date: 6/7/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

Re London cable 6/7/68.

Enclosed herein is one copy of British European Airlines Manifest for Flight 074, London to Lisbon, May 7 last.

For the Bureau's information, it should be noted that this is actually a microfilm of the pulled portion of the airline ticket and it is the best copy available.

Also enclosed is a Xerox copy of the ticket issued to subject by BOAC Office, Regent Street, London, on May 7 for the flight to Lisbon, together with a copy of the voucher which was issued to him for $14.60.

The foregoing for information and use of the Bureau.

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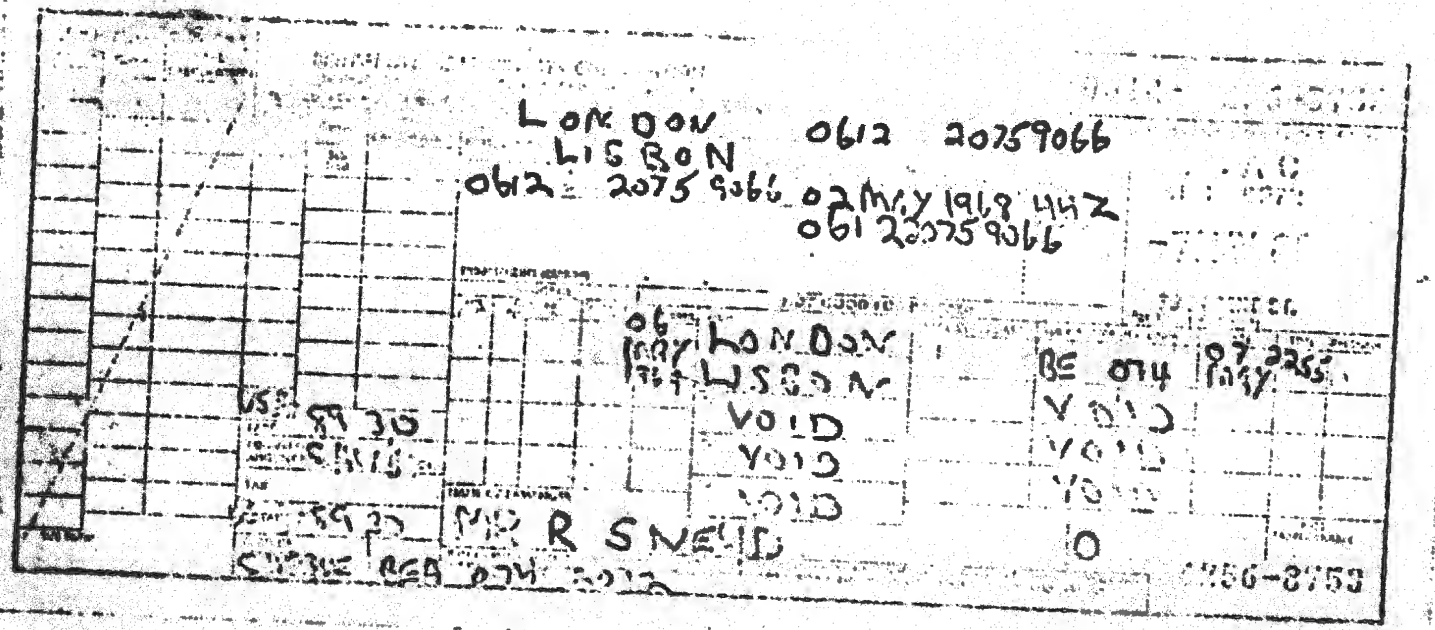
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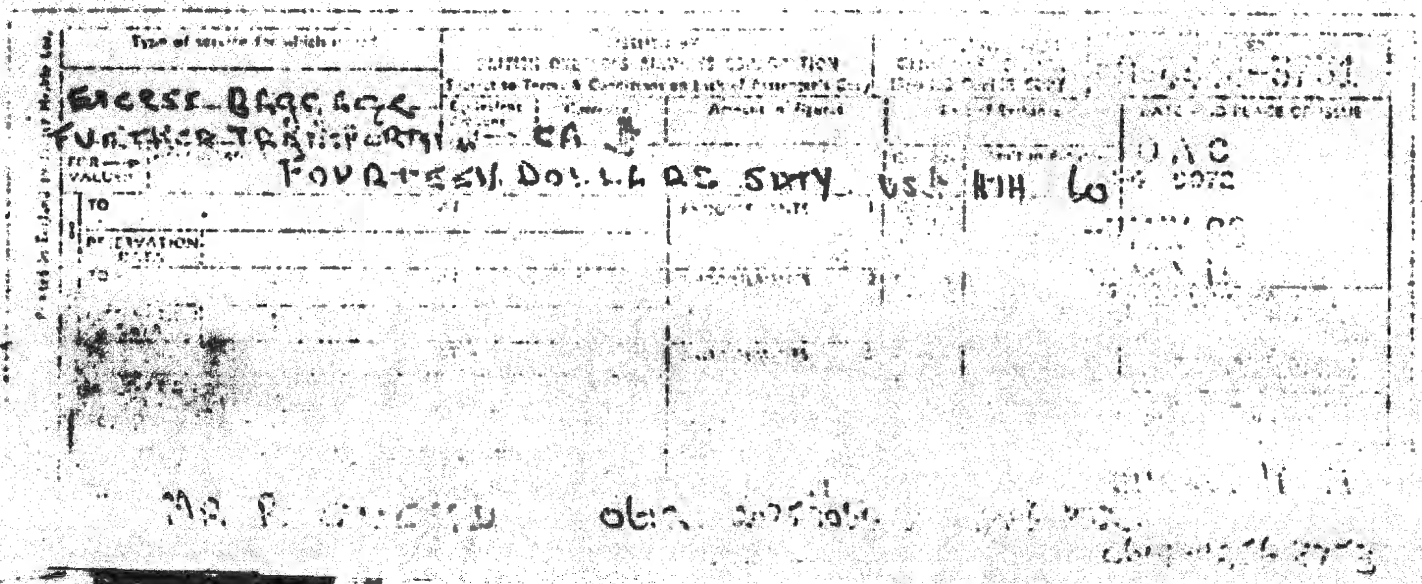
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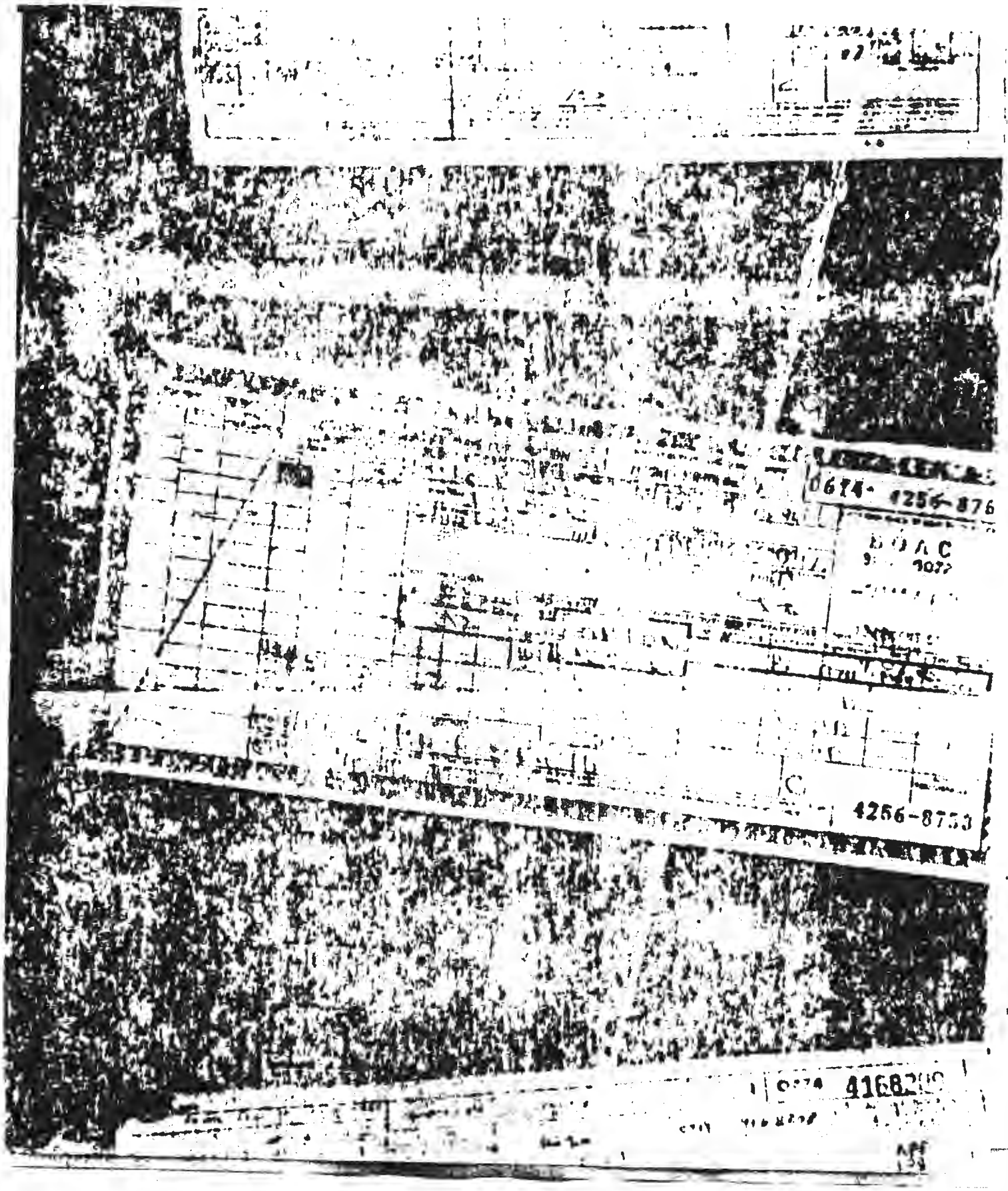
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Date: 6/7/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles tel 6/7/68.

Re [redacted] Pasadena, California.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two xeroxed copies of article captioned "Secrecy Shrouds Mystery Man in King Slaying" as appeared in Los Angeles Times 4/13/68.

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After Citing Out His [illegible] Messages Offers [illegible]

BY [illegible]

[illegible] Nine days 21 hours after the name Eric Starvo Galt first appeared publicly in the investigation of the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, it still was [illegible] a man of [illegible]

FBI [illegible] persistently declined [illegible] ing [illegible] under that [illegible] to comment on [illegible]

So [illegible] the name Galt [illegible] Bell direct toward [illegible] investigation, [illegible] with [illegible] the name Galt [illegible] to keep it [illegible]

But it [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] public [illegible] Impossible. [illegible] Allen

[illegible]

The [illegible] All [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Week, the presence of the Mustang in Atlanta was not reported until Tuesday. It became increasingly clear Friday that FBI agents had been seeking a white Mustang for several days, possibly as early as last Friday—the day after the slaying.

Check With Union

Percy Strickland, a telephone repairman who lives in the rooming house, said Thursday he had heard the name of Eric Galt plenty the last week. The FBI had talked to everybody in the rooming house."

Then it was learned Friday that long before the Mustang was found FBI agents had checked with [illegible] the Maritime Union of America [illegible] a "line about an Eric Galt.

In obtaining his driver's license, the man named Galt had given his occupation as an unemployed seaman.

Agents also checked with one of the largest fishing companies in the Alabama gulf area and in Coast Guard files in Washington before the Mustang was found, it was learned.

The name of Eric Galt might never have come to public attention if newsmen in Atlanta had not caught a glimpse of the license number on the Mustang was being towed away Thursday by the FBI.

Cited in FBI Bulletin

The license, Alabama J-38503, is the same number as that cited in an FBI bulletin issued Thursday in Miami, an alert that sought help in finding Galt. The bulletin said he was last seen driving a white Mustang with that number.

As far as is publicly known, the only direct link between the auto impounded in Atlanta and the Memphis slaying is the make and color.

Witnesses who reported seeing a white Mustang drive away from the Memphis murder scene did not get a license number.

Dr. King was assassinated shortly after 6 p.m. Memphis time April 4, or shortly after 7 p.m. Atlanta time.

The Mustang registered to Galt was first reported seen in Atlanta on the morning of April 5, although witnesses differ in this respect. One said she saw it as early as 7 a.m. Two others told that they saw it being parked at 8:30 or 9.

400 Miles Apart

The distance from Memphis to Atlanta is about 400 miles. Taking into account the one-hour loss because of the time zone change, a driver traveling [illegible] could have left Memphis [illegible] the [illegible] Atlanta as early as 8 a.m. the next day.

The automobile was found in the parking lot of the Capitol Homes Development, a garden-type project designed for low income families, about five blocks from the State Capitol, past which Dr. King's funeral procession passed Tuesday, four days after the Mustang was first sighted in Atlanta.

The Rev. Bo Powell notified police about the car Thursday, after receiving a call from a member of his [illegible] City Methodist Church. He said he had hesitated at first because "if such a big world and there are so many white Mustangs."

When city detectives arrived, said Mr. Powell, they "didn't appear too [illegible]."

[illegible] arrived late and soon "were all over the place."

Johnny Nielsen, a 13 year-old boy, said he noticed a large amount of cigaret or cigar ash on the front seat, a great deal of red mud on the front floorboard and used 1967 license tags on a lodge in the back window.

Two Mexican "Turist" decals of red, white and green were on the back and side windows, he said, indicating, perhaps that the owner had visited Mexico recently.

This, of course, led to speculation that if the car owner had any connection with the assassination he might have escaped a Mexican hiding place or like—or a jumping off place to South America.

Dulles Report Denied

Dulles reports indicated the search for the assassin had spread to Mexico, although the U.S. ambassador [illegible] Mexico [illegible] denied that a report was made to Mexican officials to join the hunt.

Police in Atlanta said they have not been asked to participate in the FBI investigation here, whatever its mysterious nature.

When [illegible] telephoned [illegible] Gov. [illegible] Lt. [illegible] reported [illegible] Memphis [illegible] "This means they [illegible] wanted him questioned or picked up."

Still later, after [illegible] withdrawn with the puzzling explanation that it had been released by mistake.

The FBI would make absolutely no comment about these unusual procedures, although the possibility [illegible]

"If [illegible] Assistant Chief [illegible]

The man [illegible] the gun [illegible] white [illegible] 25 years old, about 5 feet 11 inches and 175 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair. The description circulated by federal authorities the night Dr. King was shot

Gun sale records of a Birmingham dealer believed to have sold the rifle used to kill Dr. King reportedly have been seized by the FBI here, and the dealer has acknowledged that he was questioned by agents Monday.

However, he said he could neither confirm nor deny that his firm had sold the rifle that had killed the civil rights leader because his records have been impounded.

The gun, found near the assassination scene, was traced to him through the wholesaler who purchased it from the manufacturer, it was reported.

Meanwhile, Memphis police said they still were [illegible] Negro [illegible] Negro who claimed he had information about reports of an alleged police chase of the assassin in or the city's outskirts soon after the shooting.

He said he had reported reports from a "police lieutenant" that he was chasing a white Mustang. The lieutenant he named has denied making any such report and that he was involved in a chase.

[illegible] Sketches being used in the [illegible] slayers of Dr. Martin Luther King include [illegible] being used by [illegible] and with [illegible] provided by the FBI, and the other based on description given by [illegible] [illegible] leaving town where the [illegible]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 6/11/68

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Legat, [redacted] called from London at 3:15 p. m. this afternoon. Assistant Attorney General Vinson had a press conference this morning at 10:15 a. m. During the conference he praised police cooperation between the FBI, the RCMP and Scotland Yard. He attempted to straighten out the record claiming that he had not interrogated subject Ray but that he had briefly seen him. The papers had previously reported that Vinson had interrogated Ray. Vinson became flustered when he was questioned by the reporters regarding the movements of Ray in several countries. Being unable to answer the questions, he eventually replied "No comment." In answer to questioning, Vinson stated that two sets of extradition papers were being sent to the British Home Office.

Vinson told [redacted] that he had been discussing this case with the Attorney General. Extradition papers are to be placed on a 7:00 p. m. plane from Washington to London. The AG apparently told Vinson there was a delay in forwarding these papers inasmuch as the FBI had had difficulty in locating a witness by the name of Stephens. (Stephens has not been located as yet, however, this is not delaying the filing of the extradition papers.) Vinson told [redacted] that the Department would possibly call upon the FBI to place the extradition papers on the evening plane. I told [redacted] that we had not received such a request.

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Vinson has booked reservations on a flight to depart London on Thursday, 6/13/68, at 2:00 p. m. Vinson has continued his efforts to inspect security measures at Wandsworth Prison. The British Home Secretary's office has informed U. S. Ambassador Bruce that Vinson will not be allowed this privilege. Ambassador Bruce was flatly told that it would be an insult to the British Government for Vinson to inspect security measures at Wandsworth. Vinson has asked the AG to contact Undersecretary of State Katzenbach so that a request can be made through diplomatic channels. [redacted] doubts that Vinson will be allowed to inspect Wandsworth's security measures despite pressure brought on by the American Government.

Our Paris Legat, [redacted] has completed his investigation in Lisbon, Portugal. Sources in Portugal have sent letters to all banks inquiring if Ray had funds deposited therein or had rented a safe deposit box.

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DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
Re: MURKIN

The results of this check will not be in for several days. Legat [redacted] has no further leads remaining. I told [redacted] to order [redacted] back to Paris so that he could immediately prepare a letterhead memorandum regarding the results of his investigation. This memorandum will first be reviewed by SA Martindale and then will be sent to FBI Headquarters. [redacted] will leave Portugal tomorrow morning, 6/12/68, at 10:45 a. m.

SA Martindale has spent most of his time at Scotland Yard assisting the representatives of our London Office. Investigation thus far by Scotland Yard has shown that subject Ray cannot be placed anywhere in London until the date of May 28, 1968, when he checked into the New Earl's Court Hotel. On June 5, 1968, subject Ray checked into the Pax Hotel and remained there until he checked out to travel to Brussels, Belgium. One source has advised that subject Ray told him he planned to go to Rhodesia.

Subject Ray thus far has not indicated any willingness to reveal anything. Chief Superintendent Butler has advised [redacted] that Ray, en route from the London Airport to Scotland Yard, was advised by Butler that there was reason to believe the subject's name was James Earl Ray. The subject allegedly turned white and did not deny this allegation, however, on the other hand, he did not admit anything.

[redacted] has now put in an official request, through Embassy channels, to interview Ray. The Home Office will make the final decision. Ray must give his permission before such an interview can take place. This request was specifically mentioned to Vinson, who replied, "By all means." This should not have been done. M

[redacted] still believes that there will be a minimum of three and a half weeks to a maximum of six weeks before extradition can take place. Even after the order of extradition is given, there will be a 15-day waiting period in which subject can make an appeal if he so desires. In the event he does desire to appeal, there will of course be further delay in extradition.

I specifically asked [redacted] what his recommendations were concerning the men from FBI Headquarters who are currently in London. He stated that he was keeping these men busy and that frankly, he felt it would be cheaper in the long run to let them remain in London rather than returning to Washington and then having to go back upon subject's extradition. [redacted] raised the point that there of course was the possibility that subject Ray at any time might indicate he was perfectly willing to be returned to the United States and that he would sign any papers certifying this fact. If this happens, our representatives must be in a position to move fast. Consequently, [redacted] feels that our representatives should remain in London.

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DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
Re: MURKIN

I agree with [redacted] in this recommendation, as does Rosen. We should, however, make a check after the next hearing to be held on June 19, 1968, to see if there still appears to be a maximum of four to six weeks before the subject will be extradited. In this event, consideration might be given to having our Agents return rather than remain in London for an extended period of time.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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June 5, 1968

[redacted]
Houston, Texas 77003

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of May 30th enclosing a clipping from your local paper has been received. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending this to me and am encouraged by your kind remarks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 7
JUN 5 1968
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NOTE: Bufiles indicate one prior outgoing to correspondent dated 5-1-68 in response to his letter sending a clipping from "The Houston Chronicle" concerning the Bureau's investigation of Martin Luther King's assassination.

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Houston, Texas
May 30, 1968

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Washington, D. C.

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Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE

Hunt for Ray Futile

By CARL T. ROWAN

WASHINGTON — The disappearance of the slayer of Dr Martin Luther King becomes more eerie and revolting with every passing day.


Rowan

The FBI has not come up with a single meaningful trace of James Earl Ray, the Number 1 suspect, since I revealed several weeks ago that the investigation had taken on international implications.

Even with $100,000 or so of reward money lying around, the FBI hasn't so much as a hot tip or a rumor worth pursuing with hope.

In my earlier column, I deliberately did not reveal that a massive dragnet had been set up in Mexico. It was there that Ray had met with some characters who led FBI and other intelligence agents to suspect involvement of a foreign power. But investigators did not want the suspect tipped off as to the intensity of the search south of the border.

But it has revealed nothing.

"WE'VE COVERED Mexico, Canada, and the United States like a blanket," one high-level source tells me. "If Ray were alive in any of these places, I can't conceive of our not locating him by now."

Thus, the men who were clinging doggedly to the theory that King's killer was a berserk loner have now swung over to the belief that a hired killer planned the murder and the escape meticulously. But was it Ray — or were the seemingly clumsy clues left behind just decoys? And who did the hiring?

The truth is that the FBI has not located a single trace of Ray since he supposedly abandoned his white Mustang in Atlanta on April 5, the day after the Nobel Prize-winning Negro clergyman was slain in a Memphis, Tenn, motel. In fact, the FBI does not really have solid evidence that it was Ray who abandoned the car in Atlanta.

BUT THE massive investigation has turned up more information about Ray and his family. The most significant — and most galling in some Washington circles — is that Ray was peddling dope while in prison in Missouri State Penitentiary from 1960 to April 1967.

As the magnitude of Ray's narcotics peddling has been revealed, top law enforcement officers here have started aghast at the evidence that guards in most prisons are so easily bribed into sending almost anything into or out of a prison.

Some investigators have concluded that our penal system is rotten to the core, and they have sent screams to the top of our government that it is high time someone planned a complete overhaul.

A SERIOUS question arises now as to how long the FBI can, or will, continue a concentrated search for Dr King's killer. Already, student turmoil on scores of campuses has dictated the shifting of considerable manpower to the watching of these activities.

There are some worrisome connections between rioters on the various campuses. For example, one of the leaders of the Columbia University demonstrations recently showed up at American University here, trying to agitate students into putting some "muscle" into their protest.

So this confluence of demands on agents' time has led even some FBI personnel to each earlier pessimistic predictions that "they'll never catch Dr King's killer."

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May 1, 1968

[redacted]
Houston, Texas 77003

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of April 25th, with enclosure, and certainly appreciate your courtesy in furnishing this material. I am indeed grateful for your favorable remarks and expression of support of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent. Our last correspondence with "The Houston Chronicle" was outgoing 2-15-66 expressing appreciation to Mr. M. E. Walter upon his retirement as Vice President and editorial consultant. Up to that time we had enjoyed prior limited cordial relations with that paper. By airtel 4-26-68, Houston furnished a copy of this editorial and pointed out SAC's contact with Mr. Everett D. Collier, Vice President and Editor, wherein Collier was straightened out concerning the facts in this case. The Director commented, "Collier should have taken his ire out on A. G. & not the FBI."

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Houston, Texas
Apr. 25, 1968

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Washington, D. C.

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Enclosed is an editorial from a Texas paper, which maybe of interest. However, I do not agree with it. When all the facts about this case are all known, I'm sure the F. B. I. will shine brighter than ever.

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HOUSTON CHRONICLE
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Editorials

FBI loses some of its shine

The hunt for the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has taken some odd turns, and one of the more unusual ones is the way the Justice Department and its agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, have been behaving.

Immediately after the killing Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark exuded optimism about an arrest. "We are very close," he said. A few days later he said he hoped to provide a picture of the suspect. But it was not until a week after the murder that the FBI inadvertently disclosed the name of Eric Starvo Galt.

And so it has gone since April 4. Clark's optimism has faded, and the FBI has seemed almost intent on keeping the public confused.

The FBI's image as the smoothest man-hunting agency was tarnished by the length of time taken to identify the fingerprints of Galt as those of ex-convict James Earl Ray. It was 15 days after the assassination. In question is whether it really took that long or whether the FBI was withholding the information.

It was not until Sunday that the FBI put Galt or Ray on its most wanted list. The success of the list in apprehending wanted persons over the years has been good. It is hard to understand why the description and photo of Galt were not released as soon as they were uncovered.

The FBI could never be accused of being loose-lipped, but the most wanted list was a creation of its director, J. Edgar Hoover. He has always been proud of the role it has played in apprehending those unfortunate enough to be listed.

We wonder if the recent policy adopted by the American Bar Assn. against pre-trial publicity has unduly influenced the FBI. If this is the case, the results are plain enough. The public linking of Galt and Ray was made about two weeks after the killing, and no one has yet been apprehended.

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FBI

Date: 6/7/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: MEMPHIS

Re San Francisco teletype, dated 6/5/68, and report of SA JOE C. HESTER, dated 6/5/68, at Memphis.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of an FD-302, dated June 7, 1968, reflecting the results of interview of [redacted] Two copies each of this FD-302 are enclosed for Kansas City, Memphis, and New Orleans.

Observations of the San Francisco Office Relative to the Interview of [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed during the morning of June 4, 1968, and the interview was continued after a break for lunch. During this entire interview, [redacted] rambled, was vague, incoherent, inconsistent, and evasive. The entire impression created was that [redacted] was looking for attention. It is believed that he was not truthful at all times in that any knowledge that he has concerning JAMES EARL RAY could have easily been obtained by reading newspapers and could be spiced by his knowledge of New Orleans where he was arrested in 1967. [redacted] stated that JUN 13 1968 he has lied on

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many occasions, but he was telling the truth now. His story would vary from time to time.

By teletype dated June 6, 1968, the Philadelphia, New York, and Newark Offices were advised that [redacted] had furnished those offices with inaccurate and unreliable information.

San Francisco does not contemplate a reinterview of [redacted] at this time unless directed to do so by the Bureau, Memphis, or Kansas City.

New Orleans is being furnished copies of this communication; however, no lead is being set out for New Orleans to conduct specific investigation. It is noted that New Orleans conducted an [redacted] investigation regarding [redacted] during 1967 at which time he was using the names [redacted] and [redacted]

Report in preparation.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date June 7, 1968

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted] was interviewed in the San Francisco County Jail, Hall of Justice Building, San Francisco, California, on June 4, 1968.

[redacted] advised that his true name was [redacted] although he was confined to the San Francisco County Jail under the name [redacted] stated he was born on [redacted], in [redacted] He stated he is being held on a charge of [redacted] and his trial date is [redacted]

[redacted] related he was arrested in New York City, New York, about [redacted] and has been in custody ever since except for a week in November, 1967. He advised that in November, 1967, he was released [redacted] He advised he was returned to California and since returning to California has been confined first in the San Francisco City Jail and then the San Francisco County Jail, located on the sixth and seventh floors respectively of the Hall of Justice Building.

He advised that his wife is [redacted] New York City, New York. He advised she was a [redacted] who formerly worked for [redacted] not otherwise identified. He related his wife is pregnant and expecting a baby in the next two weeks.

[redacted] advised that he had written a letter which he gave to [redacted] while they were both confined in San Francisco City Jail. He advised that this letter was entirely a figment of his imagination and had no basis in fact except that he said he knew a man by the name of GALT in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1967.

[redacted] stated after examining the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that he saw RAY who was using the name JIMMY GALT in the Roosevelt Hotel bar in New Orleans, Louisiana, in April, 1967, late in the month, or May, 1967.

On 6/4/68 at San Francisco, California File # SF 173-65

by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 6/6/68

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[redacted] related he was using the name [redacted] at this time. He related that eventually he was arrested in the City of New Orleans and was booked under the name [redacted]

He advised that he did not consider the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY wherein RAY is wearing sunglasses to be a good likeness. He related that the photograph showing RAY in a business suit with a white shirt and wearing a tie was a good likeness of the man he knew as JIMMY GALT. He described JIMMY GALT as a white male American, 180 to 190 pounds, 5'10", and having black hair. He advised he never paid any attention to GALT's eyes. He stated he could not recall any scars on his forehead or hands. He was unable to describe the nose and made no remarks concerning the chin. He advised that GALT wore a watch and a diamond pinky ring. He also wore sunglasses with a black frame. He advised that he met RAY in the bar at the Poosevelt Hotel in New Orleans.

[redacted] advised that he had won some money gambling and was in New Orleans to enjoy himself and to see if he could make any other scores. He stated he was aware that the State of California wanted him at that time.

He advised that he had frequented the Hotel Roosevelt bar for several days and noticed RAY, or GALT as he was called, in the bar and eventually met him. He advised that GALT had a great deal of money. He stated it was his belief that he could have had as much as $25,000 and this was based upon the fact that he saw GALT take money out of his pocket and that he had several $50 and/or $100 bills in his possession. He advised after seeing GALT with this roll that he decided he wanted to get to know him and to get to know where his residence was located so that he could get the money from him. He advised he intended to burglarize GALT's residence if necessary.

He advised that after talking with GALT at the bar in the Poosevelt Hotel that he eventually told GALT that he was wanted by the police. He advised that he saw GALT several times during a two or three week period. He advised that eventually GALT indicated that he also had done time but had been out for five or six years.

He described GALT as being very quiet, did not like Negro people, and seemed to enjoy gambling.

He related GALT never took him to his residence. He advised it was his belief that GALT lived either with his brother or his uncle in New Orleans, Louisiana. He stated this was based upon the fact that they went riding in an automobile one afternoon and that they drove by a house which was located three or four blocks from the French market and also near a big church, and GALT indicated he lived there.

He advised that the automobile they were riding in belonged to GALT's girl friend.

He advised that this house was located about ten or twelve blocks from Canal Street and five or six blocks from a big church, stating that the street had big houses on it and that at least two families lived in the building.

He advised it was his recollection that he was introduced to GALT by a barmaid in the Roosevelt Hotel. [redacted] stated that he frequented the bar every night and was so well known there that he could even leave a tab. He advised that he cannot recall the barmaid's name or her description. He stated it was his recollection that the bartender was a white male American, about 55 years of age, with gray hair, wearing glasses, who was short and stocky. He stated this bartender had a helper behind the bar who was either of Mexican or Spanish extraction.

[redacted] stated GALT was frequently in the company of women and he believed that the girl he was with most of the time was named [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) who came from some place in the South, possibly Montgomery, Alabama. [redacted] stated that it was his belief or recollection that [redacted] was a friend of a girl who had worked at JACK RUBY's place in Dallas, Texas. He advised that also in RAY's company was another woman by the name of [redacted] and that he believes she might have been from Los Angeles, California, and had some connection with a bar either as an owner or a prospective purchaser.

[redacted] related that although he met GALT in the bar at the Roosevelt Hotel, that he also saw him in a restaurant or bar across the street from the Royal Orleans Hotel and near Napoleon's Bar. He remarked that the Royal Orleans Hotel had a bar called the Touche Bar which opened after 4:00 p.m. He advised that located on a corner immediately adjacent to the Royal Orleans Hotel was Napoleon's Bar and that further down in the block was a small bar which had a large back room entirely devoted to gambling. He advised that he was in this small bar with the back room for gambling with GALT on at least one occasion and that GALT placed bets in this room with a girl named [redacted]

He stated that a city building was located across the street from the Royal Orleans Hotel and that very close to this city building was a bar called Sinatraville. He advised that the bartender or owner of this establishment would know GALT and would know [redacted] as [redacted]

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He stated that if the owner of the Sinatraville were contacted, that he should be asked about the little blonde girl that came from Mississippi or Alabama, the one who quit her job. He stated that the owner should be asked if he has seen [redacted] or [redacted] recently.

He advised that there was a restaurant located over the Absinthe House and that he was in this restaurant on one occasion with JIMMY GALT.

[redacted] related that after he had been in New Orleans a short time he was arrested and was held in jail for a few days, and after he got out went back to the bar, Sinatraville, inquired about the girl and was told that RAY had gone to a place in Mexico. [redacted] could not remember the exact dates for the above.

He related that also during the time that he was in New Orleans, a girl he was out with one night got picked up by the police. He stated that he immediately got in contact with the syndicate through a bartender at the Touche Bar in the Roosevelt Hotel and that this girl was then released almost immediately.

He advised that during the time he was in New Orleans that MATT MONROE (phonetic), a singer, was appearing in the Roosevelt Hotel. [redacted] related that he got to know MATT MONROE and KENNY (Last Name Unknown), MATT MONROE's pianist. He related that on one occasion they went to a bar on Bourbon Street and that JIMMY GALT came in and joined them. He related MATT MONROE resided at the hotel during his engagement.

[redacted] advised that during the time he was in New Orleans, the Japanese International Floating Fair was in town. He advised that he became very well known aboard this ship and in fact was able to have the Mayor of New Orleans declare one of the officials connected with the Japanese International Floating Fair an honorary citizen of the City of New Orleans.

He advised, Maybe RAY killed him. I believe that RAY was hired. Both men were killed by the same people. He related that by both men he meant President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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He stated, 'I have no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts. I believe RAY is alive and is either in New Orleans or Rio de Janeiro, South America.'

He stated he believes he might have RAY's New Orleans telephone number in some notebooks which he had but which are now in the possession of a District Attorney in New York City as a result of his having been arrested in New York City.

He stated, "I believe that I could locate RAY or his body through making calls or contacts."

He said he had no knowledge of RAY's whereabouts and had no knowledge that RAY was dead.

It was his opinion that President JOHN F. KENNEDY and Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING were killed by the same people. He said it was his belief that the same people are responsible for these two deaths and that the money came from the same people. He advised that it was his belief that President KENNEDY was killed because Cuban exiles held him responsible for the death of Cuban patriots in the Bay of Pigs invasion. He stated it was his opinion that these same Cuban exiles were responsible for the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING because the United States had not supported an invasion which was to be led by a RAOUL TIGAPT (phonetic). He advised that this man named RAOUL TIGART was captured by CASTRO forces.

He advised that in July, 1964, he was able to become very friendly with some men in Trenton, New Jersey, who were connected with the syndicate. He advised that a man known as [redacted] or [redacted] (Last Name Unknown) who had done time at Leavenworth but was now a wealthy man had a phone booth registered to [redacted] in Trenton, New Jersey. He advised this man, [redacted] came to him and asked him if he wanted to make a million dollars and that he could make a million dollars by 'knocking a guy off. [redacted] stated that he told [redacted] you have your own men, why don't they do it. [redacted] responded that he did not want to get involved.

He advised that [redacted] checked him out and later indicated that he should get in contact with MARIA CASTRO at the Rio de Janeiro Hotel, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

He advised that he did call MARIA CASTRO at the Rio de Janeiro Hotel. He stated at the time he made this call he was accompanied by a girl by the name of [redacted] who lives in Philadelphia. He advised that he spoke to MARIA CASTRO through her aid, [redacted] (phonetic), and was offered one million dollars

to kill FIDEL CASTRO. He stated that MARIA CASTRO indicated that they would make all arrangements.

He advised that in talking with MARIA CASTRO she indicated that one million dollars was the same price that was paid for the death of President KENNEDY.

He advised that this [redacted] or [redacted] had a partner by the name of [redacted] (Phonetic), also of Trenton, New Jersey.

He advised that ROBERT KENNEDY wanted him to help work the HOFFA case and that a man known as [redacted] contacted him to help him organize cab drivers in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

He advised that during the time he was in New Orleans in 1967 that he called Mr. GARRISON several times but GARRISON never came to the Sheraton Hotel to see him. He stated he wanted to talk to GARRISON about the death of President KENNEDY but got no response. He advised that he had information to furnish GARRISON about the KENNEDY case. He related that both ROBERT KENNEDY and Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY had written to him in November, 1963, when he was confined in the New Jersey State Prison. He related that he had written to Mr. ROBERT KENNEDY and Mrs. JOHN F. KENNEDY after the death of President KENNEDY. He stated, "If I told my theory, I would be killed. My theory about the KENNEDY and KING murders."

He stated that he had written a letter to the "Saturday Evening Post" in New York City about the KENNEDY case and that this letter was written in either February or March, 1968.

He advised that he had just prepared a script for a motion picture regarding the KENNEDY case for which he received the sum of $5,000 from Leonard Anderson (phonetic) Associates in New York City.

He advised that FRANK HOGAN, the District Attorney in New York City, had in his possession personal property belonging to him, [redacted] which consisted of notebooks, cards, etc., which he is certain were they returned to him would be productive in locating some telephone number for GALT (RAY) in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also advised that a [redacted] telephone number [redacted] New Jersey State Penitentiary, a kitchen officer, also has some personal papers of his.

He advised that his San Francisco attorney is [redacted]

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DEAR SIR IN THE INTEREST OF SECURITY THE COMMANDANT OF SUPREME HEADQUARTERS OF THE ALLIED FORCES EUROPE SHOULD BE ALERTED TO TAKE CHARGE OF THE TRANSPORTATION OF JAMES EARL RAY

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CC: Mr. Bishop

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

June 11, 1968

44-38861-4404

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[redacted]
Washington, D. C. 20020

Dear Mr. Joyner:

Your telegram of June 8th has been received and I understand the concern which prompted you to contact me. It was thoughtful of you to furnish me your views regarding the matter you mentioned.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 8, 1968

FROM : S. B. Donahoe

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Subsequent to the public announcement of the arrest of the King assassin, Congressman Dan ~~H.~~ Kuykendall of Memphis, Tennessee, called the Bureau at 12:45 p.m. Saturday.

Congressman Kuykendall said he had been in touch with Special Agent in Charge Jensen on this apprehension. He called the Bureau, however, because he wanted the Director to know that he was extremely proud of the work done by the FBI. He said he was issuing a statement to the press along this line. I told him his comments were very much appreciated and would be relayed to the Director.

ACTION:

Attached is a letter to Congressman acknowledging his call.

Enc. sent 6-10-68

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Morrell
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Donahoe

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Ltr to Rep. Kuykendall
6-10-68
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June 10, 1968

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Honorable Dan H. Kuykendall
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have been advised of your telephone call on June 8th and want to thank you for your very kind remarks concerning our investigation in connection with the slaying of Martin Luther King.

You may be sure I appreciate your continued support and it is the hope of all of us in the FBI that our future efforts will merit the confidence you have placed in us.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 7
JUN 10 1968
COMM-FBI

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NOTE: See Memorandum S. B. Donahoe to Mr. DeLoach, dated 6-8-68 captioned "MURKIN"; SBD:kem. Congressman Kuykendall is a Freshman congressman and we have had limited but cordial correspondence with him. He has previously expressed his support of the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 10, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
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At 9:10 p. m., 6-10-68, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Department contacted Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted] He started his conversation by saying he "wondered if anything had come in recently in connection with Ray from any of our offices here or abroad." He was asked if he had anything specific in mind and he said that on 6-7-68, the Attorney General had requested to be advised in writing of all developments.

He then went on to say that Mr. DeLoach had told him he was sending over a copy of a one-page cablegram from London which came in on 6-10-68, concerning Ray's appearance in court in London, but that he had not received this. He was advised that SA [redacted] was not in a position to know what information had previously been sent to the Department; however, a check would be made. He was asked again if there was any specific items of information he was particularly interested in and Pollak again replied that the Attorney General had requested any pertinent developments be furnished to him in writing. He was asked if he desired any specific action the night of 6-10-68, and he replied "Well, I'll be in my office for a while." He then went on to another topic of conversation.

ACTION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/11/68

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. McGowan
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Gale
1-Mr. Trotter
1-Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Assistant Attorney General Pollak called at 11:55 a. m., 6/10/68. He stated he was sending to Al Rosen the draft affidavits in connection with the extradition proceedings. He indicated that the Solicitor's representative from Tennessee, who is now in England, must have affidavits from the FBI in connection with this matter. Pollak stated that such requests will be held to those individuals necessary to prove probable cause.

Pollak asked if we had received any cablegrams, airtels or teletypes from our Legal Attache in London. I told him we had received one brief cablegram simply reporting the results of the Magistrate Court hearing held at 10:30 a. m., 6/10/68. Pollak stated that he would appreciate the FBI sending a copy of the cablegram to him just so he could tell the Attorney General he had received communications from the FBI. I told him we had no objections to this and would send him a copy of the cablegram in question. I added that the cablegram, however, would simply be duplicative of information already in his possession.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 11, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Callahan

Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, called and stated he had been reviewing reports very carefully which had been submitted in this case. He referred specifically to the interview at the Bushnell Company on April 5, 1968, with reference to a shipment of binoculars to the York Arms Company in Memphis. It was specifically indicated that the serial numbers had not been recorded by the firm. He said the report concerning the binoculars is important because they would like to be able to tie in more specifically the binoculars to the York Company by serial number if possible. He recognized that in this instance the Bushnell Company apparently does not record the serial numbers of their shipments. He wondered if there was any other record which might be in existence to reflect that serial numbers were recorded by the firm. I advised him this had been completely run out; that I would recheck with our Memphis Office. He would like to back up the witnesses who say the binoculars in question were sold to the subject.

Pollak wanted to know whether we were running out all allegations relating to possible conspiracy. He said the reports do not reflect any information concerning a possible conspiracy. He was advised that so far we have not been able to establish that there was any conspiracy and we have been constantly alert to this possibility. Any allegations or possible leads that might be covered to establish a conspiracy existed are being given preferred attention.

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He said there were some allegations in the New York Times about persons who might have known or been in contact with Ray when he was in Canada. I advised him that such allegations are also being run out. These allegations refer to a Chinese woman who says a fat man was in contact with the subject, to a Negro go-go girl, to waiters, etc. The Legat at Ottawa has been furnished this information for immediate attention.

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Re: MURKIN

Pollak mentioned that he would like to be able to have experts identify the photograph of James Earl Ray which depicts Ray with his eyes closed (photograph which Bureau artists drew in eyes later) with a known photograph of Ray. He particularly mentioned the Missouri State fingerprint card taken of Ray back in 1960. He said this would be helpful in supporting any affidavits of identification which might have been based upon looking at the photograph which the Bureau disseminated of Ray. He said that if our experts could state that the photograph which the Bureau disseminated was the same individual who appears in the Missouri prison print, this might be introduced as evidence from an expert witness showing that the picture was identical with a known photograph of Ray.

This matter has been referred to the Laboratory and Exhibits Section of the Administrative Division for consideration.

The Department has prepared drafts of affidavits for execution by certain individuals. We have previously been furnished these drafts on June 10, 1968, and they were called to your attention. Two individuals mentioned, namely, Charles Quitman Stephens, who resides in Memphis, Tennessee, has been out of pocket and he has not been located as yet. They are continuing to look for him so the Department may contact him for the purpose of getting him to sign the affidavits which they have prepared. Stephens is the individual who saw a side view of the subject when he resided in the rooming house in Memphis. This was the rooming house from which the subject fired at King.

We are also looking for John Webster Deshazo, who was a customer at the Aeromarine Supply Company in Birmingham, Alabama, where the gun was purchased. He identified a photograph of the subject as the person who purchased the gun. Deshazo is on vacation in Colorado. We are presently looking for him.

ACTION:

The above is for your information.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

CORDRA YORK, SR., YORK ARMS, MEMPHIS, TENN., INTERVIEWED THIS DATE RE ACQUISITION OF SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BANNER BINOCULARS. YORK STATED REVIEW OF RECORDS HIS FIRM LOCATED INVOICE NO.D THREE THREE ZERO SIX FIVE, DATED OCTOBER THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN, WHEREIN YORK ARMS CO. RECEIVED FROM D. P. BUSHNELL & CO., INC., PASADENA, CALIF., A SHIPMENT OF SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BANNER BINOCULARS. YORK SAYS ORDER PLACED ON OCTOBER TWENTY, SIXTYSEVEN, AND SIX PAIRS BINOCULARS TO BE PLACED IN SNAP TOP CASES. BINOCULARS SHIPPED ON OCTOBER THIRTY, SIXTYSEVEN, ACCORDING TO INVOICE, AND BILLING DATE OF INVOICE LISTED AS OCTOBER THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN.

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YORK SAID HE RECEIVED OTHER SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BANNER BINOCULARS IN JANUARY, SIXTYEIGHT, AND IN APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT THESE WERE WIDE ANGLE BINOCULARS AND RETAILED FOR HIGHER PRICE. HE ALSO SAID THAT IF SALESMAN RALPH CARPENTER HAD TO GO TO WINDOW SHOWCASE TO REMOVE PAIR OF BINOCULARS THEY WERE IN ALL PROBABILITY LAST PAIR IN STOCK. HE SAID THEY REORDER PERIODICALLY FROM D.P.

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BUSHNELL & CO., INC., AS SUPPLY DIMINISHES. YORK SAID THERE IS NO RECORD KEPT BY HIS FIRM OR RECEIVED FROM BUSHNELL IDENTIFYING THE BINOCULARS BY SERIAL NO. REVIEW OF YORK ARMS RECORDS FAILED TO LOCATE SUBSEQUENT INVOICE TO SHOW PURCHASES OF SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BANNER BINOCULARS IN SNAP TOP CASES SINCE INVOICE DATED OCTOBER THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN. REVIEW OF STOCK ON HAND DID SHOW ONE PAIR OF THE SEVEN BY THIRTYFIVE BINOCULARS WHICH RETAILED AT A THIRTYNINE NINETYFIVE PRICE. THESE BINOCULARS HE SAID WERE IDENTICAL TO THOSE SOLD BY SALESMAN RALPH CARPENTER IN THIS CASE EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE IN ZIPPER TYPE CASE RATHER THAN SNAP TOP CASE. YORK SAID MOST OF CUSTOMERS PURCHASING BINOCULARS PREFER THE SNAP TYPE CASE AND HE HAS EXCHANGED CASES TO SATISFY CUSTOMERS' REQUESTS. OF OPINION THIS MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IN THIS INSTANCE.

INFO PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FROM BUREAU THAT ONE R. W. TROTTER TELEPHONE [redacted] CUNNINGHAM, TENN., TELEPHONED PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, EVENING JUNE SEVEN. TROTTER REPORTEDLY SAID HE WAS KILLER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THAT HE KNEW GIRL IN POLKA DOT DRESS AT SCENE OF SHOOTING OF

SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY IN LOS ANGELES. MONTGOMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPRESENTATIVES, SHERIFF JOEL PLUMMER AND DEPUTIES [redacted] AND [redacted], STATE ROBERT WADE TROTTER IS RESIDENT OF CUNNINGHAM, TENN. WHO HAS IN PAST SERVED PRISON SENTENCE. [redacted] INVESTIGATION BASED ON COMPLAINTS OF TROTTER HAS SHOWN HIS INFO IN EACH INSTANCE INACCURATE AND UNRELIABLE. SHERIFF PLUMMER AND HIS TWO DEPUTIES ALL CONSIDER TROTTER COMPLETELY UNRELIABLE, UNTRUSTWORTHY[redacted] EFFORTS MADE BY SA TO INTERVIEW TROTTER, JUNE EIGHT LAST, RE PHONE CALL MADE TO WASHINGTON EARLIER THAT MORNING. TROTTER ISSUED IMMEDIATE DENIAL AND STATED HE WAS SUPPORTER OF GEORGE WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT AND CLAIMED IF WALLACE ELECTED HE, TROTTER, WOULD BE BIG MAN.

TROTTER FURTHER DENIED MAKING PHONE CALL AND DENIED HE HAD INFO CONCERNING MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING OR MURDER OF SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY. HE REFUSED FURTHER INTERVIEWS BY AGENT AND DEPUTIES WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED AGENT TO RESIDENCE OF TROTTER.

DEPUTY [redacted] OF MONTGOMERY CO. SO ADVISED HE HAD LEARNED THAT MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS R. W. TROTTER, TELEPHONE [redacted] CUNNINGHAM, TENN., HAD PLACED LONG DISTANCE PHONE CALL TO GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE, MONTGOMERY, ALA., SHORTLY BEFORE ONE A. M., JUNE EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, BUT OFFICE OF GOVERNOR REFUSED CALL. THIS SAME PERSON AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE FIFTYTWO A.M., TELEPHONED PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, D. C., AND TALKED FOR MORE THAN EIGHT MINUTES WHEN PHONE WAS HUNG UP. SHORTLY AFTER ONE A.M., SAME INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED HE WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE CALL TO PENTAGON AS PHONE CALL WAS CUT OFF. SAME INDIVIDUAL REPORTEDLY AGAIN WAS IN CONTACT WITH PENTAGON FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN MINUTES.

IN VIEW OF INFORMATION FURNISHED BY SHERIFF PLUMMER AND DEPUTIES INDICATING TROTTER UNTRUSTWORTHY, AND IN VIEW OF ATTITUDE DURING HIS INTERVIEW, NO FURTHER ACTION BEING TAKEN CONCERNING TROTTER.

A & D. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: June 11, 1968

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (44-769)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Jacksonville dated 5/27/68 and Jacksonville airtel to Director dated 5/22/68. Referenced communication requested Jacksonville at Panama City to conduct investigation requested in Atlanta airtel dated 5/8/68, in an attempt to locate and apprehend [redacted]

For the information of Bureau and Phoenix, this investigation is completed and contained in referenced Jacksonville airtel.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 11, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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This is the case involving the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division of the Department, called at approximately 3:50 p. m., and advised the Department had a package of papers they desired to make arrangements to have delivered to London tonight on the 8 p. m., TWA Flight 704 leaving from Dulles Airport. It is noted this flight arrives in London at 8:05 a. m., London time, at Heathrow Airport. Pollak advised he understood from Assistant Attorney General Vinson, who is in London, that the Bureau on occasion with some of its criminal cases had been able to make arrangements with pilots for expeditious carrying of such packages in emergency instances.

An attempt was made to reach Pollak at 4:15 p. m., concerning this matter to let him know the Bureau would make arrangements for delivery of the package. At 5:25 p. m., Bob Owen of the Civil Rights Division of the Department finally advised they did desire help from the Bureau in getting papers concerning the extradition of Ray to Dulles Airport. Nathan Lewin of the Department advised the material that was to be delivered to London should be picked up at the office of Mr. Mark Feldman, Assistant Legal Adviser, Room 5423, Main State Department Building, Code 182, Extension 5066.

In addition, Assistant Attorney General Pollak advised that he had been in touch with Mr. Vinson in London and Vinson was aware this material would be sent over tonight and that it was being taken to the pilot of the TWA plane who would deliver it to a Bureau representative in London and then made available to Vinson.

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ACTION:

Arrangements were made with ASAC McDermott, Washington Field Office, for the package to be obtained at the ~~State~~ Department and delivered to Dulles Airport for transmittal to London.

Legat [redacted] London, advised 8:10 p. m., 6-11-68, and will handle.

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1 - Foreign Liaison
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TELETYPE SENT BY CODED TELETYPE URGENT

TO LEGAT, OTTAWA

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM LOS ANGELES AND NEW ORLEANS OFFICES JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

[redacted] ADVISED JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM [redacted] ONTARIO, CANADA, ON EVENING OF JUNE TEN, SIXTYEIGHT. DURING COURSE OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] THE RCMP WAS LOOKING FOR [redacted] EARL ANGLIN JAMES, IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF ACTIVITIES OF JAMES EARL RAY WHILE IN CANADA. ACCORDING TO [redacted] EARL ANGLIN JAMES IS SUSPECTED OF BEING, OR HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF, THE "MYSTERIOUS FAT MAN" WHO GAVE RAY AN ENVELOPE WHILE RAY RESIDED AT ROOMING HOUSE LOCATED NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET, TORONTO, CANADA. [redacted] STATED EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS ASSOCIATE OF SUN LOO, INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN

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CHINESE COMMUNITY OF TORONTO, WHO ALSO LIVED ON DUNDAS STREET. [redacted] NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO LOS ANGELES TIMES, JAMES EARL RAY LIVED AT ROOMING HOUSE ON DUNDAS STREET OPERATED BY MRS. SUN LOO. HE ADVISED IF RCMP IS LOOKING FOR [redacted] THEY COULD POSSIBLY OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION FROM SUN LOO.

[redacted] ADVISED EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS SUBPOENAED BY JAMES GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN HIS INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. REYNOLDS SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO INFORMATION IN TORONTO NEWSPAPERS [redacted] RECEIVED SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM DAVID FERRIE, ALLEGEDLY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

[redacted] DESCRIBED EARL ANGLIN JAMES AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, AGE SIXTYNINE, FIVE TEN, TWO TWENTY POUNDS, OBESE, DARK BROWN HAIR, DARK BROWN EYES, SWARTHY COMPLEXION, WEARS MUSTACHE AND GOATEE.

[redacted] REQUESTED NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO INFORMATION HE PROVIDED [redacted]

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RE: MURKIN

[redacted]

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE WAS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT JAMES WAS SUBPOENAED BY GARRISON.

THE FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION TO EFFECT THAT EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS EVER SUBPOENAED BY ORLEANS PARRISH DA JAMES GARRISON IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER MATTER.

DAVID W. FERRIE, DECEASED, AND APPARENT SUSPECT BY GARRISON AS A CONSPIRATOR INTO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS INTERVIEWED BY NEW ORLEANS AGENT ON DECEMBER TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE IN CONNECTION WITH THE CASE ENTITLED "JACK LEON RUBY, AKA; LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA - VICTIM (DECEASED)." FERRIE FURNISHED NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS WHOM HE SAID WERE SOURCES FOR "PHONY" DEGREES. ONE OF THE NAMES HE MENTIONED WAS EARL ANGLIN JAMES OF TORONTO, CANADA. NO FURTHER DATA AVAILABLE RE JAMES.

1 - Mr. Long
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CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO LEGAT, LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

(O) MURKIN.

LEGAT, OTTAWA ADVISED AS FOLLOWS ON JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

FOLLOWING TELEX RECEIVED THAT DATE FROM RCMP, TORONTO: RECORDS OF TORONTO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FAIL TO REVEAL ANY RECORD OF RAY OR KNOWN ALIASES. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR TORONTO IS DR. A. R. J. BOYD, M. D. SUBJECT COULD HAVE OBTAINED VACCINATION FROM ANY RECOGNIZED M. D. AND THEN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WOULD STAMP CERTIFICATE. THE NAME OF THE M. D. HAS TO APPEAR ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE CERTIFICATE. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY NAME APPEARS.

INQUIRIES AT NEW GOREVALLE RESTAURANT PROVE NEGATIVE. RAY PURCHASED TOP COAT AT ANDY'S MEN SHOP AT APPROXIMATELY NOON MAY SIX LAST AND PAID FOR SAME WITH FIFTY DOLLAR CANADIAN BILL. RAY IDENTIFIED BY WIFE OF OWNER OF STORE. RCMP, TORONTO, THEN REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION RE CONTACT BY RAY OF CANADIAN

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON
RE: MURKIN

CRIMINALS IN U.S. PRISONS WHILE INCARCERATED.

INQUIRIES ARE CONTINUING RE LAUNDRY MARKS AND OTHER MATTERS.

IN SUBSEQUENT TELCALL, RCMP, TORONTO, REQUESTED INFO AS TO EXACT LOCATION OF LAUNDRY MARKS TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION. ADVISE.

RCMP, MONTREAL, BY TELEX THAT DATE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: ORIGINALS OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONCERNING BROWN SUIT PURCHASED BY RAY UNDER NAME GALT OBTAINED FROM ENGLISH SCOTCH WOOLEN COMPANY. SUIT ORDERED JULY TWENTYONE, LAST, WHILE RAY RESIDED TWENTYFIVE EIGHTYNINE NOTRE DAME STREET, E., MONTREAL. PAID BY CASH SAME DATE. SUIT MAILED TO RAY UNDER NAME GALT SEPTEMBER NINE, LAST, TO TWENTYSIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA; NO IDENT COULD BE MADE OF RAY BY THIS FIRM.

REQUEST EXACT LOCATION OF MARK T. F. TWO THREE ZERO SEVEN DASH TWO TWO ONE NINE IN ORDER THAT COMPLETE INVESTIGATION CAN BE MADE.

RE TIP TOP NUMBER THREE SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE. SUIT PURCHASED JULY NINETEEN, LAST, UNDER NAME GALT, SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE. NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE MEANS NOTHING THIS POINT. REQUEST NUMBER WRITTEN IN BLUE ON TAG WHICH SHOULD READ N R FIVE FOUR TWO FOUR. CONFIRMATION THIS NUMBER WILL ENABLE OBTAINING OF ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 12, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

At 10:35 p.m., 6-12-68, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, telephonically contacted Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted] He advised that in connection with preparations of affidavits in Memphis, the Department urgently needed six copies of the New Rebel Motor Hotel registration card signed by Eric S. Galt. Pollak asked if we could have these copies flown to Memphis to be available to Departmental Attorney C. Harold Flannery on the morning of 6-13-68.

SA James Mortimer of the Laboratory was contacted and he made available six copies of this registration card.

ACTION:

Washington Field Office was instructed to make arrangements to have these copies delivered to Memphis on the next available flight. SAC Jensen, Memphis, was alerted to the arrival of these documents and was instructed that they should be delivered to Departmental Attorney Flannery.

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Date: 6/12/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

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In view of subject RAY's apprehension, Birmingham is not submitting a report reflecting investigation to locate RAY since report submitted by SA [redacted] Birmingham, 5/20/68. No future report is contemplated unless future action might warrant it.

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Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. McGowan

DATE: 6/12/68

TO : MR. DeLOACH

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 9:45 a.m. today Mr. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, called to advise me that they are still interested in Charlie Q. Stephens from whom they would like to get an affidavit. He is the individual who was in the rooming house in Memphis occupied by subject Ray at the time of the commission of the offense. A memorandum has been submitted to the British authorities, however, they plan to submit a supplementary memorandum in affidavit form upon locating Stephens.

According to Pollak, attorney Flannery is now in Memphis and will be in touch with the Memphis office. Pollak said he understood Stephen's wife was a invalid. I said this was true but I did not know whether she is still living or not and the last we had on Stephens he was living on skid row. I advised Pollak we would let him know just as soon as Stephens or John Webster De Shazo has been located.

De Shazo is the individual who was in the gun shop in Birmingham and picked Ray from a photograph as the individual who purchased the gun in question. De Shazo is presently on a vacation trip in Colorado and Arizona. We have leads out for him and are trying to locate him.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
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Former Agent [redacted] of American Airlines, New York, called to extend congratulations on the occasion of the apprehension of James Earl Ray. He said he knew this represented a lot of hard work over an extended period of time and wanted the Bureau to know he enjoyed reading about it.

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FBI BOSTON

345PM URGENT 6/12/68 IP PJC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM BOSTON 157-644

MURKIN

RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TEN LAST.

SHELLEY CANDIDUS, CUSTOMBER RELATIONS, POLAROID CORP., CAMBRIDGE, MASS., ADVISED TODAY RESULTS OF COMPUTER AND MANUAL CHECK OF PURCHASER REGISTRATIONS FROM JANUARY, SIXTYSEVEN, TO DATE WERE NEGATIVE RE SERIAL NUMBER OF POLAROID CAMERA FOUND ON RAY. RECORDS MAINTAINED BY CORP. FILED BY SERIAL NUMBER ONLY AND NOT BY NAME.

CANDIDUS ADVISED SERIAL NUMBER SIGNIFIES THIS CAMERA MADE IN MONTH OF JANUARY, SIXTYSEVEN.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 13, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This is to confirm information furnished to you by SA [redacted] on June 12, 1968, and also to furnish you additional information subsequently received in this matter. The information set forth herein is based on preliminary communications and complete details will be incorporated in reports setting forth results of investigation.

The following information was furnished to you by Mr. Long on June 12, 1968:

When the subject James Earl Ray was arrested on June 8, 1968, by New Scotland Yard in London, England, the following items were found in his possession:

A .38 caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver of Japanese make; a Polaroid 220 camera; an RCA transistor radio; a light tan raincoat believed purchased on May 6, 1968, in West Toronto, Canada; a brown wool suit with a label bearing the name "Eric Galt" and the date "July 21, 1967"; a blue oxford cloth shirt of Canadian manufacture and bearing a laundry mark; a sport jacket and trousers; a receipt dated May 2, 1968, for $345 on an invoice from the Kennedy Travel Bureau, West Toronto, Canada, for R. Sneyd, 962 Dundas Street, West Toronto, and passport photographs of the subject from the Arcade Photo Studio dated April 11, 1968.

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He also possessed a mimeographed booklet entitled "How to Hypnotize" by Dr. Adolph F. Lonk, Lonk Institute of Hypnotism, Palatine, Illinois; a paper match book from the New Gorevale Restaurant, West Toronto; a can of spray deodorant bearing English and French label from Steinbergs; birth certificate and receipt for certificate issued April 24, 1968, to "Sneyd, Ramon George, DOB October 8, 1932," International Certificate of Vaccination issued by Canadian Department of National Health and Welfare, April 29, 1968, bearing name A. Y. Boyd, M.D., Toronto Health Officer, and a wallet with 60 pounds in five pound notes.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated June 13, 1968, entitled, "MURKIN."

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

Appropriate investigation is being conducted relative to various items set forth above.

[redacted] also advised you of efforts being conducted to trace the binoculars recovered with other items near the scene of the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Cordra York, Sr., of the York Arms Company, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that a review of his records located an invoice dated October 31, 1967, wherein the York Arms Company received from D. P. Bushnell and Company, Incorporated, Pasadena, California, a shipment of 7 x 35 Banner binoculars. Mr. York stated this order was placed on October 20, 1967, for six pairs of binoculars to be placed in snap top cases. The binoculars were shipped on October 30, 1967, according to the invoice; and the billing date was listed as October 31, 1967.

Mr. York said he received other 7 x 35 Banner binoculars in January, 1968, and April, 1968, but these were wide angle binoculars and retailed for a higher price. He also said that if salesman Ralph Carpenter had to go to the window showcase to remove the pair of binoculars, they were in all probability the last pair in stock. He said they reorder periodically from D. P. Bushnell and Company, Incorporated, as the supply diminishes. Mr. York said there is no record kept by his firm or received from the Bushnell Company identifying the binoculars by serial number. A review of the York Arms Company's records fails to indicate a subsequent invoice showing purchases of 7 x 35 Banner binoculars in snap top cases since the invoice dated October 31, 1967. A review of the stock on hand did show one pair of the 7 x 35 binoculars which retailed at a price of $39.95. According to Mr. York these binoculars were identical to those sold by salesman Ralph Carpenter in this matter even though they were in a zipper type case rather than the snap top case. Mr. York said most of his customers purchasing binoculars preferred the snap top case and he has exchanged cases to satisfy customers. He is of the opinion this might have happened in this instance.

As [redacted] previously advised you, an individual using the name of R. W. Trotter telephoned the Pentagon in Washington, D. C., on June 7, 1968, and claimed he was the killer of Martin Luther King, Jr., and knew the girl in the polka dot dress who was at the scene of the shooting of Senator Kennedy in Los Angeles. Trotter denied making the telephone call and denied having any information concerning the murder of Dr. King or Senator Kennedy. He has a general reputation in Cunningham, Tennessee, his place of residence, of being unreliable, untrustworthy [redacted]

[redacted] also furnished you information regarding the individual referred to in Toronto newspapers as the "fat man" who reportedly delivered an envelope to the subject while Ray was living at 962 Dundas Avenue, West Toronto. The Metropolitan Toronto Police Department advised that the "fat man" accompanied by his wife, contacted that agency and identified himself as Robert McDouldton of Toronto who has been employed as a salesman for a paint supply company for the past eight years and who worked in the Dundas Avenue area.

Mr. McDouldton explained that in early May of this year, he had used a public telephone booth in the vicinity of 962 Dundas Avenue and found an envelope there addressed to Sneyd at the Dundas Avenue address. He thereafter took the envelope to that address and gave it to Sneyd in the presence of Sneyd's landlady. He stated the envelope contained a Toronto postmark with no return address and he had the impression it contained some kind of application for a job.

The landlady viewed McDouldton and identified him as the "fat man" to whom she had previously referred. Appropriate Canadian authorities are satisfied that McDouldton is a reputable citizen and that he has no knowledge of nor is he involved with the subject. These authorities advised they are committed not to divulge McDouldton's identity and requested that this commitment be honored and no information be released even acknowledging that the mysterious "fat man" has been located.

In addition to the foregoing information furnished by [redacted] SA [redacted] telephonically advised you on the evening of June 12, 1968, that Charles Q. Stephens, [redacted] who was a witness in the rooming house in Memphis when the shooting occurred, had been located in Memphis, Tennessee, by FBI Agents. A Department Attorney on the scene was in the process of arranging to interview Stephens and is to obtain an appropriate affidavit.

In accordance with your request of SA [redacted] on June 12, 1968, copies of the registration card from the New Rebel Motor Hotel signed by Eric S. Galt have been expeditiously forwarded to Memphis to be furnished to Department Attorney J. Harold Flannery in connection with the obtaining of certain affidavits.

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

The following additional developments are being furnished for your information.

The .38 caliber revolver Ray had in his possession at the time of his apprehension in London was sold to Robert Tatum, a gun dealer, of Mableton, Georgia, on October 11, 1966, by the Liberty Arms Company and Solinger Cutlery Company, Montrose, California. Mr. Tatum has advised that on December 3, 1966, he sold the gun for $50 to Walter E. Spain of Birmingham, Alabama.

Walter E. Spain has confirmed he purchased the weapon from a gun dealer located just outside of Atlanta, Georgia, after seeing an advertisement in an Atlanta paper. Sometime in the spring of 1967 he gave the revolver to his father, Walter Leon Spain, in partial payment of a debt. Walter Leon Spain has advised that because of financial difficulties following his being hospitalized in August, 1967, he began selling personal items among which was the revolver he obtained from his son. The items were sold by placing advertisements in Sunday editions of the "Birmingham News." On the Sunday his advertisement appeared regarding the revolver, he received a call from a man who was interested in the gun and subsequently sold the weapon to that man for $65. The purchaser paid for the weapon with two $20 bills, two $10 bills, and a $5 bill. Walter Leon Spain did not give the buyer any receipt nor did he obtain from the buyer any information as to his identification, residence, or employment. Mr. Spain furnished neither ammunition nor papers for the gun.

Mr. Spain could recall only that the buyer was driving a late model white or light-colored automobile, but could furnish no further description. He described the buyer as a white male about 40 to 45 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches or 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighing 170 to 175 pounds, having dark hair slightly graying at temples. Mr. Spain selected a photograph of Ray which was taken in California in January or February of 1968 as "resembling the man" who bought the weapon, but could not make a positive identification of Ray as the purchaser.

It has been determined that an advertisement for the .38 caliber revolver placed by Mr. Spain appeared in the October 1, 1967, issue of the "Birmingham News."

Information was previously received that Ralph M. Carpenter, the York Arms Company employee who sold the binoculars to the subject, is presently confined to a mental institution. Dr. Max West, the physician in attendance on the floor of the Tennessee Psychiatric Institution and Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, where Mr. Carpenter is a patient, has stated that in his opinion Mr. Carpenter is competent when he is not involved in his current disorder described as [redacted] Dr. West has advised that in his opinion Mr. Carpenter's present condition should have no bearing on his previous identification, or information furnished relative to this case although a defense attorney might try to make something out of it.

With respect to inquiries in Portugal, it has been learned that Ray was in Lisbon May 8 - 17, 1968, where he stayed in the Hotel Portugal. He reportedly consorted with local women and occasionally visited various Lisbon bars. One prostitute was located who spent one night with Ray but she could furnish no pertinent information. Ray returned to London on May 17, 1968, as established by airline records and official records of the Portugese and British Governments.

Ray is presently being held in Wandsworth Prison under unprecedented security provisions. He had been held in Brixton Prison but was transferred by heavily guarded convoy to Wandsworth Prison which is more secure on June 11, 1968.

Scotland Yard is continuing extensive investigation to develop information on his activities in London but has not yet been able to determine Ray's whereabouts in London prior to May 28, 1968, when he took a room at the New Earls Court Hotel. On June 5, 1968, he moved to the Pax Hotel where he stayed until the date of his arrest on June 8, 1968. The receptionist at the New Earls Court Hotel stated Ray was very shy and although she indicated a willingness to establish a close relationship with him, he did not seem receptive.

Among Ray's effects at the time of his arrest was a four page memorandum or article setting out a detailed description of the theory and specifications regarding silencers for firearms.

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

1-Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long
2260)
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Griffith
1-Mr. Mortimer
6/5/68 1-Lab File

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

Subject: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re San Diego Teletype 5/31/68 requesting comparison of the questioned "[redacted] material with signatures and fingerprints of [redacted] FBI #[redacted] and [redacted] FBI #[redacted]

Because the available signatures of [redacted] and [redacted] are not comparable with the [redacted] signatures on Q343 and Q344, it could not be determined whether either of these individuals prepared the "[redacted] signatures.

Latent results separate.

Laboratory report follows.

1 - San Diego (44-387)
1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)

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TELETYPE

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Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

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FBI ATLANTA

824PM URGENT 6-11-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, AND BIRMINGHAM

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL TO BUREAU, ATLANTA, AND MEMPHIS JUNE TEN LAST.

WHEN JAMES EARL RAY APPREHENDED LONDON, HE HAD IN HIS POSSESSION THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE, MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS MANUFACTURING CO., JAPAN.

MILA SVOBODA, OWNER, LIBERTY ARMS CO. AND SOLINGER CUTLERY CO., MONTROSE, CALIF., ADVISED JUNE TEN LAST LIBERTY CHIEF REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER SEVEN ONE FIVE MANUFACTURED BY MIROKU FIREARMS CO., JAPAN, RECEIVED AT MONTROSE, CALIF., SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN SIXTYSIX. REVOLVER SENT TO R. TATUM, NEW AND USED GUNS, ONE ONE EIGHT EDWARDS DRIVE, MABLETON, GA., ON OCT. THREE SIXTYSIX UNDER INVOICE FROM SOLINGER CUTLERY, MONTROSE, CALIF. REVOLVER ONLY ITEM IN THAT SHIPMENT. LIBERTY REVOLVERS MADE EXCLUSIVELY FOR LIBERTY ARMS CO. AND THIS GUN DESCRIBED AS THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER SNUB-NOSE.

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cc-Levy

ON JUNE ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, ROBERT TATUM, [redacted] MABLETON, GA., ADVISED HE PURCHASED THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER, SW SEVEN ONE FIVE JAPANESE MAKE FROM THE SOLINGER CUTLERY CO., MONTROSE, CALIF., FOR FORTY DOLLARS, ON OCTOBER ELEVEN SIXTYSIX. ON DEC THREE SIXTYSIX, HE SOLD THE GUN FOR FIFTY DOLLARS TO WALTER E. SPAIN, [redacted] BIRMINGHAM, ALA. HE OBTAINED SPAIN'S NAME AND ADDRESS FROM A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND DESCRIBED SPAIN AS WHITE MALE, THIRTY TO THIRTYFIVE, WITH BROWN HAIR. ADVISED SPAIN NOT IDENTICAL TO RAY AFTER VIEWING PHOTOS.

BIRMINGHAM INTERVIEW SPAIN AND TRACE OWNERSHIP OF ABOVE MENTIONED REVOLVER.

AM COPY SENT LOS ANGELES.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Tolson
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FBI BIRMGHAM

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

RE ATLANTA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

WALTER E. SPAIN, RESIDENCE [redacted] NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., STATED TODAY THAT HE AND HIS FATHER, WALTER LEON SPAIN, PURCHASED A NEW LIBERTY CHIEF SNUB-NOSED THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSIX, FROM A GUN DEALER LOCATED JUST OUTSIDE OF ATLANTA, GA., AFTER SEEING GUN DEALER'S ADVERTISEMENT IN AN ATLANTA PAPER. SOMETIME IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SPAIN GAVE THE REVOLVER TO HIS FATHER IN PARTIAL PAYMENT OF A DEBT OWED TO THE FATHER, AND THE FATHER, IN THE FALL OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SOLD THE GUN. SPAIN SAID HE DOES NOT KNOW NAME OF PURCHASER, AND WAS NOT PRESENT AT TIME OF SALE. BIRMINGHAM INDICES AND RECORDS OF BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEGATIVE RE WALTER E. SPAIN.

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WALTER LEON SPAIN, [redacted] BIRMINGHAM,
TODAY SAID THAT IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, HE HAD BEEN CONFINED TO A HUNTSVILLE, ALA. HOSPITAL AND UPON RETURN TO BIRMINGHAM RESIDENCE, WAS IN FINANCIAL STRAITS. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE BEGAN SELLING PERSONAL ITEMS TO MEET OBLIGATIONS, AMONG WHICH WAS THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER LIBERTY SNUB-NOSE REVOLVER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS SON IN THE SPRING OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. HE SOLD THESE ITEMS BY PLACING ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE SUNDAY EDITIONS OF "BIRMINGHAM NEWS." ON A SUNDAY HIS ADVERTISEMENT RE ABOVE DESCRIBED REVOLVER, WHICH INCLUDED HIS RESIDENCE PHONE NUMBER, APPEARED IN "BIRMINGHAM NEWS," HE RECEIVED CALL FROM MAN INQUIRING ABOUT GUN AND HOW TO FIND RESIDENCE OF SPAIN. ABOUT HOUR LATER THIS MAN CAME TO SPAIN'S RESIDENCE. THIS MAN SAID HE HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A GUN OF THE TYPE SPAIN WAS OFFERING FOR SALE. HE THEN EXAMINED GUN, ASKED THE PRICE AND WHEN TOLD "SIXTYFIVE DOLLARS," HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE IT. MAN THEN GAVE SPAIN TWO TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS, TWO TEN DOLLAR BILLS AND A FIVE DOLLAR BILL. SPAIN DID NOT GIVE THE BUYER ANY RECEIPT, NOR DID HE OBTAIN FROM THE BUYER ANY INFORMATION AS TO IDENTIFICATION, RESIDENCE OR EMPLOYMENT. THE BUYER LEFT WITH THE GUN IN HIS HAND, AND NOTHING ELSE. SPAIN FURNISHED NEITHER AMMUNITION NOR PAPERS FOR

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THE GUN.

THE BUYER HAD PARKED HIS CAR ON THE STREET IN FRONT OF SPAIN'S RESIDENCE, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FEET FROM SPAIN'S FRONT DOOR. SPAIN COULD ONLY RECALL THAT THE BUYER WAS DRIVING A LATE MODEL WHITE OR LIGHT COLORED CAR, NO OTHER DESCRIPTION. THE BUYER INDICATED HE WAS FROM THE WESTERN PART OF BIRMINGHAM AND THAT HE WANTED TO KEEP THE GUN AROUND HIS HOUSE. SPAIN DESCRIBED THE BUYER AS A WHITE MALE ABOUT FORTY TO FORTYFIVE YEARS OF AGE, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES OR FIVE FEET NINE INCHES TALL, WEIGHING ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, DARK HAIR, SLIGHTLY GRAYING AT THE TEMPLES, HAD LOCAL (ALABAMA) ACCENT, WAS WEARING SPORT SHIRT AND SLACKS, COLORS UNRECALLED, NO GLASSES. SPAIN WAS SHOWN ALL AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND HE CHOSE THE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN CALIFORNIA IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT (IN CONTRAST TO BARTENDING SCHOOL GRADUATION PHOTOGRAPH) AS "RESEMBLING THE MAN" WHO BOUGHT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED GUN FROM SPAIN, BUT SPAIN WOULD NOT MAKE A POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF RAY AS THE PURCHASER. SPAIN WAS POSITIVE THE GUN WAS SOLD THE SAME DAY ADVERTISEMENT FOR SAME APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPER.

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SPAIN SAID HE WAS CONTACTED BY FBI AGENTS ON APRIL SEVEN LAST IN CONNECTION WITH A NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION AND SHOWN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION OF KING'S KILLER. AT THE TIME HE ADVISED AGENTS THE DRAWING REMINDED HIM OF SOMEONE HE MAY HAVE SEEN PREVIOUSLY, BUT WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH ANY OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PERSON. AFTER VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND BEING QUESTIONED BY FBI TODAY ABOUT HIS SALE OF THE THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER SNUB-NOSED REVOLVER, SPAIN STATED HE WAS NOW ABLE TO CONNECT THE SALE WITH THE DRAWING IN THAT THE PERSON DEPICTED IN THE DRAWING REMINDED HIM OF THE PERSON TO WHOM HE HAD SOLD THE REVOLVER.

ALL SUNDAY ISSUES OF THE "BIRMINGHAM NEWS" FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, REVIEWED TODAY AND ONLY ONE ADVERTISEMENT FOR A THIRTYEIGHT CALIBER REVOLVER PLACED BY SPAIN LOCATED, THAT BEING IN THE OCTOBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, ISSUE.

AT THE TIME GUN WAS SOLD BY SPAIN, RAY WAS IN POSSESSION OF NINETEEN SIXTYSIX WHITE MUSTANG, AND WAS LIVING AT TWO SIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, WHICH IS TWO AND TWO-TENTHS MILES FROM RESIDENCE OF WALTER LEON SPAIN. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT SPAIN'S RESIDENCE IS WITHIN HALF MILE OF ONE NINE ZERO SEVEN SOUTH

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ELEVENTH STREET, WHICH IS ADDRESS USED BY RAY, AS HARVEY LOWMEYER, WHEN PURCHASING RIFLE AT BIRMINGHAM, MARCH TWENTYNINE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

BIRMINGHAM INDICES AND RECORDS BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEGATIVE RE WALTER LEON SPAIN.

AIR MAIL COPY TO ATLANTA.

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FBI WASH DC

1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared through G. Day)
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

JUNE 13, 1968

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO LEGATs, LONDON
PARIS

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

WASHINGTON NEWSPAPER CARRIES STORY BEARING UPI DATELINE LONDON, JUNE THIRTEEN, CONCERNING SUBJECT. FOLLOWING INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE STORY: "RAY ARRIVED IN BRITAIN MAY EIGHT. HE HURRIED OFF TO LISBON TO PICK UP SOME MONEY TRANSFERRED FROM A SWISS BANK ACCOUNT, ACCORDING TO SCOTLAND YARD SOURCES."

LEGATS LONDON AND PARIS CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY TO DETERMINE IF RAY DID OBTAIN MONEY AND SOURCE THEREOF.

ARTICLE ALSO HAD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: "A SECOND MAN APPEARED WITH RAY WHEN HE CHECKED IN." THIS REFERS TO RAY'S ARRIVAL ON MAY TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, AT NEW EARL'S COURT HOTEL.

LEGAT, LONDON CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY TO IDENTIFY THIS INDIVIDUAL.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT 1 - Mr. McGowan

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

NEW YORK OFFICE TODAY RECEIVED ANONYMOUS HAND-WRITTEN LETTER DATED JUNE TEN LAST RELATING TO ALLEGED PLAN TO TAKE SUBJECT FROM AUTHORITIES UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN UNITED STATES. PEOPLE INVOLVED ALLEGEDLY EXPRESSED SELVES AS BEING UNDAUNTED, ANTICIPATE LARGE PROTECTIVE FORCE BUT WILL NOT BE STOPPED AND EXPECT TO LOSE SEVERAL MARTYRS IN ATTEMPT. REPORTEDLY HAVE ANTICIPATED POSSIBILITY RAY'S SURPRISE RETURN, AND ALLEGEDLY HAVE WATCHERS EVERY CONCEIVABLE AIRPORT INCLUDING AIR FORCE LANDING AREAS. LETTER BEING SUBMITTED FOR APPROPRIATE HANDWRITING FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED YOUR OFFICE AND MEMPHIS. COPY TO MEMPHIS AMSD.

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VIA TELETYPE
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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (cleared through G. Day)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN Re FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ

Re Legat teletype to Bureau 6/13/68; WFO airtel to Bureau 6/13/68; LHM dated 6/13/68 and captioned "FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ"; WFO teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles 6/13/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are two (2) Xerox copies of each of above referenced communications.

FOR INFO MEMPHIS.

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2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc.8) (INFO)
1 - WFO
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 15, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

Brigadier M. S. R. Maunsell, Director of Prison Security, Wandsworth Prison, where Ray is presently confined, requested that if available, he be furnished prison background information relating to Ray. Officials of Missouri State Penitentiary made available to the FBI records of Ray which have in turn been forwarded to our Legal Attache in London and will be furnished to Brigadier Maunsell. These records were made available on a strictly confidential basis and Brigadier Maunsell will be so informed.

Sources in England have advised that at Magistrate Court on June 18, 1968, the Magistrate will announce that the extradition hearing will take place on June 21, 1968. The public prosecutor will then ask for adjournment on local charges. On June 21, 1968, if the defense is ready, the extradition hearing will commence. Should the defense ask for more time he will be given until June 27, 1968, and if the hearing does not actually start until June 27, 1968, the Magistrate is prepared to sit on June 29, 1968, (Saturday) in order to expeditiously dispense with the matter.

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Under the name Ramon George Sneyd, the following charges are pending against Ray in England:

"(1) That you did on the 8th June 1968 at London Airport, without lawful authority use for the purpose of the Alien's Order 1953, a forged passport.
Contrary to Article 25 (3) of the Alien's Order 1953.

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"(2) That you, not being a person exempted from the requirements of the Firearms Act, 1937, did, on

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NOTE: See Memorandum, Rosen to DeLoach, dated June 15, 1968, entitled "MURKIN." FJH:jlh

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the 8th June 1968, at London Airport, have in your possession, a firearm, namely a .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver, and 5 rounds of .38 ammunition, to which Part 1 of the said Act applies, and did not hold a firearms certificate at the time.
Contrary to Section 1 of the Firearms Act. 1937."

The June 13, 1968, issue of "The Washington Daily News" contained an article on page one wherein it is stated, "Ray arrived in Britain May 8. He hurried off to Lisbon to pick up some money transferred from a Swiss bank account, according to Scotland Yard sources."

For your information New Scotland Yard has no knowledge of any money allegedly transferred to Ray from a Swiss bank account.

The same article also stated, with reference to Ray's arrival at the New Earls Court Hotel, "A second man had appeared with Ray when he checked in. Jane never saw him again. Ray left June 5, carrying the airline flight bag he always clutched, possibly containing the Liberty Chief pistol he was arrested with Saturday." "Jane" is identified as Jane Nassau, a hotel clerk at the New Earls Court Hotel.

Investigation conducted in England indicates Ray arrived alone at the New Earls Court Hotel.

As you were previously informed, New Scotland Yard advised that Frederick J. Schwartz, born June 1, 1939, at Detroit, Michigan, and currently residing in London, has contacted the court appointed attorney for Ray stating that he, Schwartz, has an academic interest in the case. Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory indicates Frederick J. Schwartz is an associate of the law firm of Dahlstrum, Walton and Butts, Los Angeles, California.

[redacted]

[redacted]

The records of the California State Bar, Los Angeles, California, reveal Mr. Schwartz was admitted to the California Bar on January 5, 1965. No inquiries have been made to the California Bar by British legal authorities concerning his legal background.

June 18, 1968

Airtel

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared with SA Grahamm Day)
1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, London

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReLegat, London cablegram dated June 13, 1968.

Enclosed for Legat London are two copies of extract from Kansas City report of May 15, 1968, concerning records obtained from the Missouri State Penitentiary in specific reference to subject Ray's incarceration. Included in this document will be a physical report, background, and an evaluation by the psychiatrist.

These records were furnished to the Bureau by officials of Missouri State Penitentiary with the understanding that they will be a matter of strict confidence. If a copy of these records is furnished to Brigadier M. S. R. Maunsell, Director of Prison Security, it should be with specific understanding that these records are furnished for his use and should not be disclosed to outside sources.

It is to be noted that subject, since his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, took a locksmithing course from a company in Little Falls, New Jersey. He was sent eight lessons and the degree of his proficiency or his grades are not known. It is, therefore, not possible to evaluate his lock-picking ability.

It has been reported by several individuals, particularly prison associates of Ray, that he was a user of amphetamine type drugs. The method of saturating a cloth with amphetamine type drugs, method of

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Enclosures (2)

1 - Memphis

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recovering such drugs after the cloth has dried, and how Ray's clothes could be cleaned to insure any drugs in cloth are removed, t his is not positively known. The possibility exist that amphetamine drugs can be placed in a solution of alcohol or ether, the cloth completely saturated with solution, and this would result in quick drying, and the drugs then adhere to cloth. This could then possibly be recovered by the cloth being placed in another solution of possibly alcohol. It appears there is no positive means of insuring that the clothes could be cleaned to remove the amphetamine drugs due to the varience in chemicals used and different methods. If a problem presents its concerning Ray having drugs in his clothing, the possibility exist that he could be issued a new suit of clothing This way, it would insure that he would not carry drugs outside of England.

Armed and Dangerous.

NOTE:

Director of Prison Security where Ray is incarcerated in London, England, has requested information concerning medical history of subject, details of subject's escape, records of violence against prison staff and other available information that would be of value to prison authorities. We have extracted pages from a Kansas City report and transmitted same to Legat, London, for the furnishing to Director of Prison Security. This will be furnished to him with the specific understanding that these records are furnished for his use and should not be disclosed to outside sources.

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/12/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/11/68.

Seattle files reflect investigation conducted at request of [redacted] Bunco Detail, Seattle PD, who on April 7, 1966, advised that [redacted] Seattle PD No. [redacted] had allegedly taken between $550 and $600 in money from [redacted] and had flown to Florida where he is alleged to have come from. [redacted] was described as follows:

DOB	[redacted]
POB	
Height	
Weight	169 pounds
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Peculiarities	Roman nose
Scars & Marks	Tattoo "GLADYS 1900" on right shoulder

Seattle files further reflect that no UFAP process was issued inasmuch as [redacted] was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, on [redacted] and was returned

(3) - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - San Diego (Enc 5)
2 - Seattle
DCR:pla
(7) V. G. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

to Seattle after waiving extradition.

Seattle Police Department records showed that [redacted] gave the address of [redacted], Jacksonville, Florida, was a cook by occupation, attended high school presumably at Ava, Missouri, where a relative, [redacted] lived at [redacted] Ava, Missouri. It is also noted that he has FBI No. [redacted] and his Ident Record shows that he was first arrested on [redacted] by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis C-3 Branch, New Scotland Yard, London SWL England, as [redacted] No. [redacted], and charged with [redacted] following which he was fined $75.

His other arrests related to the aforementioned Seattle charges. The records of the Seattle Police Department reflect that following his return to Seattle, he was given a three-year deferred sentence, served six months in the [redacted] County Jail and appealed this sentence on [redacted] He was also required to make restitution of $1,100.

The records of the Superior Court, King County reflect that a warrant was issued under number [redacted] on [redacted] at which time bail of $3,000 was set and that on [redacted] another warrant was issued for his arrest, which warrant is outstanding.

King County Deputy Prosecutor ROBERT DIXON advised SA [redacted] on June 12, 1968, that he would extradite [redacted] on the above charge. King County Prosecutor's Office will forward warrant if necessary to San Diego and desires report if warrant executed. AUSA CLAIR BROWN telephonically advised of above facts.

A check of the records of the Washington State Parole Board reflected that a case had been pending against [redacted] based on a bench warrant issued [redacted] however, the file was closed inasmuch as [redacted] whereabouts is unknown.

The name [redacted] has been checked against the Seattle Indices, Seattle Credit Bureau, Seattle Police Department and King County Sheriff's Office; however, it is impossible to identify any particular [redacted] in view of the many such names listed and the fact that there is no identifying data concerning him.

SE 44-371

The above information has been telephonically furnished to the San Diego Office to SA [redacted] on June 12, 1968, by SA [redacted].

There is being forwarded to the San Diego Office three copies of the Seattle Police Department arrest record, one copy of FBI Identification Record under number [redacted] and a photograph of [redacted]

6-10-68

Airtel

To: Legat, London

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are letters addressed to Sir John Waldron, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, New Scotland Yard, and to two of his men expressing appreciation for their outstanding work in connection with the apprehension of James Earl Ray. You should personally present these letters with my sincere appreciation. Also enclosed are copies for your file.

Enclosures (6)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit - Enclosures (3)

GEM:kcb (6)

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ENCLOSURE

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June 10, 1968

Sir John Waldron, K.C.V.O.
Commissioner
Metropolitan Police
New Scotland Yard
London, S.W. 1, England

Dear Sir John:

Hearty congratulations to you and your staff on the identification and apprehension in London of James Earl Ray who is wanted in connection with the assassination of Martin Luther King.

Your assistance has been magnificent in every respect. I want you to know of our most sincere gratitude, and I have written directly to Detective Chief Superintendent T.M.J. Butler and Detective Sergeant Phillip Birch to express my personal thanks and those of all my associates for the superb achievements of your men. Copies of my letters are enclosed. Their efforts certainly were in keeping with the highest traditions of the law enforcement profession.

With deepest appreciation,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 11
JUN 11 1968
enclosure

Enclosures (2)

1 - London (detached)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (detached)

NOTE: Bufiles contain prior cordial correspondence with Sir John. Relations have been excellent.

GEM:kce (5)

Tolson
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Bishop
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ENCLOSURE

44-38861-4429

June 10, 1968

PERSONAL

Detective Sergeant Phillip Birch
Metropolitan Police
New Scotland Yard
London, S. W. 1, England

Dear Sergeant Birch:

On behalf of all of us in the FBI I would like to extend congratulations and appreciation for the excellence of your work in the investigation involving James Earl Ray. Your alertness in recognizing the alias under which this badly wanted fugitive was traveling and in promptly reporting his presence to your official superior led to Ray's apprehension.

Your actions in this matter were indeed in the highest tradition of good law enforcement and I wanted you to know of our gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - London
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
1 - [illegible]

NOTE: Sergeant Birch is not identifiable in Bufiles. He was at the airport and saw the name on the airport manifest and recognized Ray's alias from previous briefing. He reported this information to his superior, which led directly to Ray's apprehension.

DCM:jas (6)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

ENCLOSURE

44-3861-4429

June 10, 1968

Detective Chief Superintendent T.M.S. Butler, M.B.E.
Metropolitan Police
New Scotland Yard
London, S.W. 1, England

My dear Chief Superintendent:

It is indeed a pleasure to express to you my sincerest appreciation for your untiring and outstanding efforts in the investigation, identification, and apprehension of James Earl Ray. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank through you Detective Superintendent William C. Marchant, Detective Chief Inspector Kenneth J. Thompson, Detective Inspector John H.W. Morris, and Detective Sergeant Peter A. Elliott for the individual exemplary roles which they played in this matter. I am writing separately to Detective Sergeant Phillip Birch to thank him for his efforts.

Without the wholehearted excellent cooperation of each of you the location and arrest of this badly wanted fugitive would not have been possible. This is but another fine example of the close relationship which exists between our Departments and shows what teamwork can do on an international basis.

I wish you would convey my sentiments to each of the officers named above and thank them on behalf of my associates for a job well done.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - London (detached)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (detached)

PDW:kce (10)

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Chief Superintendent T. M. J. Butler, M.B.E.

NOTE: Chief Superintendent Butler was written by the Director on 1-16-67 at the time he was awarded the Member of the British Empire. [redacted] Letter recommended by Legat, London. Butler is the officer who went to the Airport with the fingerprint expert and was the overall officer in charge. He identified Ray and charged him. Legat [redacted] advised that his cooperation was outstanding and he would do any investigation requested by [redacted] Each of the other officers played similarly important roles and worked as a team which brought about the apprehension.

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 10 1968
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TATE 92

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O DIRECTOR

ROM LEGAT TOKYO NO. 38

URKIN

REBUCAB JUNE NINE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY OF JAPAN, TOKYO, ADVISED ON JUNE ONE ZERO, E
NE NINE SIX EIGHT, RECORDS OF MIROKU MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.,
NE EIGHT ZERO INARIMACHI, KOCHI - CITY, KOCHI - PREFECTURE, SHIKOKU,
APAN, REFLECT WEAPON IN QUESTION SHIPPED AUGUST THREE, ONE NINE SIX
IX, PASSED JAPANESE CUSTOMS AUGUST ONE NINE, ONE NINE SIX SIX, AND
RANSPORTED VIA HAVANA MARU DESTINED FOR LIBERTY ARMS CORPORATION,
. O. BOX THREE ZERO SIX, MONTROSE, CALIFORNIA.

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via FB
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79 JUN 19 1968

RD CC MR. BRENNAN

cc - Mr Bowen

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 11, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

As you are aware, Departmental Attorneys are in Memphis, Tennessee, obtaining affidavits from individuals who are witnesses in this case in connection with the possible extradition of subject James Earl Ray from London.

In connection with physical evidence examined by the FBI Laboratory, the Departmental representatives requested an affidavit from SAC Robert Jensen of Memphis, which was furnished to them by Jensen.

Jensen's affidavit relates to the fact that he received various items of evidence from Inspector N. E. Zachary of the Memphis Police Department and that he, in turn, forwarded them to the FBI Laboratory for examination. The items mentioned in Jensen's affidavit relate to the rifle, the rifle scope, the brown box in which the rifle was located, a set of binoculars, a gray paper bag bearing the legend "York Arms" the cartridge shell removed from the rifle by SAC Jensen, and the bullet which was recovered from the body of Dr. King.

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SAC Jensen is furnishing to the Bureau a copy of the affidavit furnished by him to Departmental representatives.

ACTION:

For your information.

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Date: 6/11/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the results of the interview of CORDRA YORK, SR., York Arms Company, Memphis, Tennessee, relative to the acquisition by his company of 7x35 Banner binoculars. Also enclosed is one Xerox copy of the last received invoice concerning 7x35 binoculars with snap-top cases such as was purchased by JAMES EARL RAY.

For the information of the Bureau, CORDRA YORK advised that on 6/10/68 he was summoned to the State Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, where he executed an affidavit relative to the sale of the binoculars identified with this case. In addition, he was reinterviewed by a representative of the Memphis Police Department. Mr. YORK stated that he was told by both representatives of local law enforcement agencies that these interviews were for the purpose of extradition of JAMES EARL RAY to the United States.

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2-Bureau (Encs. 2)
2-Memphis
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Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

79 JUN 20 1968

[redacted]
Atlanta, Georgia 30318

June 9, 1968

U. S. Justice Department
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

O Murkin

Dear Sirs:

It is with great respect to the Department that such information could be issued throughout the world to make an attempt to capture the murderer of the late DOCTOR MARTIL LUTHER KING, JR. It will be of a greater honor for your services to bring the said person back to these United States for trial.

My communication may not be of any significance but I want to invite my personal ideas into this matter.

Upon notice that James Earl Ray had been captured, it set minds to wondering what the outcome of this capture would result to. Now a matter of his being returned alive should be the question needed answering. So many officials have expressed concern for his standing trial frightens me to the extent that I want to associate his statements of several months ago reported by one of his associate in-mates that money was in the making of the killer of Dr. King. After his long flight of 65 days of freedom it is very likely that he has been paid and it is reasonable to believe who ever had money to pay such a bill will go even further to close his mouth.

Ack
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mnl

CORRESPONDENCE

mnl

Ack
JBT:mn
6/12/68
mnl

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JUN 17 1968

I want to express my hopes of his being returned to trial without any dangerous experiences. It is also my hopes that he can be returned unannounced with ample security that any dangerous experience would be difficult.

Please give thought to this letter and acknowledge receipt of same.

Thank you to read and consider the idea.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]

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1 JUN 17 1968

June 12, 1968

REC 83 44-38861-4433

[redacted]
Atlanta, Georgia 30311

Dear Mr. King:

Your letter of June 9th has been received. It was indeed thoughtful of you to write and I appreciate receiving your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

JBT:mer (3)

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JUN 12 1968
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FBI

Date: 6/13/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Boston (157-644)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Springfield airtel to Boston, 5/31/68; and Bureau airtel to Springfield, 5/29/68.

On 6/12/68, ALFRED KWEISON, Shipping Manager, Savage Arms, Inc., Westfield, Massachusetts, advised SA [redacted] the Stevens Model 94, 12 gauge, single barrel shotgun manufactured by that firm is one produced in great volume. As indicated in referenced airtel, no serial numbers are marked on the weapon and he said there is no way in which a recovered gun can be traced.

He discussed the problem with officials and engineers at the plant and it was their conclusion a recovered shotgun might be examined by the plant and a determination made that it was in fact one of their manufacture. However, there is no recording made of the component parts or assembly markings which might appear, and he said, regardless of the importance of a given inquiry, it was not possible to say when or to whom a gun was shipped.

(3) - Bureau
2 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - Boston
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Special Agent in Charge

6-14-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Newark (44-854) - Enc.
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Newark airtel 6-7-68, submitting an application for subscription to the "Select Magazine," Q368.

Three latent fingerprints of value developed on the application. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G. Q368 enclosed to Newark.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - San Francisco
1 - Mr. Rosen

GJB:mgd
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Section 56

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Section 52

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
KANSAS CITY	MEMPHIS	6/14/68	5/6/68 - 6/12/68

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	
JAMES EARL RAY, aka - FUGITIVE, I.O. #4182, W.F. #442-A, TOP TEN FUGITIVE; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., (DECEASED) - VICTIM	[redacted]	1

CHARACTER OF CASE

CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UFAC - ROBBERY

REFERENCE:

Kansas City report of SA [redacted] dated 5/15/68.

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EXP. PROC.

LEAD

KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY

Will continue efforts to account for subject's activities and whereabouts during period from April 23, 1967, to June 8, 1968, with emphasis on determining his escape route to Canada, his source of funds, and his repository for keeping funds, and how he gained knowledge of necessary documents needed to obtain Canadian passport.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO
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APPROVED [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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5 Bureau (44-38861)

5 Memphis (44-1987)

2 Kansas City (44-760)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency		CRD & Crim	
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Date Fwd.	79 JUN 20 1968	7-16-68	
How Fwd.		694-F	
By		W Jm/Co	

Notations

FUG. SUP.

SAC

SPEC. SECT.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Extensive investigation has continued in this matter, however, all obviously non-pertinent information is being left out of this report. These include checks of Kansas and Missouri Departments of Motor Vehicles records, investigation at lower-class rooming houses and cleaning establishments, Kansas and Missouri Bureaus of Vital Statistics, numerous look-alikes that have been reported and eliminated as possible suspects,and all negative information furnished by informants.

Extra copies of this report are being furnished Office of Origin in the event of future dissemination.

Subject's complete file from the Missouri State Penitentiary was Xeroxed and forwarded by the Kansas City Office to the FBI, Washington, D.C., in order that it could be better evaluated for leads in this matter since it contained numerous technical, medical, and psychological terms.

Also, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, made a complete search of various medical and dental records and the only X-Rays he could obtain for the subject were of his sinus cavities. These were obtained and also forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for identification purposes. Warden SWENSON stated that the prison dentist, Dr. RICHARD SKAIN,had assured him that the sinus X-Ray was as good, if not better, than the average dental X-Ray for determination of dental identification.

The Channel Master transistor radio located near the Memphis rooming house by the Memphis Police Department bore scratchings that appeared to be 00416. The Missouri State Penitentiary's inmate canteen sells such radios,and at the time they do, the inmate's number is etched on the radio with a Vibro-Graver, model V-73, manufactured by Burgess Vibrocrafters, Inc. RAY's MSP number is 00416, and he bought a radio from the canteen on 4/21/67. The above Vibro-Graver is the one that would have been used to make this engraving. It was obtained by SA [redacted] on 5/29/68 from Mr. CLARENCE R. LUCKE, Storekeeper, Inmate Canteen, MSP, along with transistor radio case bearing samples of the numbering of personnel at the inmate canteen who would have placed the inmate numbers on the transistor radio purchased on 4/21/67.

This Vibro-Graver is being maintained in the 1B3 Section of this file in the Kansas City Office. It is not being forwarded to the Laboratory at this time for comparison purposes inasmuch as the original transistor has been returned to the Memphis Police Department. The Vibro-Graver and numbering samples are being maintained in the event they are needed in the future for evidentiary purposes.

All inmates and former inmates furnishing information regarding subject fear retaliation from other prisoners because of their furnishing information to law enforcement agencies. In view of this, discretion should be used in the dissemination of any information included in this report.

KC 44-760
THW:MD
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 15, 1968, [redacted] also known as [redacted] who requested that his identity as the source of this information be concealed, was contacted [redacted] and he furnished the following information:

He knew JAMES EARL RAY for quite some time [redacted] at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). He had had some minor dealings with RAY in poker. RAY himself played very little poker, but he would lend money to inmates who did play poker at the "3 for 2" rate requiring $3 to be repaid for every $2 loaned. RAY was "too tight" to play poker, and even when he loaned money at the exorbitant interest rates he required some kind of collateral. If RAY was a "walk man" in the MSP, having reference to an inmate whose duties called for his moving freely around the cell block, then RAY would have been a carrier for the usual prison lotteries dealing with numbers and parleys over ball game scores, in which cigarettes were bet, and the "walk man" would deliver the numbers slips and the winners' cigarettes, and would be paid a percentage by the inmate who ran the lottery through this association, but the "walk man" would perform the service strictly for his commission and would not necessarily be "close" to the person running the lottery, but would be selected because he had access to other inmates' cells. He has no information that RAY was ever a "walk man" or ever engaged in lotteries as described above.

In his conversations with RAY he learned that RAY was more interested in Mexico than in Canada. In speaking of places to go to "cool off" or "hide out", he suggested to RAY that it would be easier for a white American to hide out in Canada than in Mexico, since his skin color and language would be the same as the natives, but RAY had spent some time in Mexico and apparently liked the area and he expressed very little interest in Canada.

[redacted] RAY discussed a newspaper article which was published [redacted] in which an Italian criminal's escape to Italy from the U. S. was apparently accomplished through his obtaining a Canadian passport, and it was suggested and RAY was apparently aware of the custom of the Episcopal Church and Church of England and its branches in Canada of keeping baptismal records and records of birth for years, which records would be easily accessible to anyone wanting to assume a new identity. They discussed how one could go to a medium-sized Canadian city, find records of birth through an open, easily accessible church, for an individual about one's own age, verify through local inquiry or source material that some such person is deceased, then write to the Provincial capital of that province requesting a copy of the birth certificate for that person, thereby securing documentary evidence of a new identity to use in securing a Canadian passport. RAY did not express a great deal of interest in this process and made no mention of planning to use such a technique to escape or change his identity. He did not say anything about any plans to go to Canada or to Mexico and thereby to a third country, and he never mentioned any interest in Rhodesia or other country with a view of flight there in hopes of avoiding extradition. RAY did say that he had considered Australia as a place to go to avoid apprehension for a wanted person, but indicated that he had dismissed Australia as a refuge because of the sparse population and the lack of tourists. RAY [redacted] had written to Queensland, apparently before 1962, to some Government agency inquiring about the type of employment available there for foreigners, but his conversation indicated he had no interest in Australia at that point.

Most of RAY'S conversation revolved around Mexico when speaking of places to go after "pulling some job". He made no mention of narcotics smuggling to Mexico, and he did not say how he planned to obtain the "big haul" he wanted to make in order to "retire", other than that he might happen onto a large supermarket with a lot of money on hand which he could rob. He did not mention any specific supermarket or area of the country in this regard. From his conversation, he felt that RAY had actual experience in and knowledge of

smuggling small appliances into the Campeche Bay area of Mexico for resale. He mentioned that there were some dollars to be made in this racket with a very small investment required. RAY'S associate [redacted] or [redacted] or some similar name previously described by [redacted] as described by RAY was a real person, and [redacted] remembered the name he gave because it was similar to the name of a "wet back" he had known previously in prison.

RAY spoke of the possibility of obtaining colored contact lenses to wear to change the color of his eyes in avoiding detection. RAY did not say where he would try to obtain contact lenses or that he had actually ever tried to obtain them or that he had ever worn contact lenses. RAY'S eyes as [redacted] recalls them are a faded, pale blue, or "sky blue", and he would want to darken the appearance of his eyes in changing his appearance. He told [redacted] how he had experimented in the past on portions of his skin covered by his clothing with staining his skin a darker color using some kind of "walnut dye". He had apparently tried the dye out of curiosity to see how long the stain would last, and he told [redacted] that the dye would "just have to wear off". As to changing his appearance, [redacted] feels it is significant to note that RAY'S weight would vary greatly from month to month. RAY would go through periods of weight-lifting, strictly for the exercise, and he would occasionally become concerned over his weight from a health standpoint and would lose weight quickly. RAY was not a competitive weightlifter and would probably not seek out a gymnasium to practice weightlifting, but he was concerned over a heart problem he imagined that he had, and he wanted the exercise to strengthen his heart. He mentioned that he knew it would be easy to obtain a fictitious Social Security card simply by filling in a form in any name, state that he had been self-employed, and he would be mailed a new Social Security card. He did not mention any problem with regard to obtaining a driver's license under an assumed name.

RAY told [redacted] about a shack he rented on the outskirts of Campeche, Mexico, and how he had considered the possibility of buying the shack instead of paying rent. Money and not paying more for anything than necessary was of constant concern to RAY. He told [redacted] of the difficulty in

Mexico for a foreigner to own any property. He told of the practice of "Rentista Papers" through which a foreigner by paying a fee could receive permission from the Mexican Government to own a small business in Mexico or purchase property on a small scale in Mexico. He mentioned how it was an effort to have anything done by local Government officials in Mexico since everyone moved so slowly, and how in order to obtain "Rentista Papers" one would apparently have to pay two or three persons "under the table" a few pesos in order to get the papers through the Government red tape, and from his conversation, it appeared that RAY never was in Mexico long enough to wait out the process of obtaining "Rentista Papers".

KC 44-760
THW:nks
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

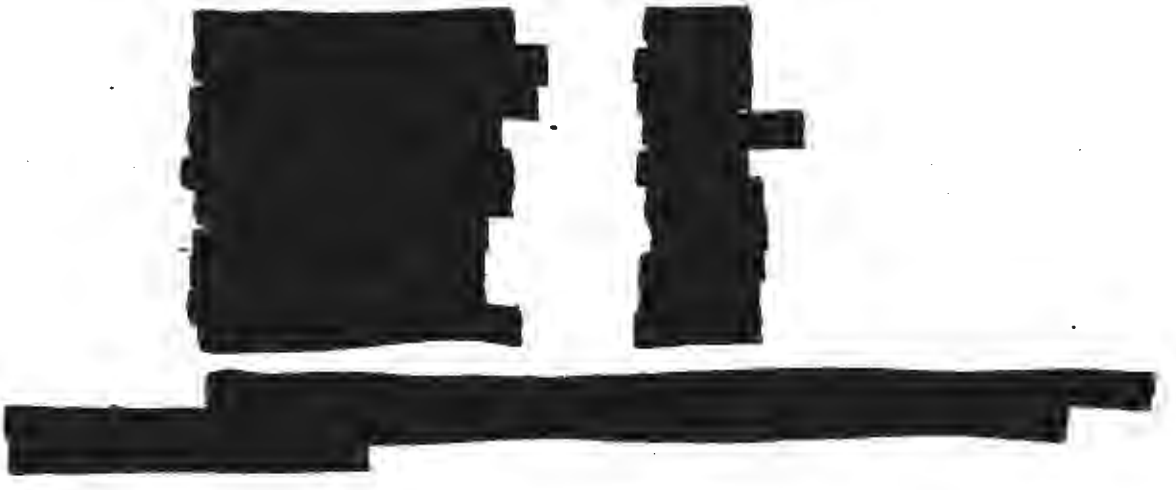
At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 24, 1968, [redacted] also known as [redacted] who requested that his identity as the source of this information be concealed, [redacted] advised that the only magazine he ever saw JAMES EARL RAY read while in the Missouri State Penitentiary was Time Magazine. He stated that RAY read whatever newspapers were available from other inmates who had them, and he once saw RAY read The National Enquirer, as he recalls the name of the publication, which [redacted] described as a tabloid type newspaper. He said that he does not know where RAY obtained the copy of that newspaper, and stated that RAY would obtain Time from unknown inmates in the penitentiary, probably from inmates who had subscriptions to that magazine, and while he was around RAY, he had these magazines weekly. He advised that he never knew RAY to subscribe to any publication. He recalled that RAY mentioned articles he had read in the U. S. News and World Report, but he never saw him read that magazine. [redacted] said that he would have no way of knowing what reading preferences RAY had or what other magazines or publications he might read if he had access to them, since reading material is limited as to periodicals in the penitentiary unless one subscribes to them or borrows them from persons who do subscribe. [redacted]

He added that RAY seemingly was impressed with GEORGE WALLACE, ex-governor of Alabama, and was in favor of his candidacy for president.

KC 44-760
RBH:IKC
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On May 10, 1968, Warden H. SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that inmate [redacted] had the following cell assignments:



FD-204 (Rev. 3-3-59)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: KANSAS CITY

Date: June 14, 1968

Field Office File #: 44-760 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(DECEASED) - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Inmates and officials at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) unable to furnish any information regarding "Cooley Organization" or gang inside MSP. Inmate [redacted] MSP #[redacted] advised he saw RAY and "fall partner [redacted] L. OWENS in Jefferson - Gravios Bank, St. Louis, Mo., during summer, 1967. Inmates unable to furnish any information regarding "bounty" on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MSP Warden advised RAY received $2.00 per month official pay at the prison. Additional information set forth regarding RAY's escape from MSP in bread box. Foreman, MSP Prison Farm, admitted receiving letter and phone call from prior inmate [redacted] Investigation failed to determine any pertinent information regarding type of magazines or newspapers read by RAY at MSP. FBI Laboratory unable to identify handwriting on 176 applications to the Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, Kansas City, Missouri, for months April and May, 1968, with known samples of RAY's handwriting. Interviews conducted in effort to locate PAUL O. BRIDGEMAN, MSP #[redacted] set forth. Attorney PHILLIP BAKER, Independence, Missouri, advised that in January of 1963 he was appointed to represent RAY in his application for Writ of Habeas Corpus. This hearing was unsuccessful. BAKER received letter from JERRY RAY and a money order from fellow inmate, MSP, for $100.00 to cover RAY's legal fees, which were $50.00. BAKER in turn returned a check for $50.00 to RAY at MSP. Attorney DAVID [redacted] Jefferson City, Missouri, advised ex-MSP inmate [redacted] contacted him in attempt to obtain parole for inmate [redacted]

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[redacted] because [redacted] was reportedly suffering from tuberculosis. RAY purchased radio at MSP inmate canteen on 4/21/67. He paid $9.75 for this radio. Channel Master Transistor Radios, Model 6502, are sold by the canteen and are the only radios ever selling for $9.75. When radio purchased, inmate's number is etched on it at the canteen and a "slip" is given to the Treasurer's Office. No Serial Numbers maintained on the radios sold by the canteen.

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DETAILS:

I. INTERVIEWS WITH FELLOW INMATES AND OFFICIALS AT MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 6, 1968, EARL KNIGHT, MSP [redacted] serving [redacted] from New Madrid, Missouri, said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY. He said he was at Fordland (honor camp) on [redacted]. He said he came to the penitentiary in [redacted] or [redacted] and was out on [redacted]. He said he never heard of a bounty for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING and never heard of any time of a mutual organization for protection, profit or otherwise. He said he had never heard of the COOLEY gang or anyone by the name of COOLEY.

On May 6, 1968, MAJOR BERNARD J. POIRY, Assistant Warden in charge of Security, said that the person who escaped by using a uniform and going out the gate was [redacted] number [redacted] He was apprehended in Kansas City, Missouri, the next day. He said [redacted] also attempted to escape by using a ladder and a uniform. He did not get away from the walls. He also said that the only person who had ammunition in his pockets was a [redacted] and another inmate by the name of [redacted] He said he also traced some ammunition to the shop where [redacted] worked, but could not "pin" them on him. He said RAY was never involved in any of these matters.

MAJOR POIRY said he had no information regarding any COOLEY or COOLEY gang, but would attempt to develope information in this regard through his inmate contacts.

On May 14, 1968, MAJOR POIRY further advised he has developed no information in regards this alleged organization or group.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 14, 1968, [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised there have been 20 persons by the name of COOLEY in the MSP over the years. None are in any of the branches of the prison at this time. The last COOLEY to be released was [redacted] MSP #[redacted] who was released on [redacted] He was received on [redacted] and transferred to the Algon Reformatory on [redacted]. He said intense inquiry among inmates and custodial personnel has failed to reveal anyone, regardless of the period of their incarceration or employment, who has ever heard of a "COOLEY organization" or similar in the MSP.

[redacted] further stated there have been no brothers in the Penitentiary by the names of JAMES and LARRY RAYE. He said, however, that JAMES DUANE WRAY, #[redacted] who is still in the MSP, is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE RAY, MSP #[redacted] who is on parole. He has previously been contacted in connection with this case.

On May 14, 1968, JAMES DUANE WRAY, #[redacted] H Hall for his safety, was contacted. He said he did not know JAMES EARL RAY except by reputation and may have seen him. He said he is the brother of LAWRENCE EUGENE WRAY. He said he has lived in practically every hall in the MSP since he arrived in April of 1963. He said he does not know of any organization of inmates as such, and has never heard of anyone by the name of COOLEY or COOLEY's Organization or similar.

On May 14, 1968, [redacted] said prison records reflect there were three brothers in the MSP by the name of [redacted] These were [redacted] FBI #[redacted]

out on [redacted], MSP #[redacted], [redacted],
MSP #[redacted] and #[redacted] FBI [redacted] out
and [redacted] MSP #[redacted], FBI [redacted] out
[redacted]. All three have listed their address as
care of their mother, [redacted]
St. Louis, Missouri.

The record of [redacted] FBI #[redacted] indicates he used the alias of WILLIAM RAY in 1949, according to [redacted]

On May 14, 1968, [redacted], inmate, was recontacted. He was questioned further about the existence of the COOLLY gang, organization, or COOLIE, etc. He said he has been in the Penitentiary for 12 years and there is no organization as such and he never heard of the COCLEY gang, or similar.

On May 14, 1968, [redacted] MSP #[redacted] who said he did not desire that some of the information he furnished be attributed to him, said that he has been in the Penitentiary since [redacted]. He said he never heard of COOLEY or COOLEY's gang or organization or similar. He has never heard of a bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING. He never heard of RAY using any type of uniform to effect an escape although he did. He never heard of RAY having any ammunition in his pockets on the grounds although [redacted] probably not known to RAY, did. He said [redacted] had nothing to do with furnishing amphetamines to RAY, and he would not disclose who did. He said [redacted] was fired two years before RAY escaped, and had nothing to do with it. He indicated [redacted] may have been fired for some dealings with [redacted] said that recently, since the appearance of an article about RAY in "Life Magazine", [redacted] (phonetic), told him that he had seen RAY last summer in St. Louis with "two other ex-cons". He said he did not know the details or the names of the "ex-cons". He said [redacted] probably would be willing to furnish the information he has and in this regard he did not desire his name to be used.

[redacted] said he has not developed any other information which might aid in locating RAY.

On May 14, 1968, [redacted] MSP #[redacted] born in [redacted]. He said he "fell" from St. Louis in [redacted] for [redacted] and other charges. He was paroled in [redacted] and was returned for violation by reason of [redacted] on [redacted]

He said [redacted] JAMES L. OWENS, the "fall partner" of JAMES EARL RAY. He said he knew OWENS in the Penitentiary and saw him on three or four occasions in St. Louis, Missouri, while he was out. He said he recalled that he was [redacted] when RAY tried to go over the walls and his ladder or rope or something broke about 1966. He said he was not a good friend of RAY's in the Penitentiary and knew him only to speak with him. He said he saw RAY in St. Louis sometime during the summer of 1967. He said it was probably the early part of the summer. He said RAY was with OWENS. He was just coming out of the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, located at the same address. RAY and OWENS were just entering the bank. [redacted] He said his wife was waiting in a car at the curb and he did not stop to talk and he went on out and drove off.

He said he had no way to fix the date. He said he reflected, at the time, that RAY must have escaped because he knew he had attempted to escape and had been "set back" on parole and he had too much time to have been released.

He said he saw OWENS on other occasions. [redacted]

[redacted] said that RAY had the reputation of being the type of person who served his time without comment and did not "mess" in the affairs of other people. He said he did not think that RAY would kill anyone as he is just not the type. He also said he has never heard of any organization in the Penitentiary and has never heard the name of COOLEY used in connection with any type of business or "racket" inside the walls and he did not know anyone by that name.

He said that inmates have over the years used cigarettes as medium of exchange in lieu of money and they make "parlay" bets on baseball games, horse races and other types of contests similar to bets made with money outside. He said he knew of no "lottery" as such involving cigarettes, but he said this might exist. He said there are "cliques" of prisoners who connive together for various reasons, and who become close associates, but there is no wide-spread organization and never has been to his knowledge. He said he certainly would be in position to know about it if there was and would have no hesitation in saying so if such existed.

On May 14, 1968, Major BERNARD POIRY, MSP Custodial Staff, in charge of security for the past 25 years, said he has been unable to develop information regarding the identity of [redacted] or of any organization such as the COOLEY gang or similar.

On May 14, 1968, [redacted] Guard, inside, said he has worked inmates inside of the walls on maintenance for the past 23 years. He said he knew JAMES EARL RAY on sight, but not otherwise. He said he never heard of COOLEY or any organization of that type. He could not identify [redacted]

On May 14, 1968, [redacted] mentioned above, said [redacted] could be [redacted] who is in the Penitentiary. However, [redacted] he does have the nickname of [redacted]. He said he has known other inmates called [redacted], but he could not otherwise identify them and could not recall any with a scar as described.

On May 14, 1968, [redacted] MSP #[redacted] born [redacted] said he was admitted to the MSP in [redacted] He was in until [redacted] released and returned on a [redacted] charge in [redacted] He said he knew RAY on sight, but that is all and he knew nothing of his habits, associates or escape. He said a guard told him that some "kid" had seen RAY last summer sleeping on a hill near Jefferson City with a "long beard". He also said that there is an organization in the MSP which wanted KING killed. He said it was not the "COOLEY organization", of which he had never heard, but the KKK. He said he did not hear any mention of this before Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered and he could not identify anyone who has mentioned it since.

He said he had heard nothing concerning any bounty and knew of no lotteries.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. MC CORMICK WILSON, City Judge and Attorney, said he was appointed to represent JAMES EARL RAY in connection with an attempted escape by RAY in 1966. He said he talked to him at the Penitentiary and once in court. He said he also arranged to have him examined at State Hospital #1. He said he received no fees of any sort and was relieved on the case because he was appointed as an Assistant Attorney General. He said WILLIAM QUIGG completed the case.

On May 14, 1968, WILLIAM QUIGG, Central Missouri Trust Company, said he represented RAY by appointment of the court. He said he received no fees of any sort, and knew nothing about him, his background, associates, or whereabouts.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. W. C. SHELEY said that JAMES EARL RAY was represented in connection with a writ of habeas corpus case in January of 1963 by PHILLIP LEE BAKER.

On May 14, 1968, Mr. WADE BAKER, no kin, Secretary, Missouri Bar Association, Jefferson City, Missouri, said that PHILLIP LEE BAKER is an attorney and lives at [redacted] Independence, Missouri.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

At Jefferson City, Missouri

On May 13, 1968, [redacted] Missouri Department of Corrections [redacted] advised that during about [redacted] and [redacted] he celled in the same hall in the Missouri State Penitentiary, where [redacted] is currently confined, with JAMES EARL RAY. He said that he spoke with RAY, but did not consider himself to be a close friend of RAY, and he could suggest no inmates who were close to RAY. [redacted] He said that RAY never mentioned to him any "bounty" on Dr. KING, and he heard no rumors about the existence of such a "bounty" discussed in the MSP. He stated that none of his conversation with RAY gave him any indication as to RAY's feelings about persons of other races, and he recalls that RAY also talked with Negro inmates while in the MSP. He advised that he knew RAY tried to escape previously, and he heard about his escape in April 1967. He assumed that RAY went out of the prison in a bread box from the prison bakery, but he never heard who helped him and has no information from anyone who knew specifically that RAY did escape in a bread box. He said RAY never attempted an escape in a prison guard's uniform to his knowledge. He stated that RAY did not tell him of any plan to escape and never discussed with him any plans of what he would do if he did get out of the prison. He said that RAY possibly was a user of amphetamine, but he has no information that he sold amphetamine. He stated that in his conversation with RAY, no mention was made of contacts or plans RAY had on the outside, and they merely discussed prison gossip and matters going on in the penitentiary. He said he never heard of "Cooley's Organization" and never heard RAY mention such an organization, which he doubts exists. He stated RAY stayed to himself and minded his own business while in the MSP. He advised that any "walk man" who would move freely about the cell block, such as RAY was for a time, briefly, would be the logical inmate to handle "numbers" for lottery on cigarettes, but he does not know that RAY acted for anyone in a "numbers lottery," and if

he did he would not necessarily be close to anyone running the lottery, but merely avail-ble. He said that [redacted] is not known to him, and he never knew an inmate named [redacted] He advised that he never heard any talk among inmates about a "Business Man's Organization" which offered money for killing certai n individuals. He said RAY never mentioned family or outside friends to him, and he has no information as to where RAY may have gone on escaping from the MSP. He stated RAY never mentioned escape routes out of the country to him and never mentioned Canada, Mexico, or Australia to him.

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RLH:pe
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

At Leavenworth, Kansas

On May 17, 1968, Inmate [redacted] USP [redacted] advised he is serving a [redacted] sentence for [redacted] from St. Louis. He said he began serving his sentence in [redacted].

[redacted] said he knew JAMES EARL RAY from about [redacted] to [redacted] when both were inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri. He said RAY was still in the MSP when he was released. He said he knew RAY as a good friend, but did not cell with him or work in the same place with him.

[redacted] said he did not have any conversations with RAY concerning escape or what RAY would do if he did escape. He said to his knowledge, RAY did not plan or consider escape.

[redacted] said he did not know RAY to be race minded and said he was surprised that RAY would consider killing for racial reasons.

[redacted] said RAY's closest friend at the MSP was [redacted] who is presently released and residing at [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri.

RAY talked about having a brother in St. Louis and apparently this brother was connected in some way with the supplying of drugs to RAY. [redacted] was connected closely with RAY in the supplying of drugs in the MSP. Two other inmates were also connected with this business, [redacted] of St. Louis, Missouri and [redacted] of Kansas City.

[redacted] said it was hard to estimate what RAY's take per month on the drug sales was, but it would probably run an average of $200.00 per month. Some months it might be nothing and others it might run up to $1,000.00. He said this would depend on the source of supply and ability of suppliers to get drugs into the penitentiary.

He said inmates were able to obtain money for drugs by having guards bring in money to them for a percentage.

[redacted] said he preferred not to discuss details of the drug supply as he did not see how this could be connected to the whereabouts of RAY. He said he would co-operate fully in the location of RAY, but did not wish to become involved in any investigation of the non-narcotic drug trade at the MSP, as such, for obvious reasons.

He stated that should the information he furnished be of value in the location of RAY, he would appreciate it if the fact he had co-operated be made a matter of record in his file for parole consideration and for consideration of any agencies holding detainers against him.

[redacted] said he would be alert for information he could learn from inmates at the USP at Leavenworth, which would relate to the whereabouts of RAY and would contact the FBI through Penitentiary personnel, if he was successful in learning information of value.

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ME 44-1987

RE: [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI:

On May 17, 1968, [redacted] inmate, County Jail, advised he was just released from the Missouri State Prison, Jefferson City, Missouri, [redacted] and had been there since [redacted] serving a [redacted] sentence from Greene County for [redacted] He celled in [redacted] and worked in the [redacted] RAY celled in either J or K. He did not cell with him and was not close to him. He never talked to him at length at any time and the only time he saw him was at sick call. RAY always complained of stomach trouble. He knows nothing about his friends or what he might have talked about to others at the prison. He is aware that many of the inmates would come forth with some "manufactured" information about him in the hope of gaining a parole. Many of them would say anything if they thought it would help their own case.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on May 17, 1968:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Mr. HAROLD SWENSON, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that in Food Services, RAY received $2.00 per month official pay. He said in industries the pay might run as high as $12.00.

[redacted] said the ledger sheets of RAY'S account reflected all items received and disbursed by him together with the sources of each. The first column "cash credit" indicates the amount received from the state. He said there was nothing unusual about RAY'S account. He said checks can be drawn up to $20.00 for the commissary. Any amounts sent out over $20.00 require approval by the warden. The check is usually sent with a letter stating the purpose of the payment outgoing, he said.

[redacted] previously interviewed, was upset about being recontacted. He said he should have not furnished any information in the first place as he did not want to get involved. [redacted] He said there was not any doubt in his mind about having seen OWENS and RAY together in St. Louis at the bank, and it would have had to be in the summer of 1967. He said his wife was with him. She is [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri. He now recalled that they parked the car in the parking lot and both walked into the bank so she should have seen OWENS and RAY. He said they maintained a joint checking account in the bank and his wife had a savings account in the bank (Jefferson-Gravois).. He could not fix the date.

The records of the Identification Division, searched by [redacted] reflected a [redacted] served a sentence of [redacted]. No [redacted] was found with this sort of sentence.

[redacted] Board of Pardons and Paroles, stated that [redacted] was paroled on [redacted] and resides at [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. His parole officer is [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary, #[redacted] said he knew RAY well. He said he was working in [redacted] in the [redacted] when RAY escaped and he knew all about it. He said another inmate was going to escape in the bread box, but he and RAY decided, since RAY had more time, that RAY would go. He said the other inmate gave RAY some money and some clothing he had acquired to make the escape, and RAY went with the cooperation of the other inmate covering him and "for him". [redacted] said under no circumstances would he divulge the identity of this other inmate since he is a good friend of his and still in the prison. He said there was no conspiracy and no mention had ever been made of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and he doubts that RAY had anything to do with that murder. He said it was a case of law enforcement attempting to get a "scapegoat".

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary #[redacted] assigned to [redacted] said he was out of the penitentiary from [redacted] of [redacted] to [redacted] of [redacted] when he was returned for [redacted] He said he knew RAY to talk to him, but knew nothing of his escape and could furnish no information concerning his whereabouts. He said he has heard of a lot of cliques in the penitentiary that make bets, handle amphetamines, etc., but he knew of no organization called Cooley or similar and had never heard of any bounty on Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised he could locate no record of [redacted], in or out of the penitentiary.

[redacted] Missouri State Highway Patrol, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised no record for [redacted] could be located.

On May 18, 1968, Assistant Warden JESS ELLIOTT, Missouri State Penitentiary, and [redacted] Identification, advised they could locate no [redacted] as ever having been in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on May 15, 1968:

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

[redacted] It was determined that telephone number [redacted] is the residence of Mr. CARL MILLS, Foreman, Renz Farm, Missouri Department of Corrections.

Mr. MILLS advised Deputy Warden JESS ELLIOTT he recalled the telephone call last fall from [redacted] a former inmate at the farm who had become friendly with the family. He said this call was in the nature of a "hello" message to see how the MILLS were. He also said he had received a letter from [redacted] which he furnished. This letter was from [redacted] Jasper, Alabama and dated July 8, 1967 and was personal in nature. Mr. MILLS did not know JAMES EARL RAY.

Photograph and background data regarding JAMES DUANE WRAY were obtained. Background data sheet regarding [redacted] #[redacted] reflects:

[redacted] Sikeston, Missouri

[redacted] Cape Girardeau, Missouri

[redacted] Waterloo, Illinois

[redacted] Cape Girardeau, Missouri

A detainer in favor of the Sheriff's Office of Greene County, Missouri at Springfield was filed [redacted] There is no indication whether [redacted] was released to the detainer. His emergency address was [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, (which has proven to be a non-existent address). [redacted] was received [redacted] and discharged [redacted] His FBI# [redacted]

Mr. DANTON STEELE, Captain of the Guards, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he has been employed "inside the walls" at the penitentiary for 13 years. He said he could not recall [redacted] He said he knew JAMES EARL RAY, and knew of no relationship between RAY and [redacted] He said he did not know of any COOLEY organization or similar. He said there are countless small cliques of inmates who have various "rackets" going and cigarettes have always been used as a medium of exchange, in lieu of money, which is not allowed inside the walls. He said RAY is not the type of person who would have killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, and he was not a "leader" of any type in the penitentiary. His claim to fame was his various attempts, finally successful, to escape. He said RAY was never a "walk boy" in J Hall or any other hall. He said the best he could recall was that he either was a maximum security or assigned to food services all the time he was in.

Mr. STEELE said he also has been told the name of the inmate who aided RAY in escaping by putting bread over him in the "bread box". However, he was unable to recall it. He said "it would come to him", and he would immediately advise.

[redacted] Board of Pardons and Paroles, said that [redacted] #[redacted] was arrested [redacted] at Wyandotte, Kansas and bond was set at $2,500.00. At that time he was living at [redacted] Kansas City, Kansas.

[redacted] #[redacted], serving [redacted] for [redacted] from Moberly, Missouri, said he came to the penitentiary in [redacted] and was released the same year on a [redacted] to [redacted] sentence. He was returned, on his present sentence, in [redacted] paroled [redacted]; back on parole violation in [redacted] Paroled on [redacted] and returned on [redacted] He said he has been [redacted] but is now working as [redacted]. He said [redacted] worked under him. He said RAY never did. He knew RAY on sight, but never associated with him and he never saw [redacted] with RAY and knew of no relationship between them.

[redacted] said he has known almost all the Negroes who have been in the penitentiary the past forty years and has associated closely with them. He said he could recall of two incidents involving racial conflict. One was when some Negroes were sent to F Hall to live a few years ago and some of the white inmates assaulted them in a tunnel, killing one. He said the other was when several Negroes started dropping in on the T.V. room where white prisoners were accustomed to gather and a fight started. He said RAY was not involved in either instance and he never heard of any of the Negro inmates making any comments about RAY except, since the murder of Doctor KING to remark they hoped he was caught. He also said he has never heard of any COOLEY organization or similar, and knew of no lotteries as such. He said inmates make bets using cigarettes to pay off. He said these bets usually involve athletic contests.

KC 44-760
JAM:jlh
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI:

[redacted] was contacted at [redacted] at which time he stated that he was just released from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, in [redacted] after serving [redacted] for [redacted] He stated that while he was at the prison he did know JAMES EARL RAY on sight and spoke to him whenever their paths crossed. He stated that he never had any intimate conversations with RAY at any time and that he adopted the policy that he was going to do his "time" and not bother about anyone else's problems at the institution. He never conversed with RAY at length about anything and RAY never told him anything about himself. He stated that he has absolutely no information that would be of benefit to the FBI. He commented that he thought that much of the information furnished by inmates at the prison was manufactured and that too much reliance could not be placed upon it.

KC 44-760

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 24, 1968, Major BERNARD J. POIRY, Assistant Warden of Custody, Missouri State Penitentiary, said he had no idea whatever regarding the type of literature RAY may have enjoyed while in the penitentiary. He said he would make logical contacts in an attempt to determine this information.

KC 44-760
TJC:ak
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The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at Kansas City, Kansas, on May 24, 1968:

[redacted] was interviewed at [redacted] Kansas City, Kansas, and advised he was in prison for [redacted] years and is now on parole. He advised most of this time was served at Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, but he was at the Prison Farm at Moberly, Missouri from [redacted] until his parole in [redacted]

[redacted] was shown the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in the Fall of 1967 in a business suit with the cleft on the chin and he stated the face is familiar, but he cannot recall anything specific about the man. He stated he does recall two brothers by the name of LARRY and JIMMY WRAY, and an inmate by the name of (first name unknown) RHEA, serving time while he, [redacted] was in Missouri State Penitentiary.

[redacted] stated he cannot recall anything at all regarding JAMES EARL RAY and therefore could furnish no pertinent information.

KC 44-760

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 4, 1968, [redacted] register #[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), who advised he has been an inmate at the MSP for [redacted] years, advised he does not know JAMES EARL RAY and has never heard of him. He stated he has no information regarding RAY, gambling in the MSP, or anything else about which the FBI might desire to question him.

On June 4, 1968, [redacted] register #[redacted] an inmate at the MSP, advised he would have nothing to say regarding JAMES EARL RAY, any possible inmate organization, or anything else pertaining to present or former inmates or inmates' activities at the MSP. He said he would not say whether or not he ever heard of JAMES EARL RAY.

KC 44-760

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 4, 1968, Captain DONALD WYRICK, Administrative Assistant to the Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that inmates on discharge from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) are given new clothing to wear. He said this clothing includes an elastic, stretch-type belt, and the new clothing would bear no laundry marks. He stated that inmate clothing is laundered in the prison laundry, but this clothing is prison garb not taken out by the inmates on discharge from the MSP.

KC 44-760
RBA:mlb
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]:

On May 31, 1968, [redacted] said he did not know RAY. He noted he has not been at the penitentiary since [redacted]. He said he worked for about four months in [redacted] but spent most of his time in [redacted].

[redacted] was "slightly intoxicated" and was not fully aware of what the purpose of the interview was. He is a Negro.

On May 31, 1968, [redacted] at the Missouri State Penitentiary, advised he resigned on May 28, 1964. [redacted] He resides at [redacted].

[redacted] said he recalls RAY and recalls when he "hid out." He said RAY was the type of person who did not give anyone any trouble. He said if RAY had amphetamines they came from [redacted]. He said [redacted] was a "big supplier." He said he had never heard of RAY either using or selling amphetamines, and he did not know his contacts. He said there are a few "big shot" convicts who are in various rackets inside. He said the leader is [redacted], serving [redacted] years, from St. Louis. He said [redacted] has some type of organization to give "protection" to inmates both inside and outside of the penitentiary. He said he never heard this organization referred to as "Cooley" or similar. He said he knew this because he would get rumors that such and such convict was "in trouble" for not paying bills or for some other reason. He would call [redacted] to his office and explain to him what he wanted done. [redacted] would not admit to anything, but within a short time the "heat" would be taken off the inmate about whom the conversation had taken place. He said this applied to ex-convicts putting pressure on relatives outside the penitentiary, like making phone calls to threaten them if such and such did not take place. He said he also understood this "organization" would guarantee the inmates that if they got into trouble inside the walls, an attorney would be obtained for them by this group.

He said another of the "wheels" is [redacted] who is serving [redacted] and was one of the known peddlers of amphetamines and other contraband. He said other names and

incidents might occur to him, and he would advise. He said his information is that most of the contraband in the penitentiary was coming from Kansas City and the State of California.

[redacted] said no one has contacted him about RAY and no attempt has been made by RAY to contact him. He said he might "run into" some inmate with good contacts in the St. Louis and East St. Louis, Illinois areas who might, for a price, be able to develop information concerning the most logical whereabouts of RAY. He said he personally believes RAY is dead.

KC 44-760
WCM:mlb
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The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted] at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 29, 1968, [redacted] State Department of Corrections, Missouri State Penitentiary, (MSP) advised that he had talked with members of the mail room and is unable to furnish any information re magazines or newspapers subscribed to by JAMES EARL RAY, MSP #[redacted] #00416.

KC 44-760
RBA:gah
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 27, 1968, Major B. J. POIRY, Assistant Warden in Charge of Custody, said he had been unable to determine any particular reading item which was of interest to RAY.

On May 27, 1968, [redacted] Mail Room, said no magazines or similar publications were received for RAY after his escape, and he had no information regarding his reading habits. He did recall he received legal papers frequently for him.

On May 27, 1968, [redacted] #[redacted] said he was out of the penitentiary at Moberly when RAY escaped. He said he knew RAY and had worked with him in the kitchen. He said he had no idea where RAY is or where he intended to go or how he escaped.

On May 27, 1968, Captain D. STEELE said he recalled now that the person who helped RAY escape, and covered him with bread, according to information he developed after the escape, was [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary #[redacted]

[redacted] was reinterviewed on May 27, 1968. He was definitely antagonistic on this occasion in contrast to the first interview. He said he would furnish no information if he had it, and was not sorry to see MARTIN LUTHER KING killed, and would do nothing to aid in the capture of RAY.

On May 27, 1968, [redacted] said he had determined from one of his inmate informants that the person who aided in the escape of RAY was [redacted] #[redacted]

[redacted] was recontacted and again denied being actually implicated in the covering of RAY or transporting the bread box to the landing, knowing RAY to be in it. He said he did not know if RAY had a radio when he escaped or not.

KC 44-760
THW:rmb
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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 9, 1968, a review of the files of the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) as furnished by [redacted] and [redacted] Classifications Office, failed to reveal any inmate of the MSP named [redacted] who was on the Trash Detail during the time JAMES EARL RAY was in the MSP.

On May 10, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, MSP, advised Investigative Clerk [redacted] that [redacted] an inmate, would be [redacted] #[redacted]

On May 10, 1968, a review of the records of the MSP as furnished by [redacted] Records Office, revealed that [redacted] #[redacted] was transferred from the MSP on [redacted] to the Missouri Training Center for Men at Moberly, Missouri.

On May 10, 1968, Major B. J. POIRY, Assistant Associate Warden of Custody, MSP, advised that an inmate with the nickname [redacted] would be MSP inmate #[redacted]

On May 10, 1968, [redacted] Records Office, MSP, advised that [redacted] #[redacted] received [redacted] on a [redacted] sentence from Laclede County for [redacted] was transferred to Moberly on [redacted]

FD-302 (Rev. 4-13-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 5/20/68

[redacted] inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of [redacted] as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was told the purpose of the interview was to clarify certain statements he had made on April 26, 1968. He was furnished a warning and waiver form which he read and executed. He then furnished the following oral information:

He has stayed at [redacted] Westwego, Louisiana, on more than one occasion. The first time he stayed there in 1965 with [redacted], the brother of [redacted] he had mentioned previously. They stayed for about three months and this was before he had met [redacted] the soldier from Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, and who was supposed to have access to a machine gun. [redacted] worked for [redacted] Harvey, Louisiana, during the time they stayed together at [redacted] stated that he worked for the [redacted] during this time and this company was located in New Orleans.

He returned to [redacted] later in the year 1965, but he does not recall when and it was this time that [redacted] accompanied him. He stayed here because he knew the owner from the previous stay with [redacted] He called the owner [redacted] and on his first stay he did give him a $165.00 worthless check drawn on the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Westwego, Louisiana. This was in payment for a poker debt in a game held at [redacted]

He was mistaken when he previously indicated that it was the owner of [redacted] who knew about the machine gun. Theman [redacted] was to contact was in New Orleans. He was to meet him at Guy's International Bar in New Orleans. This place is operated by a woman, name

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On 5/17/68 at Springfield, Missouri File # KC 44-760

SA [redacted] 5/18/68

by Date dictated

unknown, the wife of [redacted] who died. The last name of the man [redacted] was to meet was FURIES or FERRIES (phonetic). He was supposed to have an airplane which he kept at a small airport in New Orleans, Louisiana. Beechcraft airplanes are sold at this same airport. He never did meet this man and apparently neither did [redacted] He recalled checking into [redacted] on a Friday and leaving the following Monday. He took [redacted] to Guy's International Bar soon after they arrived on Friday and he never returned to [redacted] He then decided he did not contact the man or he knew nothing about access to a machine gun in the first place.

[redacted] He never told [redacted] he was from Carolina, but [redacted] did tell him he was from Columbia, South Carolina, which was correct. He admitted his memory is not the best but since this happened in 1965 he cannot recall specific details.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/28/68

[redacted] inmate, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, was advised of the identity of [redacted] as a Special Agent of the FBI. He was informed that the purpose of the interview concerned information received from [redacted] to the effect that [redacted] resided in [redacted] which apartment was rented by [redacted] who is from Tennessee. [redacted] occupied this apartment, according to [redacted] from May to December, 1965. [redacted] had no information about [redacted] was furnished a Warning and Waiver Form which he read and executed and furnished the following oral information:

He has never heard of a man named [redacted] and he never lived with him in [redacted] which is [redacted] He stated that he and [redacted] moved into the apartment and took it over from two other men who had stayed in the apartment but left to work off shore. In June, 1965, [redacted] paid the rent to [redacted] and it was about this time that he, [redacted] left and returned to Columbia, South Carolina. In Columbia he stayed with [redacted] for about one month. He then returned to New Orleans and stayed at a motel, name unrecalled, located on Chef Menteur Highway under his true name. He stayed at this motel for about 1 to 1 1/2 months and spent his time gambling at Slidell, Louisiana, which is 20 miles from New Orleans. He went by and visitied [redacted] at [redacted] and he still occupied [redacted] but he had someone else living with him who was not there at the time he left. [redacted] at this time was going with a woman by the name of [redacted] (last name unknown) who had a home in Westwego, Louisiana. She had a 17 year old daughter and 5 other children. Her husband, name unknown, had been killed [redacted] He said she was an attractive woman for her age which he judged to be about 35. [redacted] met her at [redacted] and her identity would be known to [redacted] He believes that this woman did work as a [redacted] at [redacted] in New Orleans.

After this [redacted] stated he went to Dallas, Texas and lived in Irving, Texas. He lived at [redacted] in Irving with a female he did not desire to name. He stated at the time he was employed by the [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] : ssc Date dictated 5/22/68

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He commented that the woman he was living with was a [redacted] He advised that he had been to Dallas on one trip previous to this one and lived with a girl he declined to name who worked at the [redacted] in Dallas, Texas. He stated that she was a widow [redacted]. This woman was about 25 years of age and had one child, a girl, 7 years old.

[redacted] stated that he is very faint on dates and places but he believes that after he left Dallas he traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada where he stayed at the Horseshoe Club under the name of [redacted] He stated that while here he sent a telegram to his wife in Pennsylvania and she and their son came out to visit him. They bought a 1964 Buick and with his family traveled to Artesia, New Mexico. They arrived in New Mexico about July, 1965 [redacted] They lived right behind [redacted] In August, 1965, he sent his wife home because she was always trying to get him to surrender which he did not want to do. He stated that he drove them as far as Wilmington, Delaware and then called his brother to come after them.

He sold his Buick in Las Vegas and obtained a Plymouth Valiant. He sold this Plymouth to a Ford dealer in Artesia, New Mexico and obtained a new Ford truck and a 1962 Chevrolet. After he took his wife to Wilmington, Delaware he traveled to Hartford, Connecticut where he got a job with [redacted] where he was in charge of a [redacted] He obtained this job in the name of [redacted] and as such he had charge of carrying the night deposits to the bank. He worked at this place two weeks and on one evening instead of taking the night deposit to the bank he took it to the motel room, took out the money, left the checks in the bag and absconded.

He then traveled to Batavia, New York for the purpose of gambling at the race track in this town. He said this was the last part of 1965. While traveling to the races at Batavia he actually lived in Buffalo, New York at a hotel under the name of [redacted] This was some stolen identification which he had found. He stayed in this area for two weeks during which time

he bought a new Corvette and left the Chevrolet on a parking lot and called the owner of the Chevrolet in Artesia, New Mexico and told him where it was located. He then returned to New Orleans where he continued his gambling activities in Slidell and Covington, Louisiana. He sold the Corvette in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to the Love Motor Sales for $900.00. He stayed in a motel in New Orleans that he believes was called Monte Leon under the name [redacted] He stated that still [redacted] was staying at [redacted] He wished to emphasize that he did not stay at [redacted] continuously from May to December, 1965 as [redacted] indicated.

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SF 173-65
MTG:jal

AT SAN QUENTIN, CALIFORNIA

RE: [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on May 17, 1968.

[redacted] stated he had no reason to lie to the FBI. He advised "I don't even know why I am talking to you guys. After I talked to you the last time, I got plenty of heat in the yard. Some of the men told me that I shouldn't have spoken to you. The grapevine will know that the FBI was back again today and I expect to get more heat."

[redacted] advised that prison time is getting pretty heavy and he stated that he does not know whether he will be able to make this sentence. [redacted] stated that he needs help to get a reduction of sentence or transfer to another less strict institution in the State of California, and that he desired to be cooperative hoping that his cooperation could be of value both to the FBI and to himself.

[redacted] He stated it was his opinion that any man escaping from prison would have or would try to have on his person as much cash as possible as this money would enable him to move away from the scene of the escape and to purchase items of clothing, et cetera, that would make him less conspicuous. He stated he imagined that RAY also had money in his pocket at the time he escaped from the penitentiary.

[redacted] stated that RAY impressed him as being the type of person that did not and would not trust anyone. He stated this was another factor which led him to believe that RAY would have taken whatever money he had with him at the time of his escape. He stated that in the event RAY had any money with anyone, that it would be with an individual that RAY had absolute trust in.

[redacted] stated RAY earned $1.50 per month from his bakery work. [redacted] reported it was his recollection that $15 or $20 per month could be furnished an inmate by his friends and/or family outside the prison for the prisoners' personal use in the purchase of commissary items.

[redacted] stated that any money that RAY had over and above his salary and the money received from the outside would be money that RAY would not want the prison authorities to know about. He stated that RAY would keep this money in some safe hiding place.

[redacted] reported RAY was extremely conservative in the handling of his money. [redacted]

[redacted] reported RAY from time to time would play in a prison card game but that even his card playing indicated his conservative bent in the handling of his personal funds.

[redacted] reported that the money [redacted] earned from the sale of pep pills and stimulants could be either in currency or services such as commissary chits or leather goods or other prison items.

[redacted] stated money could be sent out of the MSP by using guards who had been bribed by prisoners to act as couriers involving items leaving or entering the prison.

[redacted] stated he did not desire to identify any guard as that guard might still be available and usable by present MSP inmates.

[redacted] advised it was his recollection that an MSP guard earned about $260 per month at the time he was confined. He stated it was not difficult to bribe a guard as they were usually in need of money due to the low pay scale.

[redacted] reported that [redacted] engaged in the sale of

"Bennies" and antephamine hydrochloride.

He advised that [redacted] paid a prison guard $100 to bring in a 1,000 pill bottle of "Bennies". He stated each pill was then sold for $1 which resulted in a profit of $900 per bottle.

He advised that the antephamine hydrochloride was also brought into the prison by a guard who had been bribed. He advised that the usual package of antephamine hydrochloride weighed 2 ounces, and that the guard was paid $100 for bringing it in.

He advised that when the antephamine was received in the prison, it was immediately cut with 1 ounce of powdered sugar thus making the shipment total 3 ounces. He advised that it was sold by the spoonful and that 16 level spoonsful were obtained from each ounce. He advised, therefore, a total of 48 spoonsful were available for sale at $100 per spoon, making a $4800 gross income possible.

He advised that [redacted] usually got one jar of "Bennies" and one package of antephamine a month. He stated, therefore, [redacted] total income would run approximately $5800 per month less $200 for the cost of bribing the guard to bring it in plus whatever the pills and antephamine cost on the outside.

He advised that frequently inmates who had been paroled or discharged would send the stuff back through guards whom they knew to be reliable couriers.

[redacted] stated he has no knowledge of RAY's whereabouts. He stated he has no knowledge of how RAY obtained his money except to believe that he undoubtedly received some of it from his participation in the group that was selling stimulants. He advised that he has no definite knowledge as to how RAY got his money out of MSP except he feels certain that RAY carried some of it if not all of it out at the time of his escape. He said if RAY did not take it all with him, he was very sure that he would get it from the person he had left it with.

[redacted] stated RAY always had money. RAY was conservative in the use of his money and "We wondered what he did with his money". [redacted] stated RAY spent very little money while he was in prison.

[redacted] reported that RAY would not place any "prison earnings" in his account and claimed he did not know how RAY handled his prison earnings. He reported that how RAY handled hismoney was RAY's personal matter and no one would inquire as to how the other person handled his money.

[redacted] stated it was speculation on his part, but he believed that RAY could have had as much as $5,000 available to him at the time he escaped. He reported this money could be on RAY's person,or part of it on his person and the rest with some safe individual. [redacted] reported this was guess work on his part, but he feels certain that RAY would not have gone out of MSP without having some money available to him.

[redacted] stated a [redacted] or [redacted] (phonetic) was discharged by the MSP about 1965 and that this man had been used by [redacted] and his associates to bring in and take out items of value.

[redacted] stated RAY was a close friend of a [redacted] or [redacted] (phonetic), a parolee in 1964 or 1965 from MSP, who originally came from the Chicago, Illinois area. He advised that after [redacted] had been paroled, that he sent "some stuff" back in to us.

He advised it was his recollection that [redacted] was [redacted] phonetic) fall partner.

[redacted] stated that he had no reason to lie. He said that frankly his main interest was in trying to help himself. He advised that the information he had furnished was the truth. He stated that he has not seen RAY since he was discharged from the MSP. He advised he has absolutely no knowledge of RAY's present whereabouts, his connections on the outside, and no knowledge of his financial position.

II. PENITENTIARY RECORDS

KC 44-760
ME 44-1987
THW:WSA
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

On May 10, 1968, Warden HAROLD SWENSON, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), advised IC [redacted] that the only inmate he knows of with the nickname [redacted] is [redacted] MSP # [redacted]

On May 10, 1968, [redacted] Records Office, MSP, advised that [redacted] was transferred to Moberly Medium Security Prison on [redacted] and according to his records is still assigned there.

On May 10, 1968, a review of the MSP file for [redacted] MSP # [redacted], indicate that he was once assigned to cell [redacted] He was received [redacted] on a [redacted] charge from Shannon County, Missouri and was discharged [redacted] His post-release plans called for him to work with his sister [redacted] and her husband, [redacted] at [redacted] has a daughter and son-in-law, [redacted] and [redacted] Arnold, Missouri. He is described as white male, born [redacted] 6'3½", 200 lbs., blue eyes, and brown hair.

On May 10, 1968, a review of the file for [redacted] MSP # [redacted] reveals he was received [redacted] from Greene County, Missouri, for [redacted] sentence for [redacted] and he was discharged [redacted] He has FBI # [redacted] and had been in the Missouri Penitentiary on two previous convictions. His record shows he was a suspect in the selling of benzedrine at the MSP and he had been assigned to the Church Farm of the MSP. His mother is listed as [redacted], telephone [redacted] Springfield, Missouri. His sister and brother-in-law, are [redacted] Springfield, Missouri. He has a brother, [redacted] address not given, Springfield, Missouri, and a brother, [redacted] Springfield, Missouri. He also listed a girl friend, [redacted]

[redacted] Springfield, Missouri, and a girl friend [redacted] Rolla, Missouri. His post-release plans indicate he would live in Springfield with his mother and might be employed by [redacted] Springfield. He was in custody Sheriff's Office Springfield, Missouri, # [redacted] as of [redacted] He is described as white male, 6'½", 148 lbs., black hair, hazel eyes.

KC [redacted]-760

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 22, 1968, [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that [redacted] MSP #[redacted] was released [redacted] and not a parolee. His mother is [redacted] Gulfport, Mississippi; and he had a friend--[redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] MSP #[redacted], was paroled on [redacted] and discharged from parole on [redacted] The last address was [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri.

KC 44-760
THW:ksw
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 7, 1968, [redacted] Records Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that there is not now and never has been, according to his records, any inmate at this institution named WARREN RAY. He said that his records on inmates named RAY include no RAYs with any combination of names including the name WARREN, and including the spelling of the last name as "WRAY". He said his records show RAY EUGENE WARREN, Missouri State Penitentiary #[redacted] was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary June 9, 1955, and was released April 13, 1968.

KC 44-760
WCM:bjc
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The following investigation was conducted by Investigative Clerk [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 9, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for [redacted] The following information was obtained:

[redacted] MSP# [redacted] (True Name) [redacted] was received at the MSP, [redacted] from Gasconade County to serve a [redacted] sentence on charge of [redacted] He was discharged [redacted]

[redacted] is described in this file as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted]
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Medium
Build	Medium
Occupation	Laborer
Education	[redacted] grade
Tattoo	BOB, upper right arm; butterfly inner right forearm; Twin hearts with [redacted] upper left arm; Dagger and Scroll, inner left forearm
Marital Status	Divorced
Arrest Record	[redacted]
Social Security Number	[redacted]
FBI#	
Selective Service Number	

Relatives listed are:

Grandfather [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri

Brother same address
Mother address unknown
Sister address unknown
Sister address unknown
Ex-wife no address
Sons no address
Daughters no address

Records reflect that the United States Marshal was to take custody of [redacted] at the MSP on [redacted] at the time he was discharged.

This file reflects that [redacted] is probably an alcoholic.

KC 44-760
WCM:LAC
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The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted] at Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 8, 1968, Missouri State Penitentiary records were checked for [redacted] This individual could not be identified from a record check.

III. INVESTIGATION AT BELSAW LOCKSMITHING INSTITUTE

On May 28, 1968, [redacted] Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, 315 Westport Road, Kansas City, Missouri, furnished one hundred seventy-six enrollment applications that were received at this institution during April and May, 1968. He advised that they may be utilized by the FBI for handwriting and/or typewriting examinations and requested that they be returned to the Belsaw Institute when they are of no further use to the FBI. [redacted] advised that their files contain no record in the name of JAMES EARL RAY or any of his known aliases.

The 176 applications were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on May 28, 1968, for examination inasmuch as it is known that JAMES EARL RAY was interested in locksmithing and had previously taken a locksmithing course at another correspondence school.

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REPORT
of the

FBI
LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: June 3, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680529081 JK

Specimens received
5/29/68

K278 through K453 One hundred seventy-six applications to the Belsaw Locksmithing Institute, Kansas City, Missouri, for the months of April and May, 1968, bearing known handwriting of various individuals

Result of examination:

The handwriting, hand printing and typewriting appearing on K278 through K453 were compared with respective portions of known and questioned items submitted in connection with the "MURKIN" investigation, but no identification could be made.

IV. EFFORTS TO LOCATE PAUL BRIDGEMAN

KC 44-760
RBA:ENV
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On June 3, 1968, [redacted] Records Office, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that PAUL OSBORN BRIDGEMAN, MSP #[redacted] also known as PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, was received from Jackson County, Missouri on April 23, 1965 to serve five years. He was discharged by commutation on January 16, 1968; not paroled.

On June 3, 1968, [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the institution file for BRIDGEMAN from which the following was noted:

He was transferred to Moberly on March 7, 1966; reassigned to the Missouri State Penitentiary on May 22, 1967 and Renz Farm May 22, 1967 as of May 16, 1967. On June 7, 1967, he received $10.00 from [redacted] who was put on his visiting list. The file indicated his parents were deceased and that [redacted] was the guardian of his child. He resided at [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. However as of March 13, 1967, there was a letter from [redacted] indicating his address as [redacted] Dallas, Texas and he was employed by [redacted]

Also, there was a letter in the file indicating that GREEN and GREEN of West Plains, Missouri (Attorneys) were representing IRENE BRIDGEMAN, mother of inmate. BRIDGEMAN was born at [redacted] on [redacted] He was married when 18 years of age to a [redacted] who apparently took one child and deserted him and he had no contact with her after November of 1963. He had no visitors. Communications were reflected only with [redacted] He attended Salem, Arkansas high school to 10th Grade, and has served time in Illinois.

Warden HAROLD SWENSON, on June 3, 1968, said that

[redacted] was a real problem to him in connection with BRIDGEMAN. [redacted] he caught [redacted] smuggling currency to BRIDGEMAN through another inmate.

A Classification Sheet and photograph of BRIDGEMAN were obtained.

KC 44-760
RH:gah
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Kansas City, Missouri:

[redacted] Records Bureau, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, made available the arrest record concerning PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department #[redacted] This record indicates the following arrests:

On March 13, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for investigation for larceny but was released by the #1 Detective Unit. On November 6, 1964, a pick-up order was issued for investigation concerning robbery. On December 8, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for robbery and sentenced to five years, Missouri Department of Corrections, on February 8, 1965.

The record indicates BRIDGEMAN was received at the Missouri State Penitentiary April 23, 1965, from Jackson County, Missouri, and was discharged from the Penitentiary on January 16, 1968. On February 8, 1968, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for disturbing the peace, which charges were dismissed at the request of the complaining witness on February 12, 1968.

A review was made of the file maintained by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department concerning PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN, which indicates the arrest on March 13, 1964, was for investigation in connection with the larceny of a cash register at the Oak Hotel, 414 East 8th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. On this date BRIDGEMAN listed his employment as the Princeton Hotel, 3241 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri, as clerk. A sister by the name of [redacted] was listed as nearest relative but no address shown. An associate was shown as [redacted] white male, age 40, [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

On December 8, 1964, BRIDGEMAN was arrested for investigation of robbery at Clark Service Station, 4241 Blue Parkway on November 6, 1964, and the Clark Service Station at 7441 Troost also on November 6, 1964. At the time BRIDGEMAN was arrested, he was driving a 1960 Dodge two-door hardtop, Missouri license SW5-897, and was accompanied by

[redacted] white male, born [redacted] residing Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] was released by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. An associate in addition to [redacted] was shown as [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

On February 8, 1968, BRIDGEMAN was arrested at 85th and Troost for disturbing the peace by fighting in the Old Fortress Tavern at that address. The complainants were ROBERT G. NELSON, [redacted] and JERRY D. HENDRICKSON, [redacted] Grandview, Missouri. BRIDGEMAN listed his employment as K. W. Dart Company, 3541 Gardner, North Kansas City, Missouri, and his address as 3653 Skyline Drive, Mission, Kansas. He listed nearest relative as [redacted] of [redacted] Mission, Kansas.

The Missouri Departmentof Corrections report concerning BRIDGEMAN maintained in the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department files shows BRIDGEMAN's parents moved to Warrensburg, Illinois, when he was six months old and seven years later moved to Salem, Arkansas, where they resided five years. BRIDGEMAN's parents were divorced when he was fifteen years old but were later reunited. BRIDGEMAN's parents, JAMES and IRENE BRIDGEMAN, were involved in a murder - suicide in 1962.

The records show BRIDGEMAN married [redacted] in 1961 and two children were born to this union. The wife, [redacted] allegedly took one of the children and deserted the home; and BRIDGEMAN's son is reported to be residing with friends in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department records reflect the following description:

Name	PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN
Alias	PAUL BRIDGEMAN
Birth	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	6'1"
Weight	195

Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond
Sister	[redacted] Lanton, Missouri
Former Employments	Clerk, Princeton Hotel, 3241 Paseo, Kansas City, Missouri (1964); Concrete finisher for Flemly Dirckson, Bloomington, Illinois
Associates	[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri; [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri [redacted] is reported to be the guardian of BRIDGEMAN's son.)

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[redacted] Roeland Park, Kansas, advised [redacted] and moved into this apartment development on January 15, 1968, and moved out May 24, 1968. He advised [redacted] had a boy friend by the name of BRIDGEMAN, who he believes resided with [redacted] during the time she rented an apartment at [redacted].

[redacted] furnished for review an application which indicates [redacted] was employed as a [redacted] for [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. She listed references as [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] also furnished an application for review concerning [redacted] which indicates her parents reside at [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. References were listed as [redacted] and [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

[redacted] advised [redacted] furnished a forwarding address as [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. He advised he believes [redacted] is employed for [redacted] operated by a man by the last name of [redacted] in Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted]

Photographs of PAUL BRIDGEMAN taken March 13, 1964, by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, and also photograph taken April 23, 1965, by the Missouri Department of Corrections, were displayed to [redacted] and he advised this is the individual who did reside with [redacted] at [redacted] Various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to [redacted] and he advised this individual is not familiar to him, and he does not recall seeing anyone of a similar appearance at [redacted]

On 6/3/68 at Roeland Park, Kansas File # KC 44-760

by SA [redacted] RH:gah Date dictated 6/5/68
SA [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on June 4, 1968:

[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, advised she does not know anyone by the name of [redacted] residing at [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. She advised to her knowledge no one by that name has resided at that address for the last few years.

An effort was made to contact individuals residing at [redacted] but there was no one home on June 3, 1968. The mailbox lists the name of [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, advised [redacted] resided at this address for approximately six months and moved in August, 1964. She stated she believes an aunt of [redacted] by the name of [redacted] also resided at [redacted] in 1964. She stated, however, [redacted] has also moved from this address and she has no forwarding address for [redacted] She advised [redacted] listed employment with the [redacted] Kansas City, Kansas.

KAYE HAMMOND, barmaid, Old Fortress Tavern, 85th and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, advised she recognizes the photograph of PAUL BRIDGEMAN but she does not believe he has been in the tavern for approximately two months. HAMMOND viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised she does not know this individual.

JAMES DUARDI, owner, Old Fortress Tavern, 85th and Troost, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that PAUL BRIDGEMAN frequented this tavern up until about two months ago and apparently left town. He stated he does not know for sure that BRIDGEMAN has left town but he has not seen BRIDGEMAN for about two months and since BRIDGEMAN came to the tavern frequently, he assumes BRIDGEMAN left town. DAUGHERTY advised also that MIKE HEAD frequents this tavern and BRIDGEMAN and HEAD frequently played pool at the tavern. He stated he does not believe HEAD is closely associated with BRIDGEMAN and HEAD still frequents the Old Fortress Tavern.

[redacted] Overland Park, Kansas, advised she is a friend of [redacted] and she talked by telephone with [redacted] last Sunday morning, June 2, 1968. She stated [redacted] did not mention leaving town and she has no idea concerning [redacted] present whereabouts. She stated [redacted] was dating PAUL BRIDGEMAN and she believes BRIDGEMAN's family is in Bloomington, Illinois. She stated she could furnish no information concerning the whereabouts of BRIDGEMAN but she believes BRIDGEMAN left town one month or six weeks ago.

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[redacted] Prairie Village, Kansas, advised [redacted] has worked as a [redacted] for a number of years and has been placed in several employments by [redacted], who operates [redacted] from her home.

[redacted] advised [redacted] knew an individual who was serving time at the Missouri State Penitentiary and [redacted] at one time was keeping the son of this individual. She stated at one time [redacted] considered adopting the son of the individual who was serving time at the Missouri Penitentiary, but for some reason never did so. [redacted] statdd [redacted] told her sometime in the winter of 1968, that the individual was being released from the Missouri State Penitentiary and that [redacted] was going to meet him when he was released. She stated [redacted] later told her that she had met this individual when he was released from the Penitentiary, and she got the impression that [redacted] relationship with this individual became rather close after he was released from prison.

[redacted] stated a few weeks ago [redacted] told her she was in trouble because this individual had stolen checks from her car, which checks were drawn on [redacted] bank account. [redacted] said [redacted] advised her that she was in trouble because of these checks and was being charged by Johnson County authorities for cashing bad checks. She said [redacted] advised that this individual had used [redacted] name on the checks. She stated about four days ago [redacted] called and asked if [redacted] could find a replacement for her because she was leaving town. She stated also [redacted] called last Sunday, June 2, 1968, and indicated she was leaving town late that evening, and mentioned Omaha, Nebraska, and Iowa but did not indicate specifically where she was going. [redacted] stated she asked [redacted] whether she was going to meet this individual and [redacted] stated she was not going to meet the individual because of all the trouble he had caused her.

[redacted] stated [redacted] also asked whether or not she would recommend her for another position and [redacted] indicated she would inasmuch as she had had no complaints from employers concerning [redacted]

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SA [redacted]

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[redacted] Netherlands Hotel, 39th and Main, Kansas City, Missouri, advised that [redacted] moved into Room [redacted] on May 22, 1968, and moved out June 2, 1968. He advised his records show a previous address as [redacted] Prairie Village, Kansas, and her business address as [redacted] Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri. He stated [redacted] was driving a 1968 Chevrolet, Kansas license [redacted]

[redacted] advised [redacted] made two long distance telephone calls to Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 29 and 31, 1968, which were charged to her hotel bill. [redacted] stated inasmuch as these calls were station to station, his records do not reflect the number called. He stated [redacted] also called local telephone numbers [redacted] and [redacted]

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SA [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at her mother's residence, [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri. She advised she presently resides at [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, telephone [redacted] and is employed for [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

[redacted] advised she resided with [redacted] at the [redacted] During this time [redacted] was dating PAUL BRIDGEMAN. She stated Bridgeman stole some blank checks from [redacted] automobile and some of these checks were cashed by BRIDGEMAN. The checks were drawn on the Roeland Park State Bank, Roeland Park, Kansas. [redacted] She stated about the time [redacted] BRIDGEMAN left town. She does not know BRIDGEMAN's whereabouts. She stated, however, [redacted] kept in touch with BRIDGEMAN by long distance telephone calls. She stated these calls were made on a telephone at the [redacted] #[redacted] stated this telephone was obtained by [redacted] using the name [redacted]. She stated also BRIDGEMAN traveled while he resided in Kansas City, Missouri, and mentioned Bloomington, Illinois, and Dallas, Texas. She stated she believes an individual in Dallas, Texas, cares for BRIDGEMAN's son and BRIDGEMAN made a number of trips to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to meet this individual.

[redacted] advised she knew PAUL BRIDGEMAN had served time at the Missouri State Penitentiary and [redacted] had mentioned that possibly she and [redacted] would be questioned inasmuch as BRIDGEMAN served time at the penitentiary while JAMES EARL RAY was there. [redacted] stated she does not recall RAY's name being mentioned by BRIDGEMAN and she does not know whether BRIDGEMAN was ever closely associated with RAY.

[redacted] advised BRIDGEMAN was arrested March 19, 1968, while driving JACKIE KLINE's car, a 1968 white two-door

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On [redacted] at [redacted] File #

SA [redacted] RH:gah 6/5/68
SA [redacted]

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Malibu 307. She stated [redacted] purchased this car from Pappas Chevrolet, and it was financed through the Commerce Trust Company, Kansas City, Missouri. She stated BRIDGEMAN posted bond when he was arrested March 19, 1968, and [redacted] had to furnish money to recover the car since it was impounded by the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department. She stated BRIDGEMAN was charged with drunk driving and having no driver's license.

[redacted] advised the only friends BRIDGEMAN had in Kansas City, Missouri, were [redacted] JIM DAUGHERTY, Old Fortress Tavern, and MIKE HEAD, an individual who frequented the Old Fortress Tavern.

[redacted] stated she talked to [redacted] on Sunday and [redacted] advised she was leaving town and did not want anyone to know where she was going. [redacted] stated she assumes [redacted] drove the 1968 Chevrolet, and she does not know whether [redacted] was going to meet BRIDGEMAN.

[redacted] described [redacted] as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	25
Hair	Red (dyed)
Height	5'4"
Weight	200
Eyes	Brown
Parents	Deceased.

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[redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, advised [redacted] was employed for her as a [redacted] for eleven months at the salary of [redacted]. She stated [redacted] last worked on Sunday, June 2, 1968, at which time she had her car packed and stated she was leaving town. [redacted] stated [redacted] did not indicate where she was going but indicated possibly Omaha, Nebraska, or Des Moines, Iowa. She advised [redacted] told her that she had gotten into trouble because of a bad check and was going to a new town to start over. She stated [redacted] advised her that PAUL BRIDGEMAN had stolen some of her checks from the glove compartment of her car and had cashed these checks, and for that reason she was in trouble with the police.

[redacted] advised [redacted] was not questioned concerning her association with PAUL BRIDGEMAN but she got the idea that BRIDGEMAN had left town four to six weeks ago but [redacted] was still in touch with BRIDGEMAN. She stated [redacted] had remarked some time ago that it was thirty degrees where BRIDGEMAN was now located and [redacted] got the idea that possibly BRIDGEMAN was in Minnesota. [redacted] stated BRIDGEMAN did not work while he was in Kansas City, Missouri, and [redacted] supported BRIDGEMAN.

[redacted] advised [redacted] left her house about 7:30 p.m., June 2, 1968, and she has had no information from her since that time. She advised [redacted] is [redacted] with [redacted] operated by [redacted] Prairie Village, Kansas.

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SA [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

On June 3, 1968, Miss LOUISE DRAKE, Personnel Office, K. W. Dart Company, 3541 Gardner, North Kansas City, Missouri, advised she could locate no record concerning PAUL OSBORNE BRIDGEMAN or PAUL JAMES BRIDGEMAN being employed for the company at any time.

On June 3, 1968, [redacted] Shawnee Mission Post Office, Shawnee Mission, Kansas, advised he has no record of PAUL BRIDGEMAN or [redacted] residing at [redacted] advised [redacted] is in the [redacted] and the numbers run from [redacted] and there is no [redacted]

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] on June 4, 1968:

[redacted] Roeland Park Police Department, Roeland Park, Kansas, advised he has no record in his files concerning PAUL BRIDGEMAN or [redacted]

[redacted] caused a check to be made with the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and determined [redacted]

[redacted] Johnson County, Olathe, Kansas, advised [redacted] is residing at the Netherlands Hotel, Kansas City, Missouri, and is employed for a [redacted] telephone number [redacted]

V. MISCELLANEOUS

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ME 44-1987
TJC:WSA
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on May 10, 1968:

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is an international salesman for the [redacted] and has been since June 1953. She advised that his territories include Mexico and South America as well as territory overseas. He does no selling in the United States.

[redacted] Shawnee Mission, Kansas, advised he is salesman for [redacted] made numerous trips out of the country, many of which were in Mexico. He stated that during the week April 1 through 7, 1968, he was in Kansas City at work during the work days and at home on the weekend and that on April 8, he flew to Jacksonville, Florida, where he met a customer in the poultry processing business by the name of [redacted] from Jamaica, who had come to this country to study some poultry processing plants in Gainesville, Georgia. He stated that he and [redacted] flew from Jacksonville to Atlanta on April 9 and arrived at approximately 5:00 pm and he placed [redacted] on a Greyhound Bus for Gainesville, Georgia, and then he himself checked into the Downtown Motel in Atlanta, where he stayed April 9 and 10 and checked out on the morning of April 11. He stated that Wednesday night, the tenth, [redacted] stayed in the motel with him. He stated that he was unable to conduct any business on the ninth, due to the fact all business establishments were closed because of the funeral of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. While in Atlanta he visited a friend of his, [redacted]

The following is a description of [redacted] white male, born [redacted] 5'10½", 150-55 lbs., hazel eyes, black hair, U.S. Navy 1944-46, U.S. Navy # [redacted] occupation [redacted] salesman, June 1953, [redacted]

KC 44-760
RLH:jab
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

At Wathena, Kansas:

Re Telephone Number [redacted]

On May 7, 1968, it was ascertained that the above telephone number was the number of Mrs. FLOYD HONTZ, [redacted] Wathena, Kansas.

On May 7, 1968, Mrs. FLOYD HONTZ, [redacted] Wathena, Kansas, advised she resides at this address with her children, the oldest of whom is a senior in high school. She said she has had telephone number [redacted] since May, 1967, and this is currently her number.

Mrs. HONTZ stated she does not recall receiving a telephone call from Beaumont, Texas, in December, 1967, or at any time since she has had this number. She stated she has no relatives in Texas and can recall no one calling at her residence from the Texas area in December, 1967. She said her children were not on a trip away from home at that time and no one called them to her knowledge or recollection.

Mrs. HONTZ viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and stated she did not recall ever meeting anyone who resembled him and said she knew no one who used any of the known aliases of RAY.

KC 44-760
WFR:ak
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The following investigation was conducted at Kansas City, Missouri by IC [redacted] on May 15, 1968:

A review of Kansas City, Missouri Police Department file # [redacted] disclosed [redacted] described white, male, born [redacted] 5'6½", 176 lbs., FBI # [redacted] was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on [redacted] for investigation - hold for [redacted] This arrest disclosed [redacted] in Kansas City in what was termed [redacted] gave a signed statement admitting this [redacted] and on [redacted] this charge was reduced to [redacted] at which time [redacted] entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to a period of [redacted] to be served at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. It was noted that from the date of arrest, [redacted] until date of sentencing, [redacted] was incarcerated in the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

Upon arrest [redacted] furnished the following list of relatives:

Mother [redacted] Gordo, Alabama.

Brother [redacted] residence same

Brother [redacted], Birmingham, Alabama

Brother [redacted] Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

No other arrests for [redacted] in the Kansas City area.

A review of Kansas City, Missouri Police Department file [redacted] disclosed [redacted], also known as [redacted] described white male, born [redacted] 5'8", 175 lbs., FBI # [redacted]

[redacted] was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department on [redacted] for investigation - recent activities. It was determined that [redacted] in Kansas City and he furnished a signed statement admitting same. [redacted] was tried by a jury for this [redacted] and tried under the habitual criminal statute and was found guilty by the jury, sentenced to [redacted] to the Missouri State Pentientiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, date not given.

[redacted]

At the time of arrest by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, [redacted] advised the arfesting officers that he had no father and that he did not know his mother's name.

A copy of the FBI identification record of [redacted] and [redacted] were obtained as were photographs of these two individuals.

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RBH:rd

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

On May 21, 1968, Attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER, [redacted] Independence, Missouri, advised that in January, 1963, he was appointed by Judge GIBSON, U. S. District Court, to represent JAMES EARL RAY at the Missouri State Penitentiary in his application for Writ of Habeas Corpus. He stated that previous to this, RAY had filed application for appointment of counsel as an indigent pauper. This Writ of Habeas Corpus was to bring the warden into court to show why he was being detained. The hearing was unsuccessful.

BAKER advised that prior to the hearing and sometime during 1963, he talked to RAY at the Penitentiary and he believes this is the only time he spoke with him at the Penitentiary and the only other time he saw him was at the hearing which was held in Jefferson City, Missouri. After the hearing, RAY indicated to him he was going to appeal. BAKER stated he did not wish to represent RAY any further and his records show that on September 23, 1963, he wrote RAY at the Penitentiary to confirm his understanding to appeal and advising him that he should handle it himself.

BAKER stated he remembers nothing unusual in his conversations with RAY. They mainly talked of the hearing. He has not been in contact with RAY since September, 1963, and could furnish no information as to his whereabouts. He did advise that in about August, 1963, RAY sent him a $50.00 fee for representing him in this matter. Also, he received a letter dated July 24, 1963, from another inmate, Missouri State Penitentiary, [redacted] Registry # [redacted] This inmate advised that BAKER had been recommended to him by RAY and he requested BAKER to handle his case in the same manner he handled RAY!s case.

BAKER said he sent [redacted] a letter in August, 1963, advising him he would be unable to handle his case. BAKER also produced a letter dated July 10, 1963, that he received from JERRY RAY, 1713 Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri. This letter states as follows:

> "I visited my brother James Ray this past Sunday and he said you represent him. Also, he said he was going to mail you $49.75 plus later on send you some money and you are supposed to send it to me.
>
> "He will let you know when he sends it. He will also let me know.
>
> "/s/ Jerry Ray"

BAKER advised that this was the extent of his contact with RAY and can furnish no further information regarding him. However, if such information comes to his attention, he will immediately contact the FBI.

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RBH:jrt
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After interview with attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER at Independence, Missouri, SA [redacted] returned to the office and checked subject's file to determine if there was a recording of subject's sending $50 to attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER. Prison records failed to substantiate this. In fact, they show that on June 19, 1963, PHILLIP LEE BAKER, 516 Guitar Building, Columbia, Missouri, sent a money order of $50 to JAMES EARL RAY. Because of this, SA [redacted] recontacted attorney PHILLIP LEE BAKER the same date.

BAKER advised that his file reveals that he received a letter from JAMES EARL RAY dated May 19, 1963, from the Missouri State Penitentiary stating he was going to sign over $50 to BAKER and the money would be sent to him when money orders can be sent out. He advised that he got a letter dated June 11, 1963, postmarked June 11, 1963, from JAMES EARL RAY indicating that a relative was sending him $100. He stated he received another letter dated June 7, 1963, postmarked June 12, 1963, from the Missouri State Penitentiary enclosing a check or money order (BAKER could not tell from this letter) for legal fees. This letter was unsigned, however, the return address listed [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary #[redacted] BAKER advised that his records revealed that on June 17, 1963, he sent RAY a check for $50 which was the excess over his legal fees.

BAKER stated he could not remember any further details of these transactions, however, he would continue to review his files and check records and see if he could furnish any information which would be more helpful in this matter. BAKER supposed that maybe he was supposed to send the $50 to JERRY RAY instead of back to the subject in view of the letter he received from JERRY RAY on July 10, 1963, however, he could not elaborate on this.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

On May 16, 1968, [redacted] Parole Officer, Greene County Court House, advised that on [redacted], appeared before Judge BARBOUR, Springfield, Missouri in connection with [redacted] and was released. [redacted] advised the record shows a money order was received from [redacted] making restitution on [redacted] on February 28, 1968 and a return address is [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri and this is the most recent information in the file.

KC 44-760

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI:

On May 22, 1968, [redacted] to whom a phone call was made by [redacted] from St. Louis, Missouri, on November 30, 1967, said this call related to his attempting to obtain a parole for [redacted] MSP # [redacted] doing [redacted] He said [redacted] said he was motivated by humanitarian reasons [redacted] He said [redacted] is still in the penitentiary and is suffering from tuberculosis.

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THW:LAC
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT COLUMBIA, MISSOURI:

On May 3, 1968, Chief of Police PAUL CHEAVENS (NA), Columbia Police Department, was telephonically advised by SA [redacted] of the statement from a witness in St. Louis, Missouri, that one individual driving a 1964 Chevrolet bearing a license issued to [redacted], Columbia, resembled the subject. Chief CHEAVENS said that he would cause investigation to be conducted to determine if the person driving the above-described car could be identical with subject.

On May 3, 1968, Chief CHEAVENS advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] at [redacted] in Columbia until about March 1968. He said that he thought [redacted] was fired, and indications were that he had gone to Mexico, Missouri. He stated it was thought that [redacted] was single and had come from around Springfield, Missouri, and apparently not much was known about him among [redacted] at [redacted] but there was no indication of any remote possibility that he would be identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

KC 44-760
WCM:jab
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The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted]

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On May 6, 1968, 1967 Columbia, Missouri, City Directory was checked for [redacted] There was no record. However, [redacted] Columbia, Missouri, was located and his occupation was listed as [redacted].

On May 6, 1968, Missouri Motor Vehicle Department, Driver's License Section records were checked for operator's license issued in the name of [redacted]. The following information was obtained:

[redacted] Columbia, Missouri, was issued Missouri operator's license SN [redacted] on September 19, 1964. He is described on his application as a white male, born [redacted] in [redacted] height 5' 8"; weight 145 pounds; black hair, brown eyes, occupation - [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date May 1, 1968

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Mr. DONALD BUNKER, Director, Classification and Assignments, Missouri State Penitentiary, who maintains personnel files on inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary, advised that a visitor's card is issued to a person desiring to visit inmates by the Warden. This contains the signature of the visitor. When this person makes a visit, the card of the inmate is "pulled" by the matron in the visiting room, who checks the card upon presentation. The person visiting signs the register of visitors. This is a sheet of paper in columns. This is checked on the inmate's file, according to date, and when such entries are made on the inmate's card for all visitors each day, the sheet signed by the visitor is destroyed.

Mr. BUNKER said, therefore, the only signature of a visitor is that contained on the inmate's official visitor's card. He said, if it did not agree, in the opinion of the checking matron, no visit would be allowed, and trouble might result both to the inmate and the visitor.

On 4/30/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-760

by SA [redacted] : jab Date dictated 4/30/68

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The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]:

[redacted] was located at the residence of her son, [redacted] in a remote area of Laclede County, Missouri, on May 16, 1968. She advised that [redacted] was the son of her half-brother and something over 20 years ago he had been sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary. [redacted] advised since his release from the penitentiary, he has lived in the St. Louis area and she has lived at Pascola, Missouri; therefore, she has had no contact or association with [redacted] and does not know any of his friends or associates or have any information concerning his activities. She stated it has been approximately nine years since she has seen [redacted]

KC 44-760
RH:jlh
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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

Re: Employment of EARL EVERETT RAY, subject's uncle, prior to 1944 at Sunset Amusement Company, Excelsior Springs, Missouri

Chief PATTERSON, Police Department, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, advised on May 1, 1968, that the Sunset Amusement Company, was owned and operated by KENNETH GARMAN and had winter quarters at Excelsior Springs, Missouri. He said GARMAN sold the business and he does not know whether any employment records were retained. He said JOHN LODWIK, SR., Attorney, formally did some of the legal work for GARMAN.

JOHN LODWIK, SR., Attorney, Excelsior Springs, Missouri, stated GARMAN sold the Sunset Amusement Company a number of years ago and retired to Florida. He stated to his knowledge there were no old employment records retained and he does not know the whereabouts of GARMAN.

VI. CHANNEL MASTER TRANSISTOR RADIO, MODEL 6502

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 6/4/68

Mr. M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, said the ledger of JAMES EARL RAY, MSP #[redacted] reflected he bought a radio from the inmate canteen of the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 21, 1967. This is reflected by a sales slip for that date. He said he can tell a radio was purchased because this is a coded item. He paid $9.75 for this radio. He said there was no means, from his books, to establish the make or the serial number of the radio purchased. RAY's balance, after the purchase, was $4.16.

On 5/27/68 at Jefferson City, Missouri File # KC 44-760

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. HARRY F. LUECKENHOFF, Acting Manager, GORDON SOUND SYSTEM, Jefferson City, Missouri, said no serial numbers were maintained on items sold to the Missouri State Penitentiary, including 34 Channel Master Model 6502. He said the serial number is located in back of the knob on a piece of paper and is actually the final inspection number and is easily removed.

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Mr. PAUL STUEDER, Manager, SHOW-ME ELECTRONICS, INC., 609 Jefferson, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised he supplies items to GORDON SOUND SYSTEM. He said no serial numbers are maintained on items supplied to the retailer, including Model 6502 Channel Master transistor radios.

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Mr. HUGH DALLAS, Business Manager, Missouri State Penitentiary, advised his office handles the purchase of radios for the inmates' canteen. He said no serial numbers are maintained by his office, but on occasion, are furnished by the supplier. He examined his books and said the penitentiary purchased 48 Model 6502 Channel Master radios on September 7, 1968, from Central Missouri Distributing Company, Jefferson City, Missouri, for $350.40, and the serial numbers are reflected thereon. He said ten of this same model and make were purchased from Gordon Sound System on August 16, 1966, for $73.00, and no serial numbers are given. The last purchase of this radio was on October 29, 1968, from Gordon Sound System, Jefferson City, Missouri, of 24 radios with a sale price of $175.20, and no serial numbers are indicated. He said there was no means, through his records, of establishing the serial numbers.

Mr. DALLAS said the inmates have never been furnished with Pepsodent tooth brushes, but could purchase same at the canteen. He said they are not allowed to have such items as "Right Guard."

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Central Missouri Distributing Co.

RADIO, TELEVISION & ELECTRONIC PARTS — BATTERIES

Phone 636-3149 — 324 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE
P.O. BOX 838 — JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI ☑

Phone 442-4909 — 120 SO. EIGHTH ST.
P.O. BOX 862 — COLUMBIA, MISSOURI ☐

DATE 9/7/66

SOLD TO MO State Prison
STREET Inmates Canteen
CITY city

SHIPPED TO
SHIPPED FROM

TERMS 2% 10 NET 30 ☐ NET 30 ☑ | VIA pickup | YOUR ORDER NO | PACKED BY | AMOUNT ENCLOSED $

BACK ORDERED	Quantity Ordered	Shipped	Delivered	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	
	48	48		6502 C M Radios	7.30	350.4
				Sn # 186968 Sn # 186943 Sn # 386373		
				186947 187078 386353		
				187080 186945 386372		
				187002 186941 386375		
				186944 187077 386372		
				187098 186963 386477		
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				186948 187076 386371		
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				186946 386386 386356		
				186942 386425 386352		
				187077 386351 386351		
				187100 386353 386374		
				187062 386355 386349		
				187077 386371 386371		
				186966 386321 386316		350.4

NO MERCHANDISE RETURNED WITHOUT OUR PERMISSION
PAST DUE ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO SERVICE CHARGE

Postage & Ins.

TOTAL 350.4

Thank you

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INVOICE

GORDON SOUND SYSTEM

113 W. HIGH ST. — TELEPHONE 636-7281
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101

SOLD TO Missouri State Penitentiary
Prison Canteen Fund
Jefferson City, Missouri

DATE OF ORDER
DATE SHIPPED 8/16/66
INVOICE NO. 57696
YOUR ORDER NO.
TERMS

COMMERCIAL PRINTING CO.

QUANTITY SHIPPED	QUANTITY ORDERED	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	EXTENSION	TOTAL
	10	#6502 Channel Master Radios	7.30		73.00

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INVOICE

GORDON SOUND SYSTEM

113 W. HIGH ST. — TELEPHONE 636-7281
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI 65101

SOLD TO Prison Canteen

Jefferson City, Mo.

COMMERCIAL PRINTING CO.

DATE OF ORDER 10/29/66

DATE SHIPPED

INVOICE NO. 58133

YOUR ORDER NO. 3809

TERMS

QUANTITY SHIPPED	QUANTITY ORDERED	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	EXTENSION	TOTAL
	24	#6502 ChannelMaster Radios	7.50	175.20	175.20

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ORDER No.

DATE

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Mr. JAMES SCHULTE, Manager, Inmate's Canteen, Missouri State Pneitentiary, advised when a radio is purchased by an inmate, his number is etched on the radio and a slip is given the Treasurer's office to code in the purchase on his account, so that he will not buy any more radios. He said he was not employed at the canteen in April of 1967. He said C. R. LUCKE has been there since July of 1966, and TOM ROBERTS has been employed for about eight years. He said PAT RACKERS was in charge in April of 1967. He said that normally one of the civilians does the etching; however, on occasion the inmates have done this. He said the inmates who were employed were GUS LYONS and AL PHASON.

He said the canteen has had only one etching device since the sale of radios was permitted about 1966. He said this is a VIBRO-GRAVER, Burgess Vibro-Crafters, Grayslake, Illinois, Model V-73. He said it has no serial number.

He said no serial numbers are maintained on radios sold by the canteen. He said the canteen still has ten or eleven Channel Master Model 6502s. He said this is the only radio which has ever been sold to inmates for $9.75 each. He said no new orders for this radio have been made since about 1966 or the first of 1967.

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Mr. TOM ROBERTS, Schott Road, a patient at the Memorial Community Hospital, furnished the following information:

He is employed in the Inmate Canteen at the Missouri State Penitentiary. Sometimes he engraves an inmate's number on transistor radio purchased by the inmate. He was so employed during April 1967.

Mr. ROBERTS used a "Vibro-Graver" identified as the one in use at the Inmate Canteen during 1967 to engrave the number "00416" on the top of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #4 and with the initials "TR."

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Date 6/3/68

AL PHASON, Register #[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the following information:

He has in the past worked in the Inmate Canteen at the Penitentiary where he sometimes engraved inmate's numbers on transistor radios purchased by the inmates. He was so employed during 1967.

PHASON used a new electric engraver furnished him to engrave the number "00416" on the back of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #2 and marked with the initials "AP."

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Mr. CLARENCE R. LUCKE, Storekeeper, Inmate Canteen, Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the following information:

He was working in this canteen in April 1967. He often engraved inmates' register numbers on transistor radios purchased in the canteen by the inmates. He used a Model V-73 "Vibro-Graver" of the Burgess Vibrocrafters, Inc., to do the engraving.

Mr. LUCKE furnished for the use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the "Vibro-Graver" used in the inmate canteen. He initialed the "Vibro-Graver" as the one which has been in use here since he came to the inmate canteen in July 1966. He is positive that the bit on the engraver now is the same bit which was on the engraver when he came here in 1966.

Mr. LUCKE used another engraver furnished him to engrave the number "00416" on the back of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #1, and marked with the initials "CRL."

The only persons he knows of who might have placed an inmate's number on a transistor radio purchased in the canteen in about April 1967, would have been himself, Mr. PAT RACKERS, since resigned, Mr. TOM ROBERTS, civilian employee presently confined in Memorial Community Hospital in Jefferson City, and two inmates who worked then in the canteen, AL PHASON and GUS LYONS.

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GUS LYONS, Register # [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary, furnished the following information:

He has in the past used the electric engraver in the Inmate Canteen at the Penitentiary to engrave an inmate's number on a transistor radio purchased by the inmate. He could have made some number enxravings on radios in 1967.

LYONS used a new electric engraver furnished him to engrave the number "00416" on the back side of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area marked #3 and marked with the initials "GL."

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Mr. PATRICK D. RACKERS, [redacted] who is employed as [redacted] Cumberland, Maryland, furnished the following information:

He was in charge of the Inmate Canteen at the Missouri State Penitentiary in April 1967. When inmates purchased radios at the canteen, the inmate's register number was engraved on the radio, usually by the civilian personnel employed at the canteen, with an electric engraving device known as a "Vibro-Graver." The employee who usually handled the engraving operation was Mr. CLARENCE R. LUCKE; however, it is possible that inmates employed in the canteen at that time, AL PHASON and GUS LYONS, or himself, or another civilian employee, TOM ROBERTS, would have done engraving on radios purchased by inmates. He knows of no other persons who would have done any engraving.

Mr. RACKERS used the "Vibro-Graver" obtained from the Missouri State Penitentiary Inmate Canteen on May 29, 1968, to engrave the number "00416" on the top of a "Channel Master" transistor radio case in an area designated #5 with the initials "P.R."

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CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 57

VIA TELETYPE
MAY 2 1968
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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IRECTOR (PLAINTEXT) AND RICHMOND

NEWARK (44-854) (P)

IN. OO: MEMPHIS.

REBUTEL TO NEWARK FOUR TWENTY NINE, NO CC RICHMOND.

RETEL ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH SUBJECT RAY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED
HE ASSAILANT, NEWARK SHOULD CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETER-
IF ONE [redacted] MIGHT BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

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[redacted]

IN MARCH OF SIXTY FIVE, [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED 44-3886-4443

[redacted] WAS GIVEN A PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW AND IT WAS
HE NEEDED PSYCHIATRIC EXAM. [redacted] MADE STATEMENTS TO
[redacted] THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GET A GUN AND SHOOT REV.
IN LUTHER KING. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE KLU KLUX KLAN WAS
ER TO THE AMERICAN WAY THAN THE POLICIES OF PRESIDENT
SON AND HE ADDED HE HATED MANY LEADING AMERICANS IN THE
RNMENT INCLUDING CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN. [redacted]

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IED THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL PROBABLY DOES NEED PSYCHIATRIC
P AND HIS STATEMENTS INDICATE HE MIGHT BE SUFFERING FROM
NOIAC AND SCHIZOPHRENIC TENDENCIES. [redacted] STATED
[redacted] HAD SERVED THREE YEARS IN NEW JERSEY STATE PRISON
[redacted] AND HAS FBI NO. [redacted]
[redacted] IS DESCRIBED A WHITE MALE, HEIGHT FIVE FEET SIX AND
QUARTER INCHES, WEIGHT ONE FORTY SEVEN LBS., BROWN HAIR,
L EYES, RUDY COMPLEXION, MARITAL STATUS DIVORCED, OCCUPATION
RER, NEAREST RELATIVE FATHER, [redacted],
[redacted]

ON FIVE ONE SIXTY EIGHT [redacted]
[redacted] ADVISED THAT FROM
SIXTY SEVEN THROUGHT APRIL TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT, [redacted] AS LOCATED
[redacted]
[redacted] RICHMOND, VA., WHERE HE WAS EMPLOYED AS A LABORER.
HREE TWENTY EIGHT SIXTY EIGHT, [redacted] TELEGRAMED
TY FIVE DOLLARS TO [redacted] AT THE MOTEL AND SENT HIM ANOTHER
Y DOLLARS JUST PRIOR TO FOUR TWENTY SIXTY EIGHT TO COME
ON.

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ON FIVE TWO SIXTY EIGHT, [redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU
TS AND VERIFIED THAT HE HAD BEEN AT [redacted] EMPLOYED
ENERAL HANDY WORK FROM OCT. SIXTY SEVEN UNTIL APRIL TWENTY
E SIXTY EIGHT. HE STATED THAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY GONE TO
MOND IN HIS FATHER'S NINETEEN FIFTY ONE BUICK, BLACK, FOUR
SEDAN, BEARING NJ LICENSE [redacted] IN JANUARY,
Y EIGHT, HE RETURNED THIS CAR TO HIS FATHER AND WENT
DIATELY BACK TO [redacted] WHERE HE HAS BEEN WITHOUT A
HIS EMPLOYER AT [redacted] WAS [redacted] A NATURALIZED
IAN, TELEPHONE NO. [redacted]
ED THAT THE ONLY TIME HE LEFT [redacted] WAS TO GO SHOPPING
RINKING IN A LOCAL BAR IN AND AROUND RICHMOND, VA., DURING
ENTIRE PERIOD FROM OCT. SIXTY SEVEN TO APRIL, SIXTY EIGHT.
IATED ON THE DAY REV. KING WAS SHOT, HE WAS IN HENRICO
TY SHOOTING POOL IN A POOL HALL AND THIS LOCATION IS ONLY
I DISTANCE FROM [redacted] HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHATSOEVER
HE KILLING OF REV. KING AND NEVER HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF
S EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, ETC., BY PHOTO OR NAME.
RICHMOND WILL CONTACT [redacted] AT [redacted] RE

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LEDGE OF [redacted] HIS ASSOCIATES AND CONTACTS, AND MOVEMENTS
NG OCT. SIXTY SEVEN, TO APRIL TWENTY THREE, SIXTY EIGHT,
ETERMINE IF [redacted] COULD BE IMPLICATED AS A CONSPIRATOR.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

.....RM FBI WASH DC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Mr. Mohr

DATE: 6/4/68

: N. P. Callahan

: MURKIN - COST DATA

In connection with our investigation concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., there is set forth below the estimated cost to the Bureau through the close of business May 31, 1968.

The total estimated cost is $1,117,870. A peak of 3,075 field agents was assigned to this case and 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime have been performed. Bureau automobiles have been driven an estimated 448,775 miles.

ACTION:

None; informational.

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Mohr (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Callahan (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Bishop (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Martindale (sent direct)

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: Mr. DeLoach

: A. Rosen

CT: MURKIN

DATE: June 4, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on 4-4-68.

The total facilities of the FBI have been fully committed to this case since the outset and all phases of the investigation continue to receive top priority attention. The following are selected highlights to illustrate the intensive nature and extensive scope of investigative activity in this regard.

A peak of 3,075 field Agents have been assigned to this case and the estimated cost of the investigation at the end of April was $781,407. During the month of April, Agents assigned to this case performed 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime, while Bureau automobiles were driven an estimated 332,849 miles in connection with this case. It is estimated that more than 30,000 interviews have been conducted.

More than 70 latent fingerprints and palm prints were developed on various items of evidence. These have been compared with the prints of approximately 500 individuals and the identification of James Earl Ray as Eric Galt resulted from a project of checking selected latent fingerprints against the fingerprints of approximately 53,000 fugitives.

The FBI Laboratory has also conducted extensive examinations covering more than 360 questioned specimens of evidence and more than 625 known specimens. Laboratory identifications of material typed and written by Ray have been of substantial assistance in the investigation.

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Canadian and Mexican authorities have conducted extensive investigation on a national basis at our request. Among other projects undertaken by them was an examination of Canadian passports issued since 4-23-67. The initial examination is being limited to 177,000

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passports issued since 4-1-68, and has resulted in the location of a passport issued 4-24-68, in the name of Ramon George Sneyd, whom the Canadians believe to be probably identical with Ray. This is being vigorously pursued.

A special squad of Agents in Washington Field Office is examining the records of over 2,000,000 passports issued by the State Department since 3-1-67. This is not being restricted to a name check but is being conducted on the basis of photographs and handwriting.

Ray is not known to have ever had a bank account but is known to have maintained a safe deposit box. All safe deposit boxes are being checked in selected cities where he might logically maintain such a box. In a similar project to identify any possible payoff to Ray, various selected field divisions are checking all withdrawals from banks in the amount of $10,000 or more during April, 1968.

When Ray purchased his Mustang in Birmingham in August, 1967, he made a point of not driving it until he had obtained a driver's license in the name of Eric S. Galt. Driver's license records in all states and the District of Columbia are being checked for all new driver's licenses issued since 4-1-68. To illustrate the scope of this project, over 675,000 licenses have been issued since 4-1-68, in California, over 600,000 have been issued in Texas, and in Virginia those issued since 4-1-68, are not segregated from those issued for the entire year, making it necessary to examine 2,000,000 licenses.

In connection with other projects, approximately 2,000 long-distance telephone calls have been checked, unsolved bank robberies have been reviewed, and Salvation Army Missions and other similar organizations, as well as more than 14,000 laundries and dry cleaning establishments have been circularized. Extensive reviews have also been made of airline travel records, all travel facilities have been circularized, and extensive investigation has been conducted regarding automobiles sold and stolen at selected places and times related to Ray's movements.

As a result of the unprecedented publicity that has been given to Ray's fugitive status, suspects are being continuously reported

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throughout the field. All suspects are immediately processed and up to the present time more than 800 suspects have been under investigation.

In addition to widespread investigation throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, specific inquiries have been made in various other foreign countries, including England, Germany, Rhodesia, the Netherlands Antilles, Guatemala, Venezuela, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Jamaica, Honduras, Italy and Bermuda.

As a result of the massive investigation conducted in this case, James Earl Ray has been identified as the subject and substantial evidence has been developed for prosecutive use as soon as he is apprehended.

ACTION:

This investigation is continuing to receive top priority attention.

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Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 8, 1968

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

[redacted] Pentagon, telephonically advised that one [redacted] telephonically advised that he was "the killer of Martin Luther King and come and get him." He stated that he lived in the rural area near Clarksville and Cunningham, Tennessee, and that Sheriff Joel Plummer of Montgomery County, Tennessee, knew him well and knew precisely where he lived. He also stated that he knew the girl in the polka-dot dress who ran out of the Ambassador Hotel where the late Senator Robert Kennedy was assassinated.

According to [redacted] stated he was calling from the telephone number [redacted] Clarksville, Tennessee.

ACTION: Security Patrol Clerk [redacted] Memphis Office, was advised of the above and instructed to relay the information to the SAC to have [redacted] interviewed and Bureau advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: MR. TOLSON

: C. D. DELOACH

: MURKIN

DATE: June 8, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
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I called the Attorney General (AG) at approximately 5:50 p. m., June 8, 1968, and advised him that in connection with the conversation in his office with me, the Director had instructed me to send two men to London instead of one for the purpose of escorting the subject back to the United States. The AG was told that this would make a total of four FBI representatives escorting the subject back to this country.

The AG was additionally told that the Director had instructed that the two men in question proceed to London as expeditiously as possible so that they would be on the scene in the event extradition or deportation proceedings occurred faster than anticipated. He was told that towards this end, I had called Joe Califano at the White House, who usually handled military transportation in expedite matters of this nature, to tell him that if he knew of a military plane proceeding to London, it would be appreciated if the FBI representatives could hitch a ride on this plane.

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The AG snappishly inquired as to the reasons why this had not been cleared with him personally. I told him I had specifically mentioned in his office the fact that three men would be suitable for escorting subject Ray back to the United States and that he had disagreed stating that he felt additional men should be assigned to this project. He stated he did not recall this exchange of conversation. I told him I recalled it very well. He stated there was no need to get into a "spitting contest" over this particular issue and that he wanted me to definitely realize that he did not recall such matters being discussed. I told him I would not back down on the matter and that the discussion had taken place. He then turned to another topic.

The AG stated that he wanted me to know that he was unhappy about the manner in which this case had been handled. I immediately asked him for specifics. He stated that obviously the FBI had possessed a great deal of information and had not cut him in on it. He stated that as an example,

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the Deputy Attorney General (DAG) of the United States had called me personally and that I had refused to give him "inside facts." I replied that when the DAG first called me this morning, I had indicated that I had no facts to give him but that a short time later I had called the DAG and had read to him the press release prior to the time the release was given to the wire services. I pointed out to the AG that his Deputy had fully approved the press release and had indicated that it was completely within guidelines of appropriate legal proceedings. The AG replied that he had been told differently. He stated that he had been advised that I had not given any information whatsoever to the DAG. I stated that as indicated in my conversation with him, the facts previously mentioned were true. The AG replied by stating this was one of the biggest cases the Department of Justice will ever have. He then asked me point blank, "Who the hell do you think you're working for?" He quickly added "I'll tell you who you're working for, you're working for the Department of Justice." He next added that he wanted to insist that in the future that any information whatsoever received in this case, any investigative step whatsoever, and any communications be brought to his personal attention without delay. He stated that obviously he had been kept in the dark thusfar and that he did not intend to put up with this in the future.

I told the AG if he insisted upon making such falsifications that there was no need to continue the conversation. I then hung up the phone on him.

The AG's secretary called me back approximately three minutes later and stated that he wanted to speak to me again. He then came on the phone and told me that our conversation had not been over and that he demanded to know why I had hung up the phone on him. I told him that apparently there was no need to continue the conversation and that I did not wish to discuss it further. He stated that he must insist, as Attorney General, that any arrangements made concerning this case be cleared with him. He stated that in connection with the military flight for our Agents that I should have realized Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Vinson wanted to go on the same flight and would have wanted to make arrangements on a personal basis with the White House or the military personnel. I told the AG that if he wanted Vinson to go on a military flight, this was entirely his prerogative to make his own arrangements. The AG then told me he would discuss this case at greater length later on.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON
RE: MURKIN

Within five minutes the AG's secretary called again and asked that I come around to his office right away. I took Mr. Rosen with me as a witness. The AG had with him DAG Christopher and AAG Pollak. The conversation was initiated by the AG and he immediately referred to his previous conversation relating to the Agents who were going to London and the discussion which had taken place in his office earlier during the day when I advised him that three Agents would be available in London for the purpose of handling the subject insofar as his return to the United States was concerned. He reviewed what he had said earlier and I repeated exactly the position I had previously taken. There was a stand-off and when he recognized that I had not changed my position, he turned to Rosen for verification at which time Rosen repeated that it was his understanding that three Agents would be available in London and that this matter had been thoroughly discussed at FBI Headquarters earlier.

I made no further reference to this conversation and he then turned to what he said were the three most important considerations in this matter: (1) Security; (2) insuring that all proper legal procedures acceptable to the United States and Great Britain would be followed; (3) that proper interviews would take place.

In this connection, there was a discussion concerning security and he referred to the availability of Legal Attache [redacted]. He insisted that MINNICH [redacted] meet Vinson at the plane Sunday morning, June 9, 1968. I told him that [redacted] would not be available to meet Vinson inasmuch as [redacted] or MINNICH one of our people would probably spend all night at the jail. He asked me if this was a true statement. I told him it was a true statement or I would not have made it.

He then referred to the legal proceedings that would take place. He said that Vinson would be in complete charge of this matter, that he would make the arrangements and insure that proper procedures be followed. He said that [redacted] would report to Vinson concerning any developments and that the question of deportation was viewed favorably by him. He said if deportation was pursued, it could be criticized from a legal standpoint insofar as he was concerned. He said transporting the subject by any plane, military or owned by the United States Government, is not a free deportation from any country. He said that his attorneys would be reviewing this matter and would be in a position to make appropriate recommendations to him. He said that the legal procedures which would be followed were obviously paramount and would have to receive first consideration over any expedient investigative procedures. I told the AG at this point that we wanted him to know that the FBI had not injected

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itself into any such so-called legal procedures and that our actions up to this date had been strictly of an investigative nature. I also advised him that I had informed him of the attitude of the British Government with reference to their attitude toward deportation and that this had not been an opinion of FBI representatives in London. I stated that when I mentioned that there was a 60/40 chance that he would be deported, that this was the attitude of the British authorities rather than our representatives.

The AG was advised that we had set in motion the obtaining of the copy of the indictment which had been requested which indictment was returned by the Tennessee authorities naming this subject as the person responsible for the killing of King, that this would be made available immediately upon its receipt and that a properly certified copy was being obtained.

DAG Christopher asked me if the subject was being detained on a "holding action" or as a result of a violation of British law. He was told that the subject was being detained on the basis of entering the country with illegal documents and because he had a loaded gun on his person.

The AG then turned to AAG Pollak. He stated he wanted him to divorce himself from other work for the next several days and that he should supervise this case completely. The AG then turned to me and stated that he wanted Pollak to be kept advised of any communication, airtel, or cablegram that might come in in connection with this case. I told the AG that any facts which were pertinent would be furnished to the Department. The AG then indicated that the meeting was over.

I called Legal Attache MINNICH upon my return to the office and informed him that he should proceed as planned; however, under no circumstances should he give the impression to Vinson or the Embassy that the FBI was injecting itself into extradition or deportation proceedings. MINNICH properly replied that he had not thusfar injected himself and that as a matter of fact, following my call to him concerning Vinson coming over there, he had immediately informed Embassy officials that all proceedings pertaining to extradition or deportation would be strictly handled between Vinson, the American Embassy and the British Government. I told MINNICH that he should be diplomatic but firm with Vinson and that under no circumstances should Vinson be allowed to push our personnel around. I also informed him that the AG had been told that he, would be unable to meet Vinson inasmuch as he would be spending almost full time at Scotland Yard and at the jail.

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MEMORANDUM TO MR. TOLSON
RE: MURKIN

MINNICH
[redacted] was advised that Special Agents Bounds and Zeiss would arrive in London by military transportation at approximately 1:30 p. m., London time, Sunday, June 9, 1968. I stated that the Director had wanted these men to report to London on an expeditious basis in the event the British Government allowed proceedings to happen rapidly. [redacted] was told that these men would report to him upon their arrival. MINNICH

Specific instructions have been given to Special Agents Bounds and Zeiss as to how they are to handle themselves. They have been particularly advised concerning Vinson and his background.

ACTION: For record purposes.

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MURKIN:

[redacted] (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS) OO: MEMPHIS:

[redacted] AKA [redacted]

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RE SAN DIEGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, LAS VEGAS SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE SEVEN, INSTANT.

SUBJECT [redacted] INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, SAN MATEO COUNTY JAIL, E HE IS INCARCERATED FOR [redacted] WHICH HAS BEEN CED TO [redacted] OUT OF MILLBRAE, CALIF.

SUBJECT, AFTER OBSERVING JAMES EARL RAY'S PHOTO, STATED HE RECALLS ING TIME WITH HIM AT THE FEDERAL PRISON AT LEAVENWORTH SOME TIME IE NINETEEN FIFTIES, BUT CANNOT RECALL EXACTLY WHAT PERIOD OF . HE STATED HE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH RAY SINCE THAT TIME AND NO IDEA OF HIS PRESENT WHEREABOUTS, ASSOCIATES OR ANY WAY TO FIND

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WITH REGARD TO [redacted] RECENT ACTIVITIES SINCE HIS RELEASE
M FEDERAL PRISON ON MAY TEN, LAST, HE STATED HE TRAVELED TO
DIEGO, CALIF. AND ADMITTED OBTAINING A LATE MODEL PLYMOUTH
M THE PLYMOUTH DEALER IN CHULA VISTA NEAR BROADWAY AND THIRD STREETS
OR ABOUT MAY FOURTEEN, LAST, AND ABANDONING THAT CAR IN SAN
NRDINO, CALIF. AFTER COLLIDING WITH A CAMPER, DROPPING IT OFF SOME
CE IN A SUPERMARKET PARKING LOT, AND THEN TAKING A CAB TO THE
YHOUND BUS DEPOT IN WEST COVINA, CLAIF., THE CAB COSTING ABOUT THREE
LARS. HE STATED THIS SUPERMARKET PARKING LOT WAS SOMEWHERE OFF A
EWAY.

HE STATED NO POLICE INVESTIGATION WAS CONDUCTED RE THIS ACCIDENT
CE INDIVIDUAL OWNING CAMPER, AS WELL AS HIMSELF, DID NOT DESIRE
E.

[redacted] ADMITTED HAVING BURGLARIZED THE HOME OF [redacted]
[redacted] ADDRESS HE GAVE WAS [redacted]
TINGTON BEACH, CALFI., AND OBTAINING A WALLET WITH ID AND CREDIT
DS AND DRIVERS LICENSE OF [redacted]

HE STATED HE TRAVELED BY GREYHOUND FROM WEST COVINA TO LAS
AS AND WITH THE USE OF ALTERED DRIVERS LICENSE OF [redacted]
HER CREDIT CARDS RENTED SIXTY SEVEN FORD GALAXIE, WHITE IN COLOR,
H NEVADA LICENSE HE RECALLED AS [redacted] FROM
IONAL CAR RENTALS FOR ONE DAY, AND TRAVELED IN SAME TO SAN DIEGO
RE HE ABANDONED IT IN THE PARKING LOT OF THE LAND TITLE CO.

CH HE ESTIMATED WAS ONE BLOCK FROM THE GREYHOUND BUS DEPOT, BABLY ONE BLOCK EAST OF BROADWAY, AND ABANDONED ON OR ABOUT MAY RTY ONE, LAST.

HE STATED HE THEN OBTAINED SIXTY EIGHT DODGE FROM AVIS RENT-A-CAR SAN DIEGO AIRPORT WITH THE SAME CREDIT CARD FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE S, AND DROVE SAME TO SAN FRANCISCO AREA WHEN HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REHENDED IN MILLBRAE, CALIF., ON JUNE FOUR, LAST.

HE INDICATED DESIRE TO PLEAD GUILTY UNDER RULE TWENTY RE ANY DYER CHARGES BASED ON THE RENTAL OF THE SIXTY SEVEN FORD GALAXIE.

AS PER SAN DIEGO TEL CALL THIS DATE TO SF, A HOLD HAS BEEN PLACED SUBJECT EN ROUTE USM BASED UPON THE WARRENT BEING OBTAINED BY DIEGO FOR VIOLATION DYER ACT.

SAN DIEGO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD APPROPRIATE PAPERS TO USM, SAN NCISCO.

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DIRECTOR NEW YORK MEMPHIS

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RE NEW YORK TEL TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES JUNE SIX

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INDICES NEGATIVE ON ALL PERSONS NAMED IN REFERENCED

ETYPE.

INVESTIGATION LOS ANGELES THIS DATE DISCLOSES THAT

T" REFERRED TO BY [redacted] IS THE RADIO CHURCH

GOD WITH HEADQUARTERS AT AMBASSADOR COLLEGE, PASADENA,

F. [redacted] PASADENA PD, ADVISED THAT

HERBERT ARMSTRONG IS BOTH PRESIDENT OF THE AMBASSADOR

LEGE AND FOUNDER OF THE RADIO CHURCH WHICH IS EXTREMELY

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JENTIAL AND WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE WESTERN
SPHERE. DR. ARMSTRONG DESCRIBED AS REPUTABLE MINISTER
EXTREMELY WELL REGARDED. RADIO CHURCH OF GOD TEACHES
T ADHERENCE TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, IS MULTI-RACIAL
NONPOLITICAL.

FORMER LANDLORD OF [redacted] AT [redacted]
[redacted] NORTH HOLLYWOOD, DESCRIBES [redacted]
PUTABLE STABLE INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED RELIGIOUS, QUIET
G AND NEVER INDICATED ANY EXTREMISM IN ANY FORM. STATED
AS IN [redacted] APARTMENT ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS AND
SAW ANY EXPLOSIVES OR FIREARMS. [redacted] INTERVIEWED THIS
AT PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT AND DENIES POSSESSION OF ANY EXPLOSIVES
OR DURING PERTINENT PERIOD AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED EVER
SSING OR ADVOCATING ASSASSINATION OF KING OR TO BLOW UP
D NATIONS BUILDING. HE IDENTIFIED [redacted] [redacted] AND
RONG AS WELL MEMBERS OF THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD AND STATED
THE BELIEFS OF THE RADIO CHURCH OF GOD ARE STRICTLY
ARY TO VIOLENCE AND PREACH STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE TEN
NDMENTS THEREBY ABHORING RACISM, ANTI SEMITISM OR VIOLENCE
NY FORM.

[redacted] DVISED THAT HE AND WIFE ATTEMPTED A RECONCILIATION
XIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO UNSUCCESSFULLY. AFTER A BRIEF VISIT
[redacted] IN LOS ANGELES, SHE RETURNED TO NEW YORK. [redacted]
ED HIS EX WIFE AS A HEAVY DRINKER WHO HAS HAD SEVERAL
ES. HE STATED THEY PARTED ON A BITTER NOTE AS SHE
D MORE FINANCIAL HELP FROM HIM ON THE TRIP THAN HE WAS
TO PROVIDE.

VIEW OF THE FAVORABLE REPUTATION OF THE RADIO CHURCH
AND OF ITS LEADER, DR. HERBERT ARMSTRONG, THE ALLEGATION
[redacted] APPEARS BASELESS AND NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION
WARRANTED AT THIS TIME. SECRET SERVICE NOTIFIED.
DRED FIFTEENTH MIG, REGION II, PASADENA NOTIFIED, LOCAL
TIES ADVISED.

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MR. [redacted] LEE INNES

[redacted]

c/o UNITED STATES EMBASSY,
100 WELLINGTON STREET,
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

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FOR TRANSMITTAL TO: DIRECTOR, F.B.I.

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ADDENDA -

ETTRE CIRCULAIRE AUX BANQUES
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UREAUX DE POSTES, ETC.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL BANKS AND
CAISSE POPULAIRES OF THIS PROVINCE,
POST OFFICES, ETC.

OTIF DE CETTE DIFFUSION:

FFECTUÉE à la demande du "Fe-
eral Bureau of Investigation "
" F.B.I. ") en vue de découvrir
a retraite du fugitif James Earl
AY.

AY est RECHERCHÉ EN RAPPORT AVEC
'ASSASINAT DU PASTEUR MARTIN LUTHER
ING, Jr. Il est également recherché
our fuite d'un état à l'autre pour
viter l'emprisonnement pour le crime
e vol qualifié.

E F.B.I. a raison de croire que ce
ugitif pourrait se cacher quelque
art à Montréal ou dans la région.
n conséquence, il se pourrait que
AY ait ouvert un compte de banque
hez vous en se servant soit de
on vrai nom, savoir: James Earl
AY ou de faux noms (voir bulletin)
u autres faux noms. Il aurait pu
ussi louer un coffret de sûreté.
IGNALEMENT DESCRIPTIF: Voir photo
t autres détails sur le BULLETIN.

OUS VOUS PAISONS TENIR CETTE
'RCULAIRE EN VUE D'IDENTIFICATION
T DE RENSEIGNEMENTS. SI VOUS AVEZ
U CETTE PERSONNE OU SI VOUS AVEZ
ES RENSEIGNEMENTS CONCERNANT SES
LLÉES ET VENUES OU SON ADRESSE,
RIÈRE D'EN AVISER D'URGENCE LE
UREAU DE LA GENDARMERIE ROYALE
U CANADA LE PLUS PRÈS DE CHEZ
OUS dont le numéro de téléphone
ppaŕait dans votre annuaire local.
Pour la région de Montréal, veuillez
ommuniquer avec le sergent MAGER
e la Section des enquêtes générales,
el. 879-6054.

REASON FOR THIS REQUEST:

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been requested to assist the F.B.I. in locating James Earl RAY wanted by this U.S. police force and who is believed to have been in Montréal or surrounding area during 1967.

RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. He is also wanted for interstate flight to avoid confinement for the crime of robbery.

THE F.B.I. has reasonnable grounds to believe that this individual could be hiding in Montréal or area. Consequently, it is suggested that he may have open bank accounts using either his real name, i.e. James Earl RAY or one of his several aliases (See BULLETIN) or other unknown aliases. He may also have rented a safety deposit box, etc.
DESCRIPTION: See BULLETIN.

IF YOU HAVE SEEN THIS MAN OR KNOW HIS ADDRESS OR HAVE ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY LEAD TO HIS WHEREABOUTS, please notify immediately your nearest Royal Canadian Mounted Police office, the telephone number of which appears in your local directory. (In Montréal district, contact Sergeant MAGER of the General Investigation Section, Tel. 879-6054.

complot entravant les droits constitutionnels du citoyen. Fuite d'un état à l'autre pour le crime de vol qualifié.

Mandat exécutoire au Québec

conspiring to interfere with a constitutional right of a citiz Interstate flight to avoid conf nement for the crime of robbery

PROVINCE WIDE WARRAN

Si localisé, détenir ou si vous avez des renseignements à ce sujet, prière d'en aviser d'urgence le bureau de la Gendarmerie Royale du Canada le plus près de chez vous.

If found, please detain or if you have any information concernin this person, notify immediately the nearest ROYAL CANADIA MOUNTED POLICE Office.

SIGNALEMENT ci-après

DESCRIPTION hereafter



James Ray

SIGNATURE

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Enquêtes générales, Montréal

FAUX NOMS ALIASES

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No du MANDAT - Warrant No.	OBSERVATIONS - RI

RAY est recherché en rapport a un meurtre. Considéré armé et extrêmement dangereux.

RAY is sought in connection wi murder. Consider armed and ext mely dangerous.

DATE ET LIEU DE NAISSANCE - DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH

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SCARS, TATTOOS, PECULIARITIES, HABITS, ETC.

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Small scar centre of forehead and on palm of right hand.

pouce droit - right thumb

Le Chef du Service des recherches criminelles,

(G. Paquette) Surint. - Supt.

Officer i/c Criminal Investigation Branch

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[redacted] RECEIVED ON JUNE THREE

YEIGHT AMSD ENVELOPE FROM JERRY RAY, SUBJECT'S BROTHER,

MARKED WHEELING, ILL. ENVELOPE CONTAINED MONEY ORDER

M JERRY IN AMOUNT OF FORTY DOLLARS. IT IS TO BE NOTED

S IS ONE OF SEVERAL INSTANCES WHERE JERRY RAY HAS MAILED

EY ORDERS OR MONEY [redacted]

[redacted] THE MONEY ORDER

ENCLOSED IN A FOUR PAGE FORM TYPE NEWS LETTER BEARING

DING OF "THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA MONTHLY LETTER".

BENEATH THIS HEADING APPEARS THE INFORMATION "THIS

S LETTER REPRESENTS VOLUME FORTY NINE, NUMBER FIVE" AND

T THE ORGANIZATION'S HEAD OFFICE IS IN MONTREAL, CANADA.

NEWS LETTER IS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, NINETEEN SIXTY

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ACROSS THE FRONT OF THE NEWS LETTER IS WRITTEN

INK, "LOOK INSIDE". I AM AT THE POST OFFICE AND DIDN'T

E ANY PAPER". [redacted] THIS WAS THE ONLY MESSAGE

CH APPEARED ON THIS NEWS LETTER.

NEWARK HAS OBTAINED NEWS LETTER AND WILL FORWARD TO

LAB IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT'S PRINTS MIGHT

SSIBLY BE CONTAINED THEREON.

IN VIEW OF THE FACT SUBJECT REPORTEDLY IN CANADA DURING

, SIXTYEIGHT, AND POSSIBLY DEALT WITH A BANK, IT COULD BE
CULATED THAT SUBJECT MAY HAVE FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER

NT LETTER TO JERRY RAY OR PERHAPS JERRY RAY MERELY FOUND

WS LETTER IN POST OFFICE AND USED IT FOR STATIONERY SINCE

INDICATED HE DID NOT HAVE "ANY PAPER".

ABOVE BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU FOR INFORMATION SHOULD

E BUREAU DESIRE TO MAKE ANY INQUIRY OF ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

DER SUBJECT'S ALIASES WITH RESPECT TO A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX.

D...JDR

I WASH DC

v. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/10/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P
MURKIN

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Div. 8

Enclosed are original and one of newspaper clippings pertaining to captioned matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

Return Of Ray Is Expected To Be Shrouded In Secrecy

By CHARLES THORNTON

Return of James Earl Ray from London to Memphis to stand trial for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will probably be so secret he will be safely incarcerated before any announcement is made, it was learned yesterday.

Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale said Ray will be returned to Shelby County to stand trial for first-degree murder with all "deliberate speed."

However, it is doubtful the public will know Ray, who was captured yesterday in London, is even in the United States until he is safely in jail, top law enforcement officials confirmed.



James Earl Ray
—UPI Telephoto

Mr. Canale and United States Atty. Thomas L. Robinson held day-long meetings yesterday to work out details of Ray's extradition from England.

"We anticipate no trouble getting him back. We have been working primarily on procedure details," said Mr. Canale. "We have been in contact with the State and Justice Departments and Gov. Buford Ellington's office on the matter."

Mr. Canale will head the team of prosecutors in criminal court when Ray is tried. He said Governor Ellington will be asked to formally request the State Department to initiate extradition proceedings under the United States-British Extradition Treaty of 1935.

First-degree murder in Tennessee is punishable by death in the electric chair, but there have been no executions in Tennessee since 1960 and no one from Shelby County has been executed since 1948.

Former Gov. Frank Clement asked for repeal of the capital punishment law. The General Assembly refused. Governor Clement then granted executive clemency to the five men on death row.

A recent United States Supreme Court ruling may make it difficult for the death penalty to be assessed against Ray if he is found guilty.

The court has ruled that jurors cannot be excused because they object to the death penalty. However, Robert K. Dwiver, executive assistant at-

torney general, reportedly said earlier that he has never sought exclusion of a juror exclusively on grounds that he objected to the death penalty.

He said jurors are excused only when they admit they cannot return a verdict based on evidence and law because of their beliefs.

Ray was indicted May 7 by the Shelby County Grand Jury for Dr. King's murder. Official admission of the indictment wasn't released until yesterday. It is a violation of state law to release an indictment until the person is in custody.

Mr. Canale said Ray had been indicted under his own name and aliases of Eric Starvo Galt, John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer.

"We have no other suspects in Dr. King's killing other than James Earl Ray at this time," he said.

"The extradition will be started just as soon as the procedural matters are worked out. A lot depends on what we

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have to present in our petition to the United Kingdom," said Mr. Canale.

He declined to discuss specific procedures but said his office is moving "with all deliberate speed."

Mr. Canale would not speculate on when Ray will be returned to the United States or when his trial would be held. But under normal circumstances it takes four to five months to bring a person to trial for murder.

Once in Memphis, Ray's whereabouts will be kept secret to prevent attempts on his life. Law enforcement officials seemed acutely aware that Lee Harvey Oswald, accused killer of President John F. Kennedy, was killed because of a lack of security precautions.

Judges who might hear the cases were reluctant even to talk to reporters.

Mr. Canale said Ray would be tried in an ordinary courtroom open to the public.

However, because of the international interest in the trial, it is doubtful many of the public will be able to witness the trial. Earlier it was learned that 50 seats will be reserved for the press. The normal seating capacity of a courtroom is about 100.

Asked if the trial might be held in a larger room, such as in The Auditorium because of the interest in it, Mr. Canale said: "Definitely not!"

Sheriff William N. Morris, who will be ultimately responsible for Ray's security, could not be reached for comment yesterday, but Chief Roy Nixon said the sheriff's office and the attorney general's office have been working for a month and a half on security measures in case Ray were caught.

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Scotland Yard charged Ray with possessing a fraudulent Canadian passport and carrying a deadly weapon without a permit.

He was en route to Brussels, Belgium, from Lisbon. In recent weeks he had used two new names — Ramon George Sneyd and Donald Bridgman.

It took the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Scotland Yard and Portuguese authorities to pin down the elusive 40-year-old Illinois man with a hatful of names and an ample supply of tricks.

The case was cracked by a painstaking examination of more than 900,000 passports in Washington, Ottawa and Toronto, Canada. A spokesman for the RCMP told The Commercial Appeal last night that, after going through more than 200,000 passports issued since April 6, "We came up with what appeared to be a likeness of Ray and found it was forged."

"We had the name Sneyd then and it was quickly relayed around the world. We found he had left Toronto May 6 for Lisbon. It was just a matter of cooperation before we closed the gap."

Toronto police said Ray is first known to have arrived there April 8, four days after the murder of Dr. King outside the Lorrraine Motel here and apparently driving to Atlanta, where he abandoned his white Mustang. It is believed he went directly to Toronto from Atlanta. In Toronto he rented a room in a boarding house at 964 West Dundas Street, a rundown building in the Italian-Portuguese section of the city.

The FBI announced yesterday that Ray was known to have spent some time in Montreal, Canada, in the summer of 1967, shortly after his escape from the Missouri State Penitentary. This was before he purchased the white Mustang in Birmingham, the same type of car that was seen outside the flophouse where he rented a room in Memphis April 4.

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Under British law, even if cleared of the charges made by British authorities, Ray could be placed under provisional arrest at the request of the United States.

If Ray does not ask for a hearing under the terms of the extradition treaty, he might be returned to Memphis within a few days. But if he asked for a hearing, the procedure might take three to six weeks, according to American Embassy officials.

Memphis Fire and Police Director Frank Holloman yesterday sent this telegram to J. Edgar Hoover:

"Congratulations and deep appreciation for the outstanding performance of the FBI in the apprehension of James Earl Ray. I have had no doubt at any time as to the outcome of the investigtion. You have again demonstrated forcefully that law and order will prevail and justice will be done. The Memphis Police Department is grateful to you."

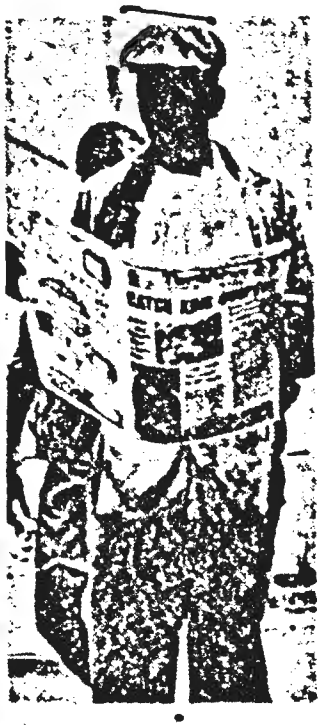
Mr. Holloman said he is "hopeful James Earl Ray will be brought to Memphis at the earliest possible date to stand trial for murder. He will receive a fair and impartial trial."

Mr. Holloman added: "I think this is just another indication of the closing of ranks of law enforcement around the world against spiraling crime. I'm very encouraged."

The arrest of Ray quelled widespread theories that the man was paid to kill Dr. King, then killed himself. But in St. Louis, Ray's brother, John Larry Ray, said, "If my brother did kill King, he did it for a lot of money. He didn't do anything if it wasn't for money."

He said he was "surprised" his brother was caught and added he hopes Ray "lives to stand trial."

According to Toronto authorities, Ray purchased the sec-



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ond passport under the name Donald Bridgman. The real Donald Bridgman is an official on the city's school board.

The owner of the Arcade Photo Studio in downtown Toronto said last night that "mounties took the negatives of the pictures I took for the man's passport. They came with a warrant last Wednesday. When I asked them why they wanted them, they said, 'Watch your newspapers and you'll find out.'"

In New York yesterday, Mrs. King was attending the funeral of Senator Robert Kennedy when told Ray had been captured. She made no comment.

Ray had served 7 years of a 20-year sentence in the Missouri State Penitentiary when he escaped in April, 1967.

The Shelby County Grand Jury returned a first-degree murder indictment on May 7, charging Ray. Necessary extradition proceedings are expected to be put in motion shortly. Ray will appear in Bow Street Magistrate's Court tomorrow to answer the fraudulent passport and deadly weapon charges.

Dr. King was shot as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel talking to friends in the parking lot below. The bullet was fired from a bathroom window in the flophouse across the street by a white man using the name John Willard and later identified as Ray.

The FBI said that Ray came to Birmingham in late summer, 1967, and set about establishing the Galt identity. The day after he checked into a Birmingham boarding house — on Aug. 26 — William D. Paisley, the sales manager of a lumber company there, ran an advertisement in the Birmingham News offering to sell a white 1966 Mustang.

Galt bought the car for \$1,995. He paid for it in cash he had drawn from his safety deposit box in a local bank. He got an Alabama's driver's license under the name Galt on Sept. 30.

He checked out of his boarding house room in Birmingham on Oct. 7, 1967, and disappeared. The FBI said he had driven the Mustang more than 19,000 miles from Aug. 30 until April 5, 1968, when it was abandoned in a housing project in Atlanta.

Agents said Galt made sev-

eral trips to the West Coast and, while there, took dancing lessons in Long Beach, Calif., and a course in bartending in Hollywood.

While living in California, Galt was known to have taken a trip to New Orleans in December, 1967. Charles Stein, a Los Angeles songwriter, said he made the trip to New Orleans with Galt and, several times Galt attempted to telephone a New Orleans man. Stein said Galt claimed the man was an important industrialist.

Galt was graduated from the bartending school on March 2, 1968.

The man who shot Dr. King dropped a 30.06 Remington rifle on the street in front of the place from which it was fired. A man fitting the description of Ray was seen dropping the rifle and the suitcase just minutes after the fatal shot was fired at 6:01 p.m. April 4.

The FBI traced the rifle serial number back to a sporting goods store in Birmingham. It was purchased March 30, 1966. The purchaser, the FBI said, was James Earl Ray, using the name Galt or the name Harvey Lowmyer. He told a clerk at the store he and his brother planned to go "hunting."

The FBI charged Ray on April 17 with conspiring to deprive Dr. King of his civil rights by shooting him.

When he checked into the Memphis rooming house on April 4, a man who said he was John Willard, asked for a room near the back, which gave him a clear view of the Lorraine Motel. Another roomer, who heard the shot, came into the hall in time to see Willard emerging from the bathroom.

A few minutes later, several witnesses on the street said the man who dropped the rifle and suitcase drove off in a white Mustang.

The next morning, the Mustang which Eric Starvo Galt had bought in Birmingham, was parked a few blocks from the state capitol in Atlanta. The car was traced later through its serial numbers.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark announced April 19 that FBI agents had identified Galt as Ray from a fingerprint found on the rifle discarded outside the flophouse.

Ray arrived in London May 6 and flew to Lisbon May 7 on a British-European Airways flight.

He obtained the other passport in Lisbon on May 16, saying that he had spoiled his original passport. He was apparently in Lisbon from May 7 until yesterday morning. The arrest was made at 11:15 a.m. London time (6:15 a.m. Memphis time.)

There was no indication that Ray traveled with anyone and, so far, nothing is known of his activities in Portugal.

And one of the biggest questions still unanswered is how this man has financed his extensive travels? The only speculations being made are that he might have been getting money through various robberies or was a paid assassin.

A $100,000 reward, which was underwritten by the Memphis City Council, had been offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of King's assassin. The Commercial Appeal began the reward fund with $25,000.

ıy Mystery Deepens)n Possible Contacts With Two Other Men

Was 'Face In The Crowd' ıo Called $10 Room Home

By GREGORY JAYNES
Staff Writer

RONTO, June 9. — The "deluxe" room — with televi- and painting of Christ — is for rent today at 182 m West.

t occupant: James Earl Ray. Price: The same $10 a e paid for the two weeks after the assassination of Dr. Luther King Jr. in Memphis.

e blocks away, a sign in the window says there is room for rent in To- oday. It's $10 a week, e the proprietor, Mrs.). She'll tell you the last ho rented it left May 6, aying two weeks. ame: James Earl Ray.

If you want to visit a don't mention the name n Ossington West or 962 Dundas West, the s of Mrs. Loo's boarding People will shut their nd pull their shades. m afraid this man has in Toronto," said Mrs. Szpakowski. "I don't talk more. I don't want e chances like that. I am woman." Mrs. Szpa- , a Polish immigrant, he decaying, three-story ng house on Ossington. think this man was a an," she said. "He did lk much." And then she her broad face from the in the door, and closes it . She puts her mouth to indow in the door and 'Please go away."

Mrs. Loo is a Chinese immigrant. She, too, is afraid, and she says so. She has difficulty with English. "I will say only this: He came with a suit on his back and a newspaper in his hand. I have said this before to other people. He never spoke to anybody. Leave now. I am locking doors and going away for a while."

Ray is in jail today in London. He is wanted in the United States, charged with the April 4 murder of Dr. King. The people here speak his name in a hush. For a month, he was one of the two million faces in Toronto, and Toronto, it seems, would rather forget it.

But his name wasn't Ray then. It was Paul Bridgman who got off the trolley at Queen and Ossington and walked the half block to Mrs. Szpakowski's place. The sign was in the window that day, too, April 8. He asked how much. She said $10 and took him up to see the room. His eyes fell on the "Home Sweet Home" embroidery and he fished Canadian cash out of his pocket.

For two weeks he rose early, tugged on his clothes and nodded at Mrs. Szpakowski as he left through the front door. She said he usually waited for the trolley down at the corner — the trolley that took him downtown where he again became a face in the crowd.

About April 22, Mrs. Szpakowski took a letter to his room. The return address was 70 Lombard St., the provincial registrar's office, where birth certificates are issued. He left the next day.

Toronto police said the birth certificate bore the name of Ramon George Sneyd. The real Ramon George Sneyd is a traffic officer in the Toronto Police Department. Police Sunday theorized Ray got the name by searching through old newspaper files and picking a birth date close to his own. Then, they think, he applied for a lost birth certificate under that name.

Deputy Chief B. J. Sim-

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monds said he thought it "ironic" that Ray should choose the name of a police officer. However, the chief said "Ray was able to get enough information on the real Sneyd to apply for a passport in his name and eventually assume the identity of Sneyd. Our duties now are to find out how he got that information." The real Sneyd, contacted at his home Sunday night, referred all questions to his superiors.

On April 11, Ray, still calling himself Paul Bridgman, went to Mable Agnew's photographic studio and had pictures taken for a passport. Mrs. Margaret Eaking took the pictures, and remembered he looked like "a business executive type. Like he was in Toronto on matters of business."

And all this time, a man who, since birth, had been called Paul Bridgman, was going to work five days a week at the Toronto Board of Education as a consultant teacher. James Earl Ray had borrowed the name. The real Mr. Bridgman also referred all questions to the police, who said little.

With the passport pictures in his hand, Ray went to the Kennedy Travel Bureau on Bloor Street West and booked passage on a 21-day excursion trip to London. He used the name Sneyd.

The agency asked him whom it might contact in case of illness or accident. Paul Bridgman, he wrote down, at 102 Ossington West.

Mrs. Lilliane Spencer at the travel bureau remembers seeing the man. "He was the type who faded into the wallpaper," she said.

Ray applied for a passport April 24, and received it at his new address on Dundas. It was mailed to Sneyd.

The RCMP impounded the passport negatives Wednesday morning from Mrs. Agnew's photo studio.

Ray stayed at Mrs. Loo's house until he left for London May 6. Mrs. Loo said he did not say where he was going. His rent was paid and he left "in the early morning."

"He do not speak Chinese. I do not speak English good. We did not talk much for the time he stayed. He was quiet."

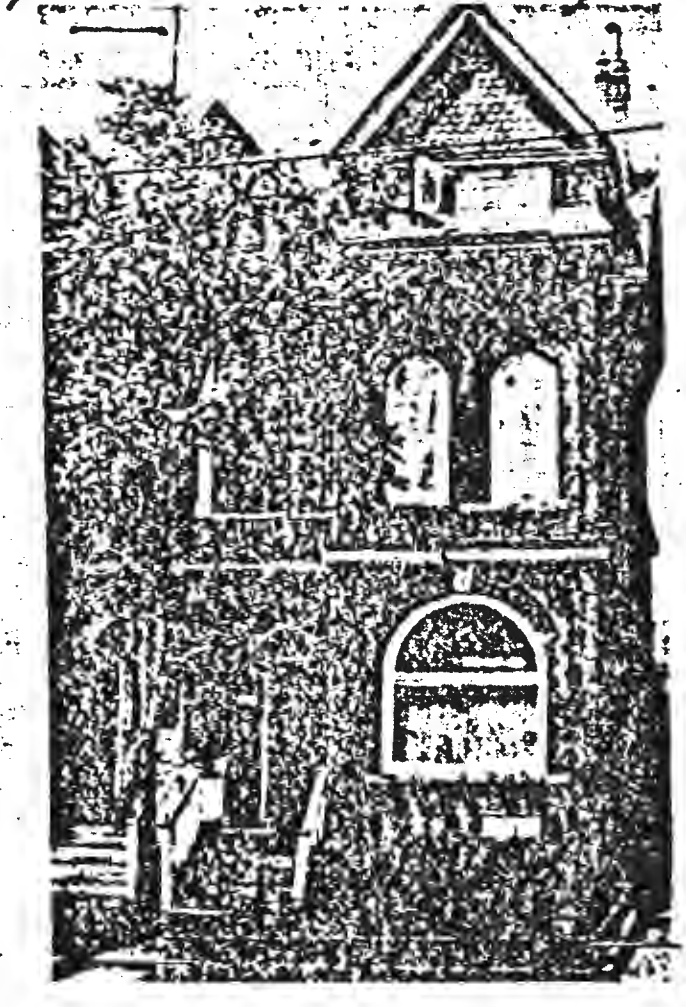
Mrs. Loo said her boarder was gone almost all the daylight hours every day. At night, he went to his room and did not emerge until morning.

James Earl Ray's business in Toronto was partially successful. He wished to remain inconspicuous. He did.

His neighbors on Ossington and Dundas do not remember him. His fellow boarders seldom, if ever, saw him. Only Malcolm Speight, a grizzled, 60-year-old laborer who sometimes stays at Mrs. Loo's, clearly recalled him.

"I saw him when I was sitting on the porch one day. I said hello. He nodded. I figured he had problems."





Where Ray Stayed

Mrs. Adam Szpakowski (above) owner of a Toronto rooming house, said she rented this room for two weeks to a man now identified as James Earl Ray. The man called himself Paul Bridgman when he rented the room on Ossington Avenue April 8. Canadian authorities say Ray also stayed in a rooming house on Dundas Street West (left) in downtown Toronto. The landlady said Ray, wanted for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, had no luggage when he arrived.

—AP Wirephoto

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Scotland Yard Offers Only Tea And Silence

By ANGUS McEACHRAN
Staff Writer

LONDON, June 8 — They gave his name as Ramon George Sneyd and his present address as Cannon Row, a 77-year-old detention center on the banks of the Thames.

They gave the charge as possessing a forged passport and possessing a firearm without a certificate.

Beyond that, and an occasional cup of tea, Scotland Yard Sunday gave precious little else which might have shed some additional insight into the man charged with the April 4 murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis.



Mr. McEachran

The English are used to the zipper mouth of Scotland Yard. The stiff penalties against pretrial publicity of course play a large measure in the reticence of "the Yard."

But the curious lack of curiosity about the

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accused assassin in much of London Sunday went beyond that.

"I don't know anything about that" or "I haven't been following that" were the general hurried responses to questions about the arrest.

At London Airport where James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias Ramon Sneyd, was arrested as he waited to board a plane for Brussels, employes refused to talk to the press.

Perhaps it was the weather. June supposedly is the best month in Britain, and Sunday must have been the best of the lot. The last swatches of fog were burned off by 10 a.m. and bright sunshine was fanned by a constant soft breeze.

In the plump green parks, bare-chested boys kicked soccer balls while babies in carriages slept in the shade.

At Buckingham Palace, hundreds of picture-snapping tourists recorded the changing of the guard, while lovers in the adjoining St. James's Park lay embraced on the grassy knoll, the cooing of pigeons that only background music since the park is posted against portable radios the young people always seem to have wired to their ears these days.

Then, too, as Susie Murray, a plain but helpful employe of the London Tourist Board, put it: There is "that Kennedy thing."

Susie, like many Londoners I talked with, is still in a state of shock over the death of Senator Robert Kennedy.

"I mean, I was pretty shocked when they killed Luther King (almost everyone calls him that) but Kennedy, my God, I mean, it might happen once, but how many times is it going to keep on? I guess I haven't thought much at all about this fellow being arrested for Luther King's death. The FBI says it is their man, and I guess that is that. The FBI ought to know what it is talking about."

Susie is not alone in her adoration of the FBI. People here seen in as much awe of the federal agents as Americans are of Scotland Yard.

The London press is full of accounts of how FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover personally took charge of the search for Dr. King's assassin, which probably would come as a surprise to a number of sleepless, numb-footed agents who were assigned to the case.

At Trafalgar Square, two attractive young

ladies sat feeding the pigeons. Both are welfare officers for the Children's Society, which gives assistance to unwed mothers and acts as an adoption agency.

"I think Europeans used to envy the life of Americans," said blond, 20-year-old Carole Griffith. "But now, I think the feeling is that America is on the verge of destroying itself. I find it perfectly frightening that everyone goes around armed with firearms.

"When Luther King was killed, there was a great deal of interest because of the thought of conspiracy, and one couldn't help wondering it it had anything to do with the killing of President Kennedy. Then this other impossible shooting, well, it is perfectly horrible, so many leaders being shot off so quickly. I think American has reached her limits."

Her friend, 21-year-old Derval Murray said she thought America is "just too permissive. Why do they let anyone carry firearms? I am satisfied that you have caught the assassin of Luther King. But so what? I wonder who you will shoot next."

At Scotland Yard, there was nowhere near that much conversation. The press is not even allowed in the door of Scotland Yard proper. There is a press room at the rear of the building, entered through a rear door. If a reporter has a question about a story, he picks up a special phone and dials "0". In a few minutes, a press officer appears to answer the question.

Reporters Sunday wanted to know whether United States Justice Department officials had met with Scotland Yard about the extradition process.

The press officer returned a few minutes later and said the news of the day was that a car from the American Embassy had been at the Yard earlier in the day. If there had been a meeting, it was over.

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A 'Fat Man'

e May Have Passed r. King's Accused yer In Toronto

n Our Press Services

nage of James Earl d his satchel full of – like a slightly out-of-otograph — grew even urred last night with of a fat man in To-d another man in Lon-may have known him. ronto, Ray's Chinese was quoted by the rk Times as saying the delivered an envelope ccused assassin of Dr. Luther King four days he flew to London

a London, the Daily Ex-aid a description had "flashed around the of a man supposedly in with Ray there. The s said he stayed with one of four places in the fugitive is sup-to have lived since y.

mphis, where a murder ent awaits Ray, Fire lice Director Frank C. an had "no comment" ther his department had d such a description.

Royal Canadian Mounted are seeking the fat man, nes said, though the To-Globe and Mail quoted ndlady as saying her r had no visitors and no uring his stay with her. London newspaper's ac-of Ray's unidentified indicated he had been don since mid-May, rath-n passing through Lon-om Lisbon, Portugal, on y to Brussels, Belgium. as arrested at London t Saturday while await-plane for Brussels, and reports had indicated rived from Lisbon the day.

Another part of the mysterious circumstances of his arrest was a report from police and airline officials at the Lisbon Airport which said no one with a Canadian passport issued in the name of Sneyd, the name Ray was using at the time, had passed through the airport Saturday.

The 40-year-old Ray was scheduled to appear in Bow Street Magistrate's Court at 10 a.m. today (4 a.m. Memphis time) on two British charges — carrying a firearm and traveling under a false passport.

Though the Toronto fat man and the London roommate might suggest an international conspiracy, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said in Washington yesterday:

"We have to go on the evidence and facts. At this time we have no evidence of a conspiracy. If there was one, it will be discovered."

In London, Asst. United States Atty. Gen. Fred M. Vinson Jr. visited the accused killer of Dr. King in his heavily guarded Cannon Row police station cell.

Ray made no statement.

A United States Embassy spokesman said Vinson talked yesterday with Thomas Butler, Scotland Yard's ace detective who worked on the Ray case, about speeding up procedures and setting a timetable for Ray's transfer to Memphis to stand trial for murder.

Shelby County Dist. Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale said last night no Memphis or Shelby County officers had been sent to London. The officers who might pick up Ray when British authorities release him will be determined by the State and Justice Departments, and whether anyone from Shelby County would be sent also "will be up to the federal officials," he said.

An authority on British law said that charges would be brought against Ray this morning mainly to give American authorities time to begin the procedure of extradition.

They said the magistrate would most likely "remand him in custody," that is, order him held in prison, for a period up to eight days. This is to provide time for further investigation.

The magistrate however could deal with the case on the spot if Ray pleads guilty to the pistol and false passport charges.

If he pleads not guilty the magistrate could in theory also

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nder British law, Ray ld be sentenced on each of two charges against him to months in prison, the sen-es probably running con-rently.

ince the purpose of bringing charges is to facilitate exdition, however, the expert ught the magistrate would, n a conviction, choose one four courses.

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— He might sentence Ray to 5 days in prison, which ould presumably run conurrently with the 15 days uring which, under British aw, a person must be held n custody after he has been rdered extradited.

— He might be fined.

The magistrate might order n "absolute discharge" hich would mean that he ad been found guilty but hat no punishment was eing exacted.

Under the Extradition Act of 9 a person must be held for days after an extradition der has been made in order safeguard his rights. This eans that instead of rushing n out of the country he is ven 15 days during which he uld apply for a writ of beas corpus in order to dis-te his extradition.

The London Daily Telegraph id last night a man calling nself Ramon Sneyd, the me authorities said Ray ed in obtaining a Canadian ssport, telephoned a Tele-aph reporter several times the last few weeks and ked how to become a merce-ry soldier in Africa.

It was not clear immediately whether the calls were local or came from Lisbon, Portugal, where the FBI said Ray went on May 7. The Telegraph has published several stories recently about foreign mercenaries fighting in Africa.

Scotland Yard detectives arrested Ray Saturday as he awaited a flight to Brussels, a base for some Congo mercenaries. Belgium once owned much of the Congo.

The Telegraph said its reporter had given Sneyd an address in Brussels at which he might contact someone involved with mercenary recruiting.

In Washington, Clark said Ray has made no statement and would not be questioned except in a manner "in strict conformity to applicable legal standards."

Clark said he could make no estimate of how soon Ray might be returned. He said it is possible Ray might waive extradition or that he might be deported under an "exclusion principle" of British law. Clark did not elaborate.

He said he is working with Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington, Vinson and British officials on the question of extradition if that proves necessary.

Clark said Ray "is a person who lived a life of crime" and it was plausible that he might have financed his travels that way.

Clark was interviewed on the ABC radio-television program "Issues and Answers."

The New York Times News Service learned in Lisbon yesterday that Ray lived in a third-class hotel in downtown Lisbon for nine days in May and then disappeared.

"That's the man who called himself Ramon George Sneya," declared the day clerk of the Hotel Portugal pointing to one of the photographs of Ray published in the Lisbon newspaper Diario de Noticias.

Ray signed into the 45-room, busy commercial hotel on the evening of May 8 and left on the morning of May 17.

A spokesman for the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon also reported seeing a man who carried a Canadian passport in the name of Sneya.

"He came into the consulate and said that his name had been misspelled on the passport and that it should have been Sneyd," a Canadian consular official said. "He produced a birth certificate in the name of Ramon George Sneyd and asked us to change Sneya to Sneyd."

The Canadian consul said he pointed out that it was against Embassy regulations to alter a passport and so issued a new passport in the name of Sneyd on May 16.

It was the next day, the London report said, that he returned there.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 10, 1968

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This is the investigation of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Subject James Earl Ray was arraigned in Magistrates Court, London, this morning at 10:30 a. m. London time (5:30 a. m. Washington time) on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and for entering England with illegal documentation (false Canadian passport).

The arraignment lasted only a few minutes and an additional hearing has been set for next Tuesday, 6/18/68. Ray was remanded to Brixton Prison where he will be held until his 6/18/68 appearance.

The arraignment was conducted under maximum security conditions and members of the public and the press were searched before being admitted to the hearing.

During the arraignment the Magistrate directed Ray's attention to a new British law under which the subject is granted the privilege of saying whether or not he wants the proceedings in his case publicized in the British press. Ray stated he did not want the proceedings in his case publicized.

Ray made formal application during the arraignment for legal counsel and the Magistrate will appoint counsel for him.

Two possibilities are available in connection with Ray's return to this country, formal extradition proceedings or deportation proceedings. Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson who is in London representing the Department to expedite legal activities has indicated a preference for extradition proceedings.

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If deportation proceedings were to be undertaken against Ray, the charge of carrying a concealed weapon will be dropped and the British would use the fraudulent passport charge as the basis for deporting him. Should this procedure be followed, Ray possibly could be returned to the United States sometime next week following his 6/18/68 hearing.

If formal extradition proceedings are undertaken it is estimated that it will take at least three to five weeks for his extradition to be accomplished.

Robert A. Frazier, Examiner assigned to our Laboratory Division, and George J. Bonebrake, a latent fingerprint examiner assigned to our Identification Division, assisted the Department in the preparation of documents which could be necessary in the extradition of the subject. Frazier previously made an examination of the rifle left at the scene of the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. Bonebrake previously identified latent fingerprints on the evidence abandoned at the scene as those of James Earl Ray.

Among the items recovered by New Scotland Yard in connection with Ray's arrest on 6/8/68 was a "Liberty Chief" Japanese revolver, a Polaroid camera, a RCA transistor radio and various articles of clothing.

Among the items of clothing was a brown wool suit with label inside of innerpocket, English and Scottish Woolen Company, Limited, Montreal, with name Eric Galt, date 7/21/67, order number 11526. It is to be noted it was previously established that subject as Galt was in Montreal, Canada, during part of July and August, 1967. Investigation has been immediately instituted regarding these items.

ACTION:

This matter continues to receive expeditious attention and you will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 10, 1968

T. E. Bishop

GEROLD FRANK, AUTHOR
DESIRE TO DO STORY ON ASSASSINATION
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING
BUREAU FILE 94-63917

My memorandum of 5-13-68 reflects that Frank, who is the author of the well-known book entitled "The Boston Strangler," contacted me on that date advising that his publisher, New American Library, Inc., was interested in him doing a book on the assassination of Martin Luther King. Frank stated that he would want to review Bureau files, interview Agents working on the case and "work very closely with the FBI at this time." My memo reflected that I informed him of the confidential nature of data in Bureau files and advised him that until the prosecution in instant case was completed, it was premature to even consider the authorship of a book with Bureau cooperation.

NOT RECORDED
141 JUN 13 1968

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENT:

Frank telephoned me on the morning of 6-10-68 again reiterating his desire to do a book on the above captioned ~~matter~~ and wished to know if it would now be possible for him to interview Agents and look at files in connection with his planned book. I told him that what I had informed him previously still stood and that it was still premature to discuss such a book with Bureau cooperation and we could not even consider such a matter until prosecution was completed.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Jones

TEB:pam
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JUN 18 1968

PM URGENT 6-10-63 JLW

DIRECTOR (PLAINTEXT)

NEW YORK 2P

SUBJECT:

[illegible]; THREATS TO KILL THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
THE UNITED STATES.

ON JUNE TEN, INSTANT, A SPECIAL DELIVERY LETTER
EIVED AT SUFFERN, NEW YORK, RESIDENT AGENCY.
ELOPE CONTAINED RETURN ADDRESS "MISS EVE MILLER,
ORCHARD STREET, NANUET, NEW YORK". ENVELOPE
[illegible] UNSIGNED NOTE ATTACHED TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE
[illegible] UNITED NATIONS DIARY BOOK. NOTE WHICH WAS
[illegible]ED READ "DEA SIR, I FOUND THE ENCLOSED NOTEBOOK
[illegible] ATTENDING SERVICES FOR THE LATE SENATOR ROBERT
[illegible]. AFTER GLANCING THROUGH IT, I FOUND NOTATIONS
[illegible] THAT SHOULD BE OF INTEREST TO YOU". NOTEBOOK CONTAINED
[illegible] NOTATIONS ON DATES INDICATED.

[illegible] FOR FOURTEENTH, CONTACT WERNER, EIGHT THIRTY [illegible]
[illegible] WASHINGTON.

[illegible] SIXTEENTH SIX, CONTACT WERNER IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED
[illegible] OF MARTIN L. KING. 44-38861-

[illegible] DIRECTOR

201 JUN 17 1963

[illegible]

FIFTH, AGENT NUMBER THREE EIGHT FOUR FROM JORDAN

KILL RFK TODAY.

JUNE NINETEENTH, AGENT NINE EIGHT ZERO WILL ASSASSINATE

E MC CARTHY.

JULY FOURTH, AGENT NUMBER FIVE THREE FOUR, WHITE

TO BE BOMBED, ELIMINATE LBJ AND WIFE.

JULY ELEVENTH, ASSASSINATE ARTHUR GOLDBERG, UNITED

S AMBASSADOR, AGENT NUMBER THREE EIGHT FOUR -

N.

JULY SEVENTEENTH, ELIMINATE JAMES EARL RAY, HAVE CIA

NTIALS ON HIM.

JULY TWENTY FIFTH, AGENT FIVE FIVE WILL KILL VICE

DENT HUMBERT.

SEPTEMBER EIGHTEENTH, KILL U THANT OF THE UNITED

S.

NUMEROUS OTHER NOTATIONS ARE IN BOOK; HOWEVER, ABOVE

PERTINENT.

SECRET SERVICE, SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] NEW

OFFICE, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF NOTEBOOK AND

R BY SA [redacted] AT TEN FORTY AM., ON

THIS INSTANT. [redacted] ADVISED THAT HE WOULD PROMPTLY

SECRET SERVICE AGENT PICK UP LETTER AND BOOK AND INTERVIEW

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NEW YORK OFFICE INDICES NEGATIVE REGARDING EVE MILLER.
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Mr. Schutz

v. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/11/68

the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIR TEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

Forwarded herewith for the Bureau, Memphis and Legat, Ottawa are two copies each of a memorandum setting forth a brief chronology of subject's activities during his stay in Toronto, insofar as they had been determined as of the date of apprehension in London, England, 6/8/68.

It is noted that ASAC [redacted] and SA [redacted] of the Buffalo Office were in Toronto and worked with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) there in the development of this information. The RCMP is still conducting investigation at Toronto in an effort to fill in the gaps in the chronology.

The speculation as to why RAY did certain things in Toronto and how he obtained necessary information to establish his false identities while in Toronto represents the combined thinking of the RCMP personnel in Toronto as well as the Buffalo Bureau representatives who worked on the matter, based upon available information as to his behavior while in Toronto.

It is pointed out that details of the RCMP investigation in Toronto, including interviews, are being prepared by the RCMP and will be submitted in the usual manner, through Legat, Ottawa.

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1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-94 (F)REL/hdc

1cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT JUN 18 1968

9 JUN 19 1968

roved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

JAMES EARL RAY, aka
Paul Bridgeman,
Paul Bridgman,
Paul Edward Bridgeman,
Paul E. Bridgeman,
Ramon George Sneyd
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
April 8, - May 6, 1968

On April 8, 1968, subject, using the name PAUL BRIDGEMAN, obtained a room at a second rate rooming house at 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, operated by FELIKSA SZPAKOWSKA. He paid one week's rent in advance. It appears that subject obtained the room as a result of a room for rent sign in the window at the front of this residence.

The means by which subject entered Canada and his reason for selecting the alias Paul Bridgeman is not known. However, it is known that one PAUL BRIDGMAN is a former inmate of a prison in Kansas City, Missouri, who was paroled on January 16, 1968, and whose identity may or may not be known to RAY. While at this rooming house, RAY had no visitors, did not befriend any of the other roomers, was not known to be employed and according to the landlady usually left the house early in the morning and returned late at night.

On April 10, 1968, subject wrote a letter to the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Toronto, requesting a copy of the birth certificate of PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN and indicating that it should be sent to 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto. In this letter subject gave his date of birth as November 10, 1932, his father's name as EDWARD G. B. BRIDGMAN and his mother's maiden name as EVELYN COODEN.

It is noted that the above biographic information relative to BRIDGMAN is accurate insofar as it relates

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to an existent PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN who resides at 80 Cassandra Street, Toronto, and who is a reputable citizen employed as a consultant for the Board of Education.

Interviews of both the real BRIDGMAN and his wife by Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers in Toronto failed to establish any method by which subject obtained the biographic information set forth in his letter to the Bureau of Vital Statistics but both BRIDGMAN and his wife recall having received several telephone calls in early April, which at the time appeared to them to be innocuous, wherein they believed the caller claimed to be a representative of the Canadian Immigration Department and inquired as to whether BRIDGMAN had applied for passport. Both state that they at no time furnished to the unknown caller any information concerning PAUL E. BRIDGMAN's background.

Attachment number one to this insert is a photographic copy of the letter directed by subject to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, dated April 10, 1968, requesting the BRIDGMAN birth certificate.

On April 11, 1968, subject, as BRIDGMAN, visited the Arcade Photo Studio, Toronto, and obtained passport size photographs.

On April 16, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, obtained a room at 962 Dundas Street West, Toronto, a second rate rooming house, operated by a Chinese woman named Mrs. Sun Fung LOO.

It appears that he obtained this room as a result of a sign, room for rent, in a front window and he paid one week's rent in advance ($9.00) with the understanding that he would take occupancy on April 19, 1968.

On April 16, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, visited the Kennedy Travel Bureau, 424 Bloor Street West, Toronto, where he arranged with [redacted]

[redacted] of that travel bureau office, for a round trip ticket via British Overseas Airline Company (BOAC) from Toronto to London. In connection with arranging this reservation, it was necessary for subject to furnish an Affidavit for a Canadian passport which he did in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, listing his date of birth as October 8, 1932, and giving his address as 962 Dundas Street, Toronto. In answer to a requirement in connection with the passport application for the name of a sponsor, EARL indicated that he had only been in Toronto for three weeks and had no local sponsor. In answer to the question on the application as to who should be notified in the event of an emergency, EARL listed the name PAUL BRIDGMAN and the address of 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto.

In answer to [redacted]'s request for three passport photographs, RAY furnished to her three copies of the photograph which he had previously obtained from the Arcade Photo Studios on April 11, 1968, under the name of PAUL BRIDGMAN. It is noted, however, that nowhere on the photograph does any name appear.

As a result of a request made by subject at that time, [redacted] obtained through BOAC, reservations for him to travel to London departing from Toronto on May 6, 1968, via BOAC Flight 600 and returning to Toronto on May 21, 1968, via BOAC Flight 601.

Anticipating that it would take approximately ten days to receive the passport, Miss SPENCER suggested that subject return to pick up his ticket and his passport in about ten days.

On April 16, 1968, subject wrote a letter to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, requesting birth certificate in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, listing his date of birth as October 8, 1932, at Toronto, setting forth his father's name as GEORGE SNEYD and his mother's maiden name as GLADYS MAE KILNER and requesting that it be sent to 962 Dundas Street West, Toronto.

A photographic copy of this letter is attachment number 2 to this insert.

It is noted that according to Mrs. FELIKSA SZPAKOWSKA, landlady at 102 Ossington Avenue, Toronto, a letter arrived for subject as PAUL E. BRIDGMAN at the Ossington Avenue address from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, several days before he left that address and although she pointed out to him on at least two occasions that the letter was on a table and for him, he never did take possession of it and, therefore, after he departed from the Ossington Avenue address, she returned it to the Bureau of Vital Statistics. On April 17, 1968, Miss LILLIAN SPENCER, Kennedy Travel Bureau, Toronto, addressed a letter to the Canadian Passport Department, Ottawa, forwarding subject's application under the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD and enclosing a $5.00 money order, which is the standard fee for a passport.

On April 19, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, moved into the rooming house at 962 Dundas Street West, had no baggage according to Mrs. Sun Fung LOO, landlady at that address and she did not see him thereafter until April 26, 1968. According to Sun Fung LOO, subject did not appear to make friends with anyone in the rooming house and she had no knowledge as to any employment or other activities on his part.

On April 20, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, listing his address as 962 Dundas, wrote a letter to the Kennedy Travel Bureau informing them that he had to go to Capreal for several weeks on business and would pick up his passport upon his return.

It appears he was referring to Capreol, a small town in northern Ontario. RCMP investigation indicates that subject was not known in that small town nor was there any evidence that he had actually gone there.

Photographic copy of the letter of April 20, 1968, is attached hereto as attachment number 3.

With regard to the RAMON GEORGE SNEYD identification used by RAY, commencing approximately April 16, 1968, it is noted that there is an existent RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, a police officer in the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), who has been so employed for over 12 years, who resides at 1731 Victoria Park Avenue, Toronto, and whose biographic background is identical with that furnished by subject when RAY wrote to the Bureau of Vital Statistics at Toronto, on April 16, 1968, requesting a birth certificate in that name. Interviews of the real RAMON GEORGE SNEYD by representatives of both the RCMP and MTPD have failed to establish any information as to how subject obtained the necessary background data to apply for the birth certificate in that name. The real SNEYD has advised that he did not know subject and when shown photographs of him, stated that insofar as he could recall, had never seen him.

Mrs. Sun Fung LOO, landlady at 962 Dundas West, advised during interview that the next contact she had with subject, subsequent to his moving into her rooming house on April 19, 1968, was on April 26, 1968, when he paid her another week's rent in advance and told her that since he had last seen her he had gone back to Montreal.

According to Mrs. Sun Fung LOO, she did not again have any contact with the subject until May 2, 1968, when he again paid her one week's room rent in advance.

On May 2, 1968, RAY, as SNEYD, visited the Kennedy Travel Bureau, Bloor Street, Toronto, and picked up his Canadian Passport and round trip ticket via BOAC to London. It is noted this ticket called for his departure from Toronto on BOAC Flight 600, May 6, 1968, with a schedule of return by BOAC Flight 601 on May 21, 1968.

According to Miss SPENCER, Manager of the Kennedy Travel Bureau, subject paid $345.00 in Canadian funds for the round trip ticket and during interview,

Miss SPENCER was very emphatic that it was Canadian money that he used, pointing out that if it had been American money, she would have become involved in the exchange rate, etc., which she could not possibly have forgotten.

On May 6, 1968, subject, as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, departed Toronto International Airport via BOAC Flight 600 at 7:00 P.M. for London, England. During interview by RCMP, Mrs. Sun Fung LOO, landlady at 962 Dundas West, advised that not until May 10, 1968, did she realize that subject, as SNEYD, had abandoned his room in her rooming house so that she does not actually know when he left, as she had not seen him subsequent to the occasion on May 2, 1968, when he paid one week's rent in advance.

It is noted that while both landladies and the Manager of the travel bureau in Toronto, as well as the employee at the Arcade Photo Studios, Toronto, all recognized the passport photograph of subject, none could make a positive or even strong identification of any other available photographs of RAY. It is also pointed out that according to RCMP investigation in Toronto, those individuals who had contact with the subject during his stay in Toronto, from April 8, 1968, to May 6, 1968, advised that he wore glasses at all times and none had seen him without them.

One of the suggestions as to how subject got the necessary background data concerning both BRIDGMAN and SNEYD to obtain birth certificates in both names is through a check at the morgue at the local Toronto newspaper or possibly a similar check of newspapers available in the public library. This suggestion was advanced since announcements of births appear in Toronto newspapers, listing in addition to the date of birth, the names of the parents. It is noted that both SNEYD and BRIDGMAN were born within approximately one month of one another, that is October 8, 1932, and November 10, 1932, respectively.

The switch from the BRIDGMAN identity to the SNEYD identity in Toronto appears to have possibly been triggered by some suspicion of RAY's that the BRIDGMAN identity was heating up. However, investigation in Toronto, such as a review of MTPD records to ascertain whether BRIDGMAN might have been stopped on a routine or other type check in Toronto, during the time that subject was using that identity, has failed to develop any record of such a check.

No logical explanation has been developed as to why subject, once he decided to abandon the BRIDGMAN identification, continued to reside at the 102 Ossington Avenue West address, particularly, since the landlady at that address had stated that on at least two occasions she called his attention to the fact that there was a letter there for him from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Toronto, which presumably contained the birth certificate which he had requested.

It is alsoworthy to note that RAY appeared to have gone through the necessary procedure to obtain the RAMON GEORGE SNEYD birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Toronto, even though it was not necessary in connection with his passport request for his obtaining of passage by BOAC to London. This is evidenced by the fact that his letter applying to the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the SNEYD birth certificate was dated on exactly the same date on which he had arranged, through the Kennedy Travel Bureau, for his Canadian Passport.

EAR SIR; 4-10-65

NCLOSED IS $2.00 MONEY ORDER
R BIRTH CERTIFICATE.

ME PAUL EDWARD BRIDGMAN
N. TORONTO, ONTARIO. NOVEMBER-10-1932
EDWARD G.B. BRIDGMAN.
THE MAIDEN-NAME, EVELYN GODDEN.

THANKS:

Sincerely

Paul Edward Bridgman

102- OSSINGTON-AVE.

TORONTO, CANADA.

ONTARIO.

4-16-68

DEAR SIR

INCLOSED IS A M.O FOR $2.00,
WOULD YOU PLEASE SEND BIRTH CERTIFICATE,

NAME: RAMON GEORGE SNEYD
BORN OCTOBER-8-1932
TORONTO, ONTARIO

FATHER'S NAME: GEORGE SNEYD

MOTHER'S NAME, MAIDEN.
GLADYS MAE KILNER

THANKS,

Ramon George Sneyd
962 DUNDAS ST. W.
TORONTO, ONTARIO.

4-20-68

DEAR SIR

I HAVE TO GO TO CARREAL
FOR SEVERAL DAY ON BUSINESS
WILL PICK UP PASSPORT ON RETURN.

THANKS

Ramon Garcia Snap

962 DONEAS

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M 6-11-68 URGENT BKS

ECTOR (44-38861), BUFFALO (44-374), KANSAS CITY (44-760)

EMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

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LTHOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN ARRESTED, IT IS
ATIVE THAT WE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACCOUNT FOR RAY'S
ITIES AND WHEREABOUTS DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF FREEDOM
APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO JUNE EIGHT LAST.
EW OF WORLDWIDE PUBLICITY ATTACHED TO POSSIBLE
IRACY IN REGARD TO DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
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S HIS PERIOD OF FREEDOM; HIS ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA;
OURCE OF FUNDS AND HIS REPOSITORY FOR KEEPING FUNDS;
E GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO
N CANADIAN PASSPORT; HIS CONTACTS IN CANADA IN ORDER TO
N SUCH DOCUMENTS, AND HIS TRAVEL DURING THIS PERIOD.
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SUBJECT HAS USED THREE DIFFERENT NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS
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SSES ANY INFORMATION RE ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA AND

OF OBTAINING CANADIAN PASSPORT. P. END.

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ASH DC

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

MR. TOLSON

DATE: 6/11/68

C. D. DE LOACH

MURKIN

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. McGowan
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Gale
1-Mr. Trotter
1-Mr. Long

Legal Attache Minnich called from London at 4:40 p. m., 6/10/68. He had just received word that an official of the Home Office had met with members of the American press in London on a non-attributable basis. The purpose of the meeting was to clarify issues in connection with captioned case.

The British representative specified to the press that there will not be any deportation of Ray in lieu of extradition. He stated that extradition will now definitely take place rather than deportation proceedings. He told the press that subject Ray will be transferred from Brixton Prison to Wandsworth Prison inasmuch as Wandsworth offered better facilities for two men to keep a 24-hour watch on Ray.

The British representative told the American press that there was no chance of subject Ray being extradited for at least four weeks. He stated they should not gain the idea that legal proceedings will take anything other than the full course of British justice.

Minnich advised me that his own interpretation, based upon a knowledge of British justice, is that it will take approximately three and a half weeks to six weeks before Ray is extradited to the United States.

Minnich also mentioned that Vinson has made inquiries regarding flights back to the United States as of Tuesday, 6/11/68. Minnich stated that Vinson has accomplished his obvious purposes of getting publicity for himself and the Attorney General. He stated that the basis of Vinson's trip was only too obvious to both the British and the American press. Minnich also told me that Vinson has finally discovered he has no conception whatsoever regarding the British people and British law. He stated that Vinson had dropped into the Legat's Office on at least three or four occasions that date, 6/10/68, to ask for advice and counsel and for explanations so that he will understand matters.

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COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
Re: MURKIN

Minnich told me that there is approximately a ninety-nine and nine tenths per cent chance that Vinson will not be able to inspect the Wandsworth Prison facilities. He also stated that Vinson's departure might be delayed because Vinson expects extradition papers to arrive Tuesday, 6/11/68, but it is somewhat doubtful these papers will be in London by 6/11/68.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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June 11, 1968

Mr. Frank C. Holloman
Director
Division of Fire and Police
128 Adams Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Holloman:

I certainly did appreciate your telegram of June 8th concerning our work in the James Earl Ray case. It was most thoughtful of you and all of us in the Bureau are grateful for your confidence and kind comments.

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 3
JUN 11 1968
COMM-FBI

1 - Memphis - Enclosure

NOTE: Mr. Holloman is a former Special Agent who EOD 6-7-37, resigned 5-17-46, was reinstated 4-21-48, and retired as an SAC 7-17-64. He is on the Special Correspondents List.

WMG:jas (4)

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EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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EVAIL AND JUSTICE WILL BE DONE THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT
GRATEFUL TO YOU
RANK HOLLOMAN DIRECTOR OF FIRE AND POLICE
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RECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/11/68

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ReWFOtel 5/9/68.

On 6/10/68, Mr. JOHN ACORD, Chairman, American-Southern Africa Council, 800 4th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., advised SA ROGER D. ASHLAND that he had read in "The Sunday Star", dated 6/9/68, an article on page 3 captioned "Scotland Yard Seizes RAY in Dr. KING Killing", that there was some indication RAY may have tried to get from Portugal to Rhodesia.

ACORD said he did not want the information furnished by him on 5/9/68, concerning a letter dated 12/28/67, from ERIC S. GALT to the American-Southern Africa Council released to the Press.

On 6/11/68, ACORD advised SA ASHLAND that he was disturbed in that he felt the FBI may have violated the confidential nature of the information concerning above letter. ACORD said he had learned an unknown reporter for "Life" magazine is preparing an article which will include information about this letter and the reporter had visited the Rhodesian Information Office, Washington, D.C., seeking information.

ACORD was asked concerning his source that the FBI had released the information and he indicated he did not know and had not heard the FBI had released the information. ACORD said he was aware that persons outside the FBI were made aware of the existence of the letter such as the offices of at least one United States Senator; MICHAEL JAFFE, an attorney and friend

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of ACORD who accompanied ACORD to WFO on 5/9/68; persons at the Rhodesian Information Office; and personnel of his own organization, none of which were informed by the FBI. He said he was hasty in calling the FBI in this regard and he now believes the information obtained from outside the FBI.

ACORD was assured the FBI had not furnished the information to the press or magazines. He said that in the event he learns of anyone attributing this information to the FBI he will advise WFO.

ACORD has requested the letter to be returned to him when it has served it usefulness to the Bureau as he feels it maybe valuable in the future. He was advised the letter would be returned when it is no longer needed.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau, it being noted that the Bureau has previously been advised concerning ACORD's request to have the letter returned to him.

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MEMPHIS TEL TODAY.

EM UPON WHICH TORONTO NEWSPAPERS HAVE BASED MUCH OF THEIR

CULAR SPECULATION THAT SUBJECT HAD CONSPIRATORIAL ACCOMPLICE

IN TORONTO IS WHAT THE NEWSPAPERS REFER TO AS THE MYSTERIOUS

N WHO DELIVERED ENVELOPE TO SUBJECT WHILE LATTER WAS LIVING

IX TWO DUNDAS WEST TORONTO.

STERIOUS FAT MAN CONTACTED DEPUTY CHIEF B. O. SIMMONDS (NA) (National Academy)

OLITAN TORONTO ~~PD~~ Police Department (MTPD) TODAY IDENTIFIED SELF AS [redacted]

[redacted] WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED AS [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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Police Department

: VISITED TORONTO PD HEADQUARTERS [redacted] AND EXPLAINED

N EARLY MAY THIS YEAR HE HAD USED A PUBLIC PHONE BOOTH IN VICINITY

NE SIX TWO DUNDAS AVE. AND FOUND AN ENVELOPE THERE ADDRESSED 1968

AND THE DUNDAS AVE. ADDRESS. HE THEREAFTER TOOK THE ENVELOPE

AT ADDRESS AND GAVE IT TO SNEYD IN THE PRESENCE OF SNEYD'S

ADY. SAYS ENVELOPE CONTAINED TORONTO POSTMARK NO RETURN ADDRESS

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

HAS IMPRESSION IT CONTAINED SOME KIND OF APPLICATION FOR A JOB.

NDLADY VIEWED [redacted] THIS DATE AND IDENTIFIED HIM AS THE

N TO WHOM PREVIOUSLY REFERED.

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP)

D AND RCMP SATISFIED THAT [redacted] IS REPUTABLE CITIZEN

NO KNOWLEDGE OF OR INVOLVEMENT WITH SNEYD.

D AND RCMP COMMITTED NOT TO DIVULGE [redacted] IDENTITY

UESTED FBI HONOR THAT COMMITTMENT. THEY ALSO REQUEST THAT

BE RELEASED EVEN ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE MYSTERIOUS FAT MAN HAS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

The Director

DATE: 6-11-68

N. P. Callahan

The Congressional Record

Pages H4796-H4797. Congressman Andrews, (R) North Dakota, e concerning the capture of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of in Luther King. He stated "I want to say at this time that I think the ral Bureau of Investigation did one of its most outstanding jobs in this tigation. There perhaps has been few, if any, investigations into which put greater effort. The speed with which it identified the suspected killer, he exhaustive probe which it continued to make until this man was located he things which we Americans have come to expect of the FBI. Thankfully, lgar Hoover and his dedicated associates in the FBI have come through once for the American people."

Page S6941. Senator Hruska, (R) Nebraska, stated "I want take this opportunity to speak a word of thanks to J. Edgar Hoover and e men and women of the FBI. The capture of James Earl Ray, suspected ayer of Martin Luther King, last Saturday brought to a close one of the reatest manhunts in the country." He also commended the Canadian law nforcement authorities for their assistance. Mr. Hruska went on to state hope the capture of Ray will be a lesson to two classes of people. First, hope all who might ever consider committing an assassination will realize at law enforcement agencies throughout the free world will do everything ossible to bring about their capture. Second, I hope these selfish critics ho have accused Mr. Hoover and the FBI of giving less than their best here crimes against civil rights activities are concerned will once and r all realize that their unfounded charges, are preposterous and entirely t of order."

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e original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional rd for was reviewed and pertinent items were ed for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that ons of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed ppropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

Pages S6987-S6988. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, spoke
ncerning the capture of James Earl Ray, suspected slayer of Martin Luther
ng. He stated "Many of us have become accustomed to such achievements
the FBI, for we have seen J. Edgar Hoover and his dedicated men and
men time after time accomplish the seemingly impossible. Some felt
s case was impossible. Others, selfish individuals who do not know the
e character of Mr. Hoover and his associates, have blandly asserted
ir belief that Ray would never be captured, implying that the FBI did
t really want to catch Ray. - - - - Ray could not have run afoul of three
er law enforcement agencies in the world even if he had tried, for his
al capture resulted from the cooperation of the FBI, the Royal Canadian
ounted Police, and New Scotland Yard." Mr. Byrd inserted in the Record
editorial entitled "Superb Police Work" which appeared in the Washington
ily News on June 10.

6/11/68

IRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-NEW)

[redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING OK 1116-

Attached are 11 copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual.

Interviews of [redacted] and [redacted] were conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] and checked records of the Orlando Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff's Office, both Orlando, Florida.

Copies of LHM have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla., via FD-376; to OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia; MI, Orlando, Fla., and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina.

The Bureau may wish to disseminate a copy of the LHM to CIA, as the subject alleged he is on the CIA payroll.

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Case Refer to

Tampa Florida
June 11, 1968

[redacted]

On June 6, 1968, Mr. [redacted]
[redacted]
Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

[redacted] is a former employee who has been missing about three weeks on this last occasion. He has previously left his job on past occasions and has been taken back. He called [redacted] on the morning of June 6, 1968 from 4:15 a.m. to 5:15 a.m. saying he was in Denver, Colorado. Mr. [redacted] said [redacted] seemed as though he were nervous, crazy or drunk.

[redacted] alleged to [redacted] that he had a great amount of money. He said he had a pile of $20.00 bills which he had obtained as a result of his part in the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and the shooting of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. [redacted] remarked that he had proof he was in Orlando, Florida when KING was shot and he was in Las Vegas when KENNEDY was shot if he were to need it. He alleged he was on the payroll of "CIA" and "OSI". He remarked that he had a "38", a "357", a "30-30" and a "306" type of guns in the trunk of his car. He said he was using a U-Drive-It car in Las Vegas the previous day with the "357" gun on the seat when he was stopped by a deputy. He said the deputy released him when he produced his Associated Detective Agency card andhis gun permit which he read the number from as being #92B.

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Mr. [redacted] said that [redacted] did not threaten any one during his call or indicate that he intended to do any harm to anyone else.

[redacted] said that [redacted] indicated that he was his only friend in Orlando, Florida and he just wanted to talk to him to find out if he could come back to Orlando.

On June 6, 1968, Mrs. [redacted] Orlando, Florida furnished the following information.

She advised that she married [redacted] this being her third marriage. She said they have one infant by this marriage and she has children by previous marriages. She said that [redacted] has caused her extreme anxiety and debt during their short period of marriage. She said he has deserted her at least three times and he was last seen by her over three weeks ago. She said that he had been treated for extreme alcoholism during their short marriage on at least two occasions by [redacted] in Orlando, Florida and she had taken him to the Florida Sanitarium Hospital, Orlando, Florida for the same type treatment. She advised that he has been also treated at the Cherry Hospital for extreme alcoholism but she could not recall the name of the town in which the hospital is located. She said that she hoped that her husband does not return.

[redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] had called her on June 6, 1968 about 2:00 a.m. and the call lasted until about 3:00 or possibly a little later. She said he stated he was in Denver, Colorado. She said that on one occasion the call was interrupted by an operator who requested that he make a new call for credit charges which he did but the operator did not specifically identify herself as being in Denver, Colorado. Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] had called her on the morning of June 5, 1968 during the early hours saying that he was in Las Vegas, Nevada but she had no way of knowing his actual whereabouts at that time. She said that on both occasions he did not divulge his address or location. She said that in April, 1968, he was drinking heavily and she refused to allow him to come to the house with her children. She said he went to several motels around the Orlando, Florida area and ran up very large bills on credit cards which caused her financial difficulties. She said that on this occasions his drinking was only terminated when she took him to [redacted] for treatment of extreme alcoholism. She said that the doctor gave him tranquilizers to bring his shaking under control. She said he is a hopeless alcoholic and that when he is drinking he becomes affected mentally. Mrs. [redacted] advised that in the past [redacted] when drinking had delusions of grandeur. She said that he would refer to big news stories in the newspapers and try to cause her to believe that he was in some way connected with military service intelligence and he would have to check on these news worthy events.

[redacted]

She said that on several occasions when he was drinking and he had disappeared he would finally call her telling her that he had a large sum of money and that he would buy her all sorts of new presents. She said that on these occasions she found him penniless and drunk in North Florida.

Mrs. [redacted] said that when [redacted] called her on the past two mornings he had not made any allegations involving himself in any assassination plots on Dr. KING or Senator KENNEDY. She said he had not threatened anyone on these occasions except her when she told him she was seeking employment. He said that if she obtained a job he would come by and pick up the baby.

Mrs. [redacted] said that [redacted] did have some sort of a gun which he kept in his car because she would not allow him to bring it into the house. She said he had a permit to carry this gun because he worked as a guard during the night time at Associated Detective Agency, Orlando, Florida. She said he worked in the day time as a television technician for the [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] said that she has been receiving numerous bills from oil companies and American Express credit card which she did not open but forwarded to his mother in North Carolina because she could not pay them. She advised that she feels that her financial situation is so destitute that she will lose her home and furniture because of previous bills made by [redacted]

[redacted]

On June 6, 1968, [redacted] advised that he treated [redacted] for about the past couple of years due to extreme alcoholism the last period of treatment being in April, 1968. He said this man is unstable but he did not further describe him.

On June 6, 1968, the files of the Orlando, Florida Police Department furnished by [redacted] revealed [redacted] was arrested on June 2, 1961 being charged as a public drunk; on Noveber 19, 1961 being charged with driving while intoxicated; and he was picked up on suspicion of auto theft March 9, 1962 at which time he was turned over to the Orange County Sheriff's Office. No photograph or fingerprint records for [redacted] were available.

On June 6, 1968, [redacted] Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, Identification Division and Deputy PHILIP MURPHY, Plain Clothes Division, both advised that they could locate no information pertaining to EZZELL in their files.

The following physical description was obtained from Mr. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted]

Name:	[redacted]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Date of Birth:	April 26, 1932
Place of Birth:	Fayetteville, North Carolina

[redacted]

Height:	5'10"
Weight:	185
Hair:	Sandy and wavy
Eyes:	Blue
Marital Status:	Married
Wife:	[redacted]
	Orlando, Florida
Children:	1 infant child from that marriage
Relatives:	
Mother:	[redacted]
	Clinton, N. C.
Brother:	[redacted]
	Age 33
	Fayetteville, N.C.

It is noted that on July 5, 1967, Officer [redacted] Kissimmee, Florida, Police Department, advised the Tampa Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that [redacted] had made statements to [redacted] wife that he was an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and in this capacity had to make secret trips, leaving his wife alone for periods of time. [redacted] indicated he knew of no one else who had been told by [redacted] that he was a CIA agent, and that there was no evidence [redacted] had obtained anything of value from anyone other than his wife.

On August 4, 1967, a representative of the CIA, Washington, D. C., advised that a check of CIA personnel files failed to disclose any individual named [redacted] as being employed by that agency.

On August 28, 1967, Assistant United States Attorney KENDELL WHERRY, Middle District of Florida, was informed of above facts by a Special Agent of the FBI. Mr. WHERRY stated that the facts were insufficient to constitute a violation of the Impersonation Statute, and that he would therefore decline prosecution of [redacted]

[redacted] SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF HIS REPORTED POSSESSION OF A FIREARM, AND SINCE HE HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS AN ALCOHOLIC WHO BECOMES UNSTABLE WHEN INTOXICATED.

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
HOUSTON, TEXAS

June 11, 1968

AIR MAIL

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the Houston Chronicle of today's date, editorializing on the excellent work of the Bureau on the King case.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Morton L. Susman

Enclosure

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Six more die in Houston

Six lives were snuffed out by gunfire in Houston during a 48-hour period the past weekend running the city's homicide toll to 111 thus far in 1968. That total surpasses the record pace of 104 for the same period last year.

Murder charges have been filed at Center, in Shelby County, against a former mental patient in connection with the rifle slaying of his wife.

This slaughter most certainly points up the urgent need for action by both the Texas Legislature and the federal government for strict gun control laws, stricter law enforcement and the necessary legislation assuring swift and certain criminal court trials along with stiff penalties for the guilty.

Gun control laws will not completely stop murders. But if they will take firearms out of the possession of juveniles, known criminals, the mentally retarded and others unqualified to own such weapons, and will help law enforcement agencies in identifying both weapons and those who misuse them, they will serve to cut down the horrible crime rate.

Diligent FBI work pays off

A tragic week in American history offers at least one note of triumph—the arrest in London of the escaped Missouri convict who is wanted for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

This brings to a partial end one of the most massive manhunts in this nation's history. That the suspect, James Earl Ray, who was armed at the time, was arrested unharmed and without violence is a tribute to the excellent work performed by the FBI, the Canadian Mounted Police, Canada's passport officials and London's Scotland Yard.

Indeed, it was beginning to look like Ray's trail had grown cold and that he had made good his escape despite the highly visible evidence he left at the scene of the crime and despite the international police net which was out to catch him. The search reached into Mexico, Canada, Portugal and Great Britain plus many other countries. Much credit should be given to the Mounted Police which examined more than 300,000 passport photographs before they found Ray's. And, of course, main credit should go to the FBI for another superb investigative job.

His capture by no means solves the mystery of the assassination. Ray himself remains in a London jail awaiting extradition to the United States for trial on one or all of the three charges pending against him. His motive—if he proves to be the killer—remains to be established; also the existence of any accomplices or the existence of a conspiracy against the slain civil rights leader. Evidence also suggests this assassination case may involve others who hired King's assailant to do the brutal deed.

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MURKIN.

[redacted] ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE

FROM [redacted] K. C. MC MILLAN, EIGHT EMERY STREET,

ETOWN, ONTARIO, CANADA, ON EVENING OF JUNE TEN, SIXTY EIGHT.

COURSE OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MC MILLAN ADVISED

[redacted] THE RCMP WAS LOOKING FOR [redacted] EARL ANGLIN

IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF ACTIVITIES OF JAMES

RAY WHILE IN CANADA. ACCORDING TO MC MILLAN, EARL ANGLIN

IS SUSPECTED OF BEING, OR HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF, THE QUOTE

RIOUS FAT MAN UNQUOTE WHO GAVE RAY AN ENVELOPE WHILE RAY

ED AT ROOMING HOUSE LOCATED NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS STREET,

TO, CANADA.

[redacted] STATED EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS ASSOCIATE OF SUN LOO,

ENTIAL PERSON IN CHINESE COMMUNITY OF TORONTO, WHO ALSO

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ON DUNDAS STREET. [redacted] NOTED THAT, ACCORDING TO NGELES TIMES, JAMES EARL RAY LIVED AT ROOMING HOUSE ON S STREET OPERATED BY MRS. SUN LOO. HE ADVISED IF RCMP OKING FOR [redacted] THEY COULD POSSIBLY OBTAIN THIS MATION FROM SUN LOO.

[redacted] EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS SUBPOENAED BY GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN HIS TIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

[redacted] ACCORDING TO INFORMATION IN TORONTO APERS, [redacted] RECEIVED SEVERAL TELEPHONE CALLS FROM FERRIE, ALLEGEDLY ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN CONSPIRACY TO SINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

[redacted] DESCRIBED EARL ANGLIN JAMES AS MALE, CAUCASIAN, IXTY NINE, FIVE TEN, TWO TWENTY POUNDS, OBESE, DARK BROWN DARK BROWN EYES, SWARTHY COMPLEXION, WEARS MUSTACHE AND E.

[redacted] REQUESTED NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN TO INFORMATION OVIDED IN VIEW OF FACT [redacted] HAS MADE SEVERAL THREATS RM TOWARD HIM ARISING FROM [redacted] DISPUTE OVER DISPOSITION TATE OF MOTHER OF EARL ANGLIN JAMES.

THREE

IT IS REQUESTED NEW ORLEANS CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT

WAS SUBPOENAED BY GARRISON.

[redacted] IMMIGRATED TO U. S. IN NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR,

[redacted] HAS BROTHER IN RCMP.

ABOVE FURNISHED BUREAU FOR DISSEMINATION TO LEGAT,

A, AND RCMP.

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Memorandum

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MR. TROTTER

DATE: 6-11-68

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T: MURKIN

PREPARATION OF AFFIDAVIT

Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake and departmental attorneys on 6-10-68, prepared an affidavit relative to the results of the examination of certain items of evidence submitted in connection with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Following completion of this affidavit, a copy of which is attached, the examiner appeared before the deputy clerk of U. S. District Court, Washington, D. C., and under oath stated that the contents of the affidavit were the true facts regarding his (Bonebrake's) examination.

The affidavit is to be used in extraditing James Earl Ray from England.

RECOMMENDATION:

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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Rosen

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position since October 1941. I have attended schools and other training classes conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to qualify me for my position. During the time I have been a Fingerprint Examiner, I have made millions of fingerprint comparisons for identification purposes. I have testified as a fingerprint expert witness in numerous cases in federal and state courts as well as in military courts-martial with regard to my findings based on comparisons of fingerprints.

2. On April 5, 1968, at approximately 5:15 a.m., at the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., I received certain objects of evidence from Special Agent Robert Fitzpatrick. These objects were identified to me as being part of the investigation into the shooting of Martin Luther King, Jr. in Memphis, Tennessee, on the previous day. Among the items delivered to me were a Remington Model 760 rifle, serial number 461476, with Redfield telescopic sight number A 17350, and a pair of 7 by 35 Bushnell binoculars, serial number DQ 408564. I examined each of these objects for latent fingerprints, and subsequently on April 5, 1968, I developed one latent fingerprint on the rifle, one latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight, and one latent fingerprint on the binoculars. These were the only latent prints of these

objects which contained sufficient characteristic ridge detail to be of value for identification purposes.

3. On April 19, 1968, I compared each of the afore-mentioned three latent prints with the known fingerprints of James Earl Ray obtained by officials of the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, on October 11, 1949. The fingerprint card made by the Los Angeles Police Department is contained in the official fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D. C. From my comparison I formed the opinion that they were the fingerprints of the same man. I determined that the latent fingerprint on the Remington rifle and the latent fingerprint on the binoculars are identical to the left thumbprint of James Earl Ray, and that the latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight is identical to the right ring-fingerprint of James Earl Ray.

4. The official fingerprint files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington also contain the fingerprint record of James Earl Ray, taken in connection with his incarceration in the Missouri State Penitentiary on March 17, 1960, following a conviction of first degree robbery. I have compared the fingerprints of James Earl Ray taken in connection with his arrest on October 11, 1949, by the Los Angeles Police Department with the fingerprints taken in connection with the incarceration of James Earl Ray in the Missouri State Penitentiary on March 17, 1960, and I have determined that these prints are of the same person.

5. Attached as Exhibit I is a photographic copy of the known prints of James Earl Ray, taken in connection with his arrest on October 11, 19[illegible], by the Los Angeles, California Police Department. Attached as Exhibit II is a photographic copy of the known prints of James Earl Ray, taken on March 17, 1960, in connection with his incarceration in the Missouri State Penitentiary. Attached as Exhibits III, IV and V are three photographs, each depicting one of the afore-mentioned three latent fingerprints developed by me respectively on the rifle, the telescopic sight, and the binoculars.

6. I am also an Assistant Custodian of the fingerprint records of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. As such, I am familiar with the contents of those records and am authorized to have copies made of those records and to certify as to their authenticity.

7. The fingerprint card attached as Exhibit II on Form FD-2[illegible], is a true copy of the original record in my custody and was prepared under my supervision. The original was received by the Federal Bureau of Investigation from the Warden of the State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on April [illegible], 1960 and contains the photograph (profile and front view), fingerprints, and signature of James Earl Ray, an inmate of the Penitentiary then serving a 20-year sentence.

GEORGE J. BONEBRAKE

Sworn to before me this

_____ day of June, 1968.

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Memorandum

r. Rosen

. L. McGowan

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DATE: June 12, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

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At 8:07 p.m., 6-12-68, SAC Robert Jensen, Memphis, called
id advised Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted] that they had just
cated Charles Q. Stephens. Stephens is the "wino" who was a witness
t the rooming house in Memphis when the shooting occurred. The
epartment had been extremely desirous of locating Stephens to have
im sign affidavits which they are preparing in connection with the
gal proceedings in England. SAC Jensen stated that Stephens was
otted on the street in Memphis by a Memphis Agent and that Stephens
dvised he had just returned after spending several days in Arkansas.

SAC Jensen was at that time making arrangements for Stephens
be interviewed by Mr. J. Harold Flannery, Civil Rights Division of
ne Department, in order that Flannery could obtain the necessary
ffidavit from Stephens.

Subsequent to SAC Jensen's call, Assistant Attorney General
tephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division of the Department, was
dvised that Stephens had been located by Memphis Agents who had
een out on the streets of Memphis searching for Stephens. Pollak
as obviously pleased with the news and said "I'm so pleased--delighted."

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DIRECTOR (44-38861)

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: NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

RE: MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU SIX ELEVEN INSTANT.

THE FILES OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE CONTAIN NO INFORMATION
E EFFECT THAT EARL ANGLIN JAMES WAS EVER SUBPOENED BY
NS PARISH DA JAMES GARRISON IN CONNECTION WITH GARRISON'S
TIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F.
DY, OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY OTHER MATTER.

DAVID W. FERRIE, DECEASED, AND APPARANT SUSPECT BY GARRISON
CONSPIRATOR INTO THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS INTERVIEWED
W ORLEANS AGENT ON DECEMBER TEN, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE IN
CTION WITH THE CASE ENTITLED QUOTE JACK LEON RUBY, AKA;
ARVEY OSWALD, AKA. - VICTIM (DECEASED) BUFILE FORTY FOUR
TWO FOUR ZERO ONE SIX END QUOTE. FERRIE FURNISHED NAMES
DIVIDUALS WHOM HE SAID WERE SOURCES FOR QUOTE PHONY END
DEGREES. ONE OF THE NAMES HE MENTIONED WAS EARL ANGLIN
, OF TORONTO, CANADA. NO FURTHER DATA AVAILABLE RE JAMES.
BUREAU CONSIDER ABOVE FOR DISSEMINATION TO LEGAT, OTTAWA
CMP IN CONNECTION WITH INFORMATION FURNISHED IN REFERENCED
NGELES TELETYPE.

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1 URGENT 6-12-68 DMJ

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P1)

MURKIN

RE BULET TO MEMPHIS, JUNE FOUR, LAST; KANSAS CITY AIRTEL
SPRINGFIELD JUNE SIX, LAST, SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU JUNE
TEN, LAST.

LABORATORY ADVISED BROWN HEAD HAIRS PREVIOUSLY RECOVERED
ING BR INVESTIGATION ALTON DID NOT ORIGINATE FROM SAME PERSON
HAIRS RECOVERED MURKIN CASE.

KC ADVISED CLOTHING FURNISHED MSP INMATES ON DISCHARGE HAS
LAUNDRY MARKS; THAT RECOVERED CLOTHING WOULD NOT BE CLOTHING
MSP BY DESCRIPTION.

SPRINGFIELD CONTINUING DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO LAUNDRY
DRY CLEANERS BUT UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS. P.

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Mr. Bishop
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6-12-68

C. E. Bishop

MURKIN

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This case involves the assassination of Martin Luther King in which James Earl Ray has been charged as the assassin.

At 1 p.m. on 6-12-68, one John Acord, identifying himself as being with the American-South African Council, Washington, D. C., telephoned and spoke to me. He said that his organization handles public relations for Rhodesia and other South African countries. He stated that some time during May he voluntarily turned over to the FBI a letter that had been written in California in December, 1967, by one Eric S. Galt to his organization asking for information on how a person goes about traveling to Rhodesia. He stated that this information and a copy of the letter were turned over by him to Bureau Agents on a confidential basis.

He stated that he has now been informed by a reporter for a South African newspaper that "Life" magazine is aware of the contents of this letter and may have a copy of it. Acord was very upset that this information may have been "leaked" by the FBI to "Life" magazine. In answer to my question, he indicated that the people of his staff are aware of the letter and its contents, as is an attorney named Jaffe and the Rhodesian Information Office in Washington, D. C.

Acord was emphatically advised that any information furnished by him to the FBI would be maintained as confidential and under no circumstances would we "leak" any information whatsoever to "Life" magazine. It was pointed out to him that he has admitted that other persons besides the FBI were aware of the letter and its contents and he admitted the possibility that "Life" magazine could have gotten the information concerning it from any of these sources. His concern, he stated, was based on the fact that he understood that "Life" magazine was to carry a story about the letter and possibly print a copy of it and he felt that this might result in bad publicity for Rhodesia. He was again assured that the FBI had maintained the letter in confidence and had not given it to any news media whatsoever.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Jones

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shop to DeLoach Memo
: MURKIN

At 3 p.m. on 6-12-68, Jack Rosenthal, who was formerly e Information Officer for the Department of Justice, telephonically ntacted me to advise that he is now associated with the Washington ireau of "Life" magazine and that he will specialize in writing on urban fairs, although at the present time is helping to gather information about e captioned case for "Life" magazine. He voluntarily informed that ife" magazine had scored a "coup" in the case by securing a copy of a ter which had been written by Ray under the name of Eric S. Galt to an named organization in Washington in December, 1967, asking for infor- ation on travel regulations to Rhodesia. When I asked him how this had en secured, he advised me on a strictly confidential basis that a copy of s letter had been secured from one Mr. Tause (phonetic) whom he scribed as the Rhodesian Government Information Officer in Washington, C.

It would appear from the above that the Rhodesian Informa- n Office is the one responsible for furnishing the information concerning e letter to "Life" magazine.

COMMENDATION:

None. For information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 12, 1968

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad

MURKIN

At 8:10 p. m., 6-12-68, Departmental Attorney Harold Shapiro telephonically contacted Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted], General Investigative Division. Shapiro advised that in connection with the preparation of affidavits for use in this case, he needed the results of handwriting examinations on certain documents signed by the subject in the name of Eric S. Galt. He needed this information on the night of 6-12-68, if at all possible. He advised the documents in question were subject's application for attendance at the bartending school in Los Angeles, an installment note dated January 19th prepared at the same bartending school and the registration card for the New Rebel Motel in Memphis. Shapiro referred to Los Angeles report of SA [redacted] dated 4-18-68, Page 131, which contained the results of the interview with the owner of the bartending school. According to this report, the installment note was signed by the subject in the presence of the owner of the school and Shapiro is attempting to prove that the Eric S. Galt signatures are actually the signatures of the subject.

SA James Mortimer of the Laboratory, who had previously conducted handwriting examinations in this matter, was contacted at his office. He advised that the items in question are:

Q86 - Registration card, New Rebel Motor Hotel, ME;
Q261 - Installment note, International School of Bartending, LA;
Q262 - Application to attend International School of Bartending, LA.

All of these documents are signed in the name of Eric S. Galt. Mortimer said that the signatures on all of these documents were prepared by the same person. Mortimer contacted Shapiro and advised him of this.

ACTION:

For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Mohr

DATE: June 12, 1968

J. J. Casper

MURKIN

Purpose of this memorandum is to suggest a theory concerning who might have paid Ray to assassinate Reverend Martin Luther King.

In a recent news dispatch, probably the Sunday Star of June 9, 1968, Ray's brother in St. Louis was quoted as saying that Ray must have been paid because he would not do anything without being paid and that if convicted he should get no more punishment than was given to the murderer of George Lincoln Rockwell. This curious reference to the Rockwell case in particular suggests that Ray's brother may know that Ray has fallen in with the so-called American Nazi Party and that whoever footed the bill for Rockwell has paid Ray in this case. The constantly reported hatred of Ray for Negroes seems to fit this theory. The reference by Ray's brother to Rockwell may have been coincidental only, but it is equally susceptible of an interpretation that the Ray brothers have been closer to Rockwell and his associates, including his backers, than was known.

RECOMMENDATION:

For appropriate consideration.

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- Mr. DeLoach
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan

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June 12, 1968

REC-113 44-38861-4467

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr McDonough

[redacted]
Pasadena, California 91106

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated June 5, 1968, has been received.

The matter to which you refer has been looked into and Agents of this Bureau did not, nor are they authorized under statute to, issue any instructions as outlined in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE:

Bureau is in receipt of a letter from one [redacted] Pasadena, California, not further identified, in which he states that a recent article in the Los Angeles "Times" stated that "FBI Agents have ordered people who know anything about Galt to not mention the matter." [redacted] states he is interested to know under what law Agents are authorized to order a citizen not to say anything about any matter.

On basis of information available, [redacted] is not identifiable in Bureau files or Los Angeles Office files. The 4-13-68 issue of the Los Angles "Times" contained an article captioned, "Secrecy Shrouds Mystery Man in King Slaying," which was date-lined Birmingham and the article reported in part "So tight was the secrecy that the FBI drew around its investigation, Birmingham residents once acquainted with the man who used the name Galt were instructed by Agents to keep silent." SAC, Birmingham, advised that no such instructions were issued by Agents of that office. He advised that Los Angeles "Times" reporters were arrogant while in Birmingham, were disliked and received little cooperation from the local residents for that reason. Los Angeles "Times" also furnished the Bureau information from an unidentified informant of theirs, relative to the King murder case, which was run out in areas of the country stretching from Florida, to Los Angeles; and this information was found to have no material connection with this case.

It is felt no useful purpose would be served in attempting to straighten out the Los Angeles "Times" relative to this article.

[redacted]
CALIFORNIA

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
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June 5, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A recent article in the Los Angeles Times stated that "FBI Agents have ordered people who know anything about Galt to not mention the matter."

I'm interested to know under what law your agents are authorized to order a citizen not to say anything about any matter.

Would you be so kind as to inform me on this?

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: June 12, 1968

SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)

MURKIN

Re Denver airtel to the Director, 5/29/68.

RE: ROBERT EDWARD BYRNE, Denver, Colorado.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. LOUIS FAWCETT, Ashdown, Arkansas, who is a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank, Ashdown, and is secretary-treasurer of the B & F Manufacturing Company, a manufacturer of wood products, advised as follows:

He and Mrs. FAWCETT (BILLYE) are life-time friends of Mr. HAL DAVIS HALE presently of Denver, Colorado, and Los Angeles, California. Mr. HALE is a native of Ashdown and his mother currently resides there. Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT have frequently taken vacations with Mr. and Mrs. HALE.

During the past ten years, Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT have visited with Mr. and Mrs. HALE under various circumstances and about three times during that period they found ROBERT EDWARD BYRNE also visiting with Mr. and Mrs. HALE. BYRNE is known only to work on various projects in the oil industry for Mr. HALE and was never known by Mr. FAWCETT to be employed by anyone else and never on a steady basis for Mr. HALE. He understood that BYRNE merely "ran errands" for Mr. HALE. The last time Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT saw BYRNE was during a period in December, 1967, and January, 1968, when the above named persons vacationed at Acapulco, Mexico.

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1 Denver (157-203)
2 Little Rock
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Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT arrived at a motel called Casa Josette which is about five miles out of the City of Acapulco and up the mountain and along the bay. They arrived on December 26, 1968. On or about December 28, 1967, BYRNE arrived with a woman whose name Mr. FAWCETT recalled only as Mrs. BIGELOW. On January 9, 1968, Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT flew out of Acapulco direct to Dallas, Texas, where those two got their automobile and drove directly to Ashdown, Arkansas. When Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT left the Casa Josette, they left BYRNE and Mrs. BIGELOW there.

During the period Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT, Mr. and Mrs. HALE, and BYRNE and Mrs. BIGELOW were at the Casa Josette together all six took rides in the bay in rented motor boats and took drives through the mountains in rented jeeps, two of which they rented. On two occasions the six saw a yacht in the bay below Acapulco which they "guessed" belonged to the owner of the Revlon Cosmetic Company although no one in the party had any definite knowledge of the ownership of the yacht and no one made contact with crew members or the party on the yacht. On those two occasions they sailed around the yacht at which time Mr. FAWCETT and probably others made pictures of the yacht and waved at the crew members. It was merely a greeting to the members of the crew. Mr. FAWCETT stated he and Mrs. FAWCETT made no trips in a sailing ship although they saw one on one occasion sailing around their motor boat.

The balance of the time was spent sitting around the motel, eating, drinking, and talking. Mr. FAWCETT made no contact with any persons other than those in his party although he spoke to several persons and thinks the same applies to Mr. BYRNE. BYRNE and Mrs. BIGELOW slept until noon each day as did Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT and Mr. and Mrs. HALE. Mr. and Mrs. FAWCETT's room was next to that occupied by Mr. BYRNE and Mrs. BIGELOW and at no time during the period did

Mr. FAWCETT see a stranger or a person not in their party visit or talk with Mr. BYRNE or Mrs. BIGELOW. Although Mr. FAWCETT was not with BYRNE at all times during the afternoons and evenings he was never known to make contact with any persons outside their party. It definitely seemed to Mr. FAWCETT that BYRNE was there to have a good time only and to drink as was his constant habit. There was no indication he sent any messages or received any messages from persons on the yacht or other vessels in the bay.

Mr. FAWCETT considers it inconceivable that BYRNE is associated with or had contact with any criminal element while in Acapulco or in fact has any interest in matters political or criminal. Mr. FAWCETT insisted in referring to BYRNE as a "well-educated drunken bum." He claimed BYRNE has been drunk every time FAWCETT saw him and in fact seldom saw him that he did not have a drink in his hand. He began drinking during the mornings or at noon when he got up and continued drinking throughout the afternoon and evening while FAWCETT was with him.

Mr. FAWCETT advised his wife, BILLYE, was visiting friends out of town and would not return for several weeks. For that reason, and for the reason of the information furnished by Mr. FAWCETT concerning BYRNE, Little Rock is not interviewing Mrs. FAWCETT.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

The Director

DATE:

N. P. Callahan

Page H4303. Congressmen Smith, (R) California, and
evine, (R) Ohio, commended the FBI for the apprehension of James E
ay. Mr. Smith stated It is a genuine tribute to the smooth working r
ich exists between the FBI and British and Canadian authorities that
as tracked down in England last Saturday morning. I know that I voic
e sentiments of colleagues in both Houses of Congress when I express
J. Edgar Hoover and the men and women of the FBI hardy congratula
another job well done. Mr. Devine stated I would like to take this
casion to congratulate the efficient men and women of the Federal Bu
Investigation and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover. The excellent wor
ationship with the British and Canadian authorities has been well
monstrated. - - - - At least to the law-abiding citizens, it is reassu
leed to know that the FBI, with its quiet competence and dedication t
curity of the Nation, is standing by.

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Page E6196. Congressman Wyatt, (R) Oregon, extended his
emarks and commended the FBI for the apprehension of James Earl Ray
nd stated The successful conclusion to this manhunt -- probably the greatest

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS continued

the history of the FBI - is a tribute to the efficiency and dedication of the
ofessional corps of law enforcement agents in the FBI. Even more so, this
a landmark case of mutual cooperation among law enforcement agencies
an international scope. He also commended the Royal Canadian Mounted
ice and New Scotland Yard. He went on to state I am proud to have been
ember of the FBI and to have worked for J. Edgar Hoover. (Kendall
it was employed with the Bureau as an Agent from 8-25-41 to 6-23-42.)

original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the
d for was reviewed and pertinent items were
d for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that 18 JUN 19 1968
ns photocopies of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed
opriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

1968

June 12, 1968

E. D. Treville Leger
[illegible]
[illegible], Michigan 48197

Dear [illegible] Leger:

Your letter of June 5th has been received.

In regard to your comments, the FBI, at the direction of President Johnson, conducted a prompt, intensive, objective and thorough investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. The results of this investigation were accurately reported to the Warren Commission, and not one shred of evidence has been developed to link any other person in a conspiracy with Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy. All available evidence and facts point to one conclusion--that Oswald acted alone in his crime.

James Earl Ray, who was sought by this Bureau in connection with the slaying of Martin Luther King, was arrested on June 8 in London, England, and is now awaiting extradition to the United States to face charges of murder in the State of Tennessee.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

ORIGINAL FILED IN

3255 Hillside
Ypsilanti, Michigan
June 5, 1968

Mr. Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Still another prominent American has been attacked in public. The assassination of President Kennedy has never been satisfactorily explained, and Mr. King's assassin remains undetected.

This, to me, raises strong doubts concerning the efficiency and efficacy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in particular, and of the Justice Department in general.

Respectfully,

F. Treville Leger

JUN 10 1968

ENCLOSURE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 12 1968

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:MMARY TELETYPE.

: CHICAGO AIRTEL TO MEMPHIS, DALLAS, SEATTLE AND MOBILE
:LEVEN LAST REGARDING ANONYMOUS CALLER WHO CLAIMED TO BE
:E FROM WASHINGTON STATE PRISON, WALLA WALLA, WASH.,
) CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS BY
[redacted] DALLAS, TEXAS, FOR THE JOB THAT WAS DONE BY
:ARL RAY.
:ATTLE SHOULD OBTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING ALL PERSONS
:CAPED DURING FEBRUARY NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AND FURNISH
:O DALLAS, WHO SHOULD THEN INTERVIEW [redacted] FOR ANY
:ATION IN HIS POSSESSIO REC-33 44-38861-4471
:FICES RECEIVING THIS SHOULD NOTE THAT THE "FAT MAN" ABOUT
:HERE HAS BEEN MUCH RECENT PUBLICITY HAS BEEN POSITIVELY
FIED AND ELIMINATED. RCMP HAS REQUESTED NO REPEAT NO INFO
:NTIFICATION OF "FAT MAN" BE MADE PUBLIC. IN SPITE OF THE
:HAT CHICAGO'S ANONYMOUS CALLER IS DEFINITELY ~~NOT~~ THE FAT
:NVESTIGATION MUST BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER [redacted]
:ENTIONED BY HIM MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ~~INSTANT~~ CASE.
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BY SEPARATE COMMUNICTION, THE MEMPHIS DIVISION HAS REQUESTED

OFFICES HAVING OUTSTANDING LEADS OR REQUESTS FOR CIRCULARIZATION

NY PUBLICATION OF ANY KIND TO CANCEL.

INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED TO BUREAU ADVISING

[redacted] YORK ARMS EMPLOYEE, IS PATIENT IN PSYCHIATRIC

ITAL. DR. [redacted] WHO IS PHYSICIAN IN ATTENDANCE ON FLOOR

[redacted] CONFINED, DID STATE THAT IN HIS OPINION [redacted]

OMPETENT WHEN HE IS NOT INVOLVED IN HIS CURRENT DISORDER

IC DEPRESSIVE. DR. [redacted] SAID IN HIS OPINION [redacted]

ENT CONDITION SHOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON HIS PREVIOUS IDENTIFICATION

NFORMATION FURNISHED RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF THE

ER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., ALTHOUGH ATTORNEYS MIGHT

TO MAKE SOMETHING OF IT.

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ASH DC

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 12, 1968

S/S

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Sullivan

MURKIN

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

With reference to your instructions that a restraining kit be sent to Legal Attache Minnich in London, this is to advise that the kit was delivered 6/11/68, to the Office of Major Walsh, Commanding Officer, Office of Special Investigations, Dover Air Force Base, Dover, Delaware, for transportation to London via military aircraft.

The Liaison Section has arranged with Major Walsh to have the kit flown to London on the first flight available. Major Walsh will notify Liaison of the specific time and date of the flight on which the kit will be transported, and Liaison will notify Minnich of the identity and estimated arrival time of the flight in order that a representative of the Legal Attache's Office can meet the plane.

ACTION: For information.

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FBI

Date: June 12, 1968

the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (44-947) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Springfield teletype to Bureau, dated 6/10/68.

On 6/11 and 12/68, photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to LARRY MC INTOSH and former owners of Mens Style Shop, Mayfield, Kentucky. Mr. WATT C. SEAY and EDWIN WILSON all advised that on an average of one year they sell over 40 dozen Royal De Luxe Stetsons and that the pictures of JAMES EARL RAY are completely unfamiliar to them. All advised that mose likely the hat purchased at Mayfield, Kentucky, was done so by a cash purchase and no record would be kept of such a transaction. All stated no charge record was available of information concerning the purchase of a Royal De Luxe Stetson.

Further, photographs displayed to COP of Mayfield, Kentuky, Sheriff Graves County, Mayfield, Kentucky, and County Judge Graves County all advised they are unable to make an identification concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

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1 - Springfield (44-561)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Louisville
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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 12, 1968

A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

MURKIN

Legat Minnich called from London at 1:35 p.m. (D.C. time). He advised the extradition request had been formally given to the Foreign Office, London, and delivered to the British Home Office. Minnich states the British authorities hope they can hear the extradition proceedings on June 21st. He pointed out that in the event the extradition proceedings result in the Magistrate ordering Ray extradited, then a 15-day waiting period would occur. This is a mandatory requirement in which the defendant would have a chance to appeal the decision of the Magistrate. The above solely refers to the extradition proceedings.

The other procedure which is under way is the hearing on the English charge that Ray came into the country using false passport and also had a revolver in his possession. In this connection, Minnich states this hearing, which is set for June 18th, may possibly require the presence of ~~Special Agent~~ George J. Bonebrake, a Latent Fingerprint Examiner assigned to our Identification Division who handled the fingerprint identification in this case. I have advised Trotter with reference to this possibility and the fact Bonebrake may be needed, in which event he would have to make preparations now in order to be ready to depart on very short notice.

The Memphis Office is trying to locate Charles Q. Stephens for the purpose of having him execute an affidavit. He is the individual who was in the rooming house in Memphis occupied by subject Ray at the time of the commission of the offense. It is possible they may desire to have a Laboratory representative appear with reference to some of the evidence relating to the clothing and personal effects which were picked up as evidence in this case. It is recalled that certain of the hairs and fibers which were found on the bedspread matched the hairs and fibers which were found in a sheet which was found in a car in Atlanta abandoned by Ray. I have alerted Mr. Conrad concerning the possibility a Laboratory expert may be needed to proceed to London on short notice.

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COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

Minnich also advised me he will make an additional recommendation with reference to Agents Kenneth Bounds and George Zeiss being retained. He said he will be in a position to advise the Bureau with reference to whether they should remain after the extradition hearing on June 21st.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Bishop

DATE: 6-13-68

D. C. Morrell

GRACE REICHERT
CINCINNATI, OHIO

By letter dated June 9th, captioned individual wrote the Director, "I was agreeably surprised to read of the capture of Dr. King's assassin for I felt rather certain that he had been allowed to escape. However good Old Scotland Yard did the job for us Either they are more efficient than the F. B. I. or like "Avis they Try Harder."

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Based on available information, correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. She listed no street and gave only "Cincinnati, Ohio" as her address.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of her [illegible] remarks and in the absence of any return address, it is recommended that no attempt be made to further identify her or acknowledge her communication.

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Legal Attache, London, advised G Vinson discussed security arrangements h Director of Prison Security at ndsworth Prison where Ray is confined. ison is to return to Washington tonight 13/68) and report to the Attorney General morning of 6/14/68.

Director of Prison Security has quested information concerning medical story of subject, details of his escapes, y record of violence against prison staff d information such as lock picking ability.

Legal Attache will be furnished information concerning Ray's medical history, ailable information regarding his escapes d fact that he was known to have enrolled locksmithing course. (The Bureau, of urse, has no way of evaluating his ability pick a lock.)

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VIA TELETYPE
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EDIATE 6-13-68 EXR

DIRECTOR

M LEGAT LONDON NO. 56 AND 57

KIN. (King Assassination Case)

[redacted], DIRECTOR OF PRISON SECURITY, THROUGH ANGEMENTS EFFECTED BY MINISTER OF EMBASSY TODAY BRIEFED ASSISTANT ORNEY GENERAL VINSON IN MY PRESENCE, ON ALL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WANDSWORTH PRISON WHERE SUBJECT IS CONFINED. HE WENT OVER IN DETAIL PHYSICAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, THE FACT SUBJECT IS IN THE "CONDEMNED L" (DEATH ROW) TWO PRISON WARDENS ARE WITH HIM TWENTY FOUR HOURS, IS NEVER LEFT ALONE, ALL TOILET FACILITIES ARE IN SAME CELL, HE IS MINED AT DIFFERENT TIMES IN YARD WHERE THERE ARE NO OUTSIDE BUILDINGS M WHICH OUTSIDERS CAN LOOK INTO YARD, HE IS UNDER ESCORT WHILE

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CISING, FOOD COMES FROM PRISON MESS BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHICH PORTION GO TO SUBJECT. THESE ARE HIGHLIGHTS AND WHEN BRIEFING OVER, ON COMMENTED, "THOSE ARE MAGNIFICENT PLANS."

LOOKING TOWARDS OUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ESCORTING AND TRANSPORTING ECT TO US, I ASKED MAUNSELL IF SUBJECT HAS BEEN AFFORDED A PHYS- EXAM AND IF HE WOULD BE AFFORDED ONE AT TIME HE IS TURNED OVER SCORT OFFICERS. MAUNSELL SAID THEY HAD NOT THOUGHT OF THIS BUT HE THE IDEA AND WOULD SEE IF IT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

MAUNSELL (British Director of Prison Security) THEN ASKED IF I COULD OBTAIN INFO THAT WOULD BE OF GREAT STANCE TO HIM AS FOLLOWS:

MEDICAL HISTORY OF SUBJECT; DETAILS OF SUBJECT'S ESCAPE FROM OURI STATE PEN, DETAILS OF ANY OTHER ESCAPES OR ATTEMPTED ESCAPES; RECORD OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PRISON STAFF; ANY OTHER AVAILABLE INFO WOULD BE OF VALUE TO PRISON AUTHORITIES, SUCH AS LOCK PICKING ITY, ETC. ALSO ANY DETAILS AS TO METHOD ALLEGEDLY USED BY RAY TO RATE A CLOTH WITH AMPHETAMINE TYPE DRUGS, METHOD OF RECOVERING DRUGS AFTER CLOTH HAS DRIED AND ANY INFO AS TO HOW RAY'S CLOTHES D BE CLEANED TO INSURE ANY DRUGS IN CLOTHING ARE REMOVED.

LD MAUNSELL I WOULD ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITIOUSLY OBTAIN THIS INFO.
ON AT THIS TIME TOLD HIM "THE FBI HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN
ING AND COMPILING SUBJECT'S BACKGROUND AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE
OF THE INFO DESIRED READILY AVAILABLE.
ALL INFO FURNISHED BY MAUNSELL IS CONSIDERED BY BRITISH HOME
ETARY TO HAVE BEEN FURNISHED WITH UNDERSTANDING IT SHOULD NOT BE
EMINATED IN ANY FASHION WHICH WOULD PUT IT IN REALM OF PUBLIC KNOW-
E.
VINSON LATER TOLD ME HE MUST REPORT TO ATTORNEY GENERAL FIRST THING
ING JUNE ONE FOUR. HIS PLANE DELAYED AND NOW ESTIMATED TO TAKE OFF
OUR THIRTY PM LONDON TIME. HE SAID HE MUST REPORT ON STATUS
STIGATION CONDUCTED PORTUGAL AND HERE IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE SUBJECT'S
MENTS AND ACTIVITIES THESE COUNTRIES.
LEGAT PARIS ADVISES HIS REPORT BEING POUCHED JUNE ONE FOUR NEXT.
BUREAU HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE KEPT IMMEDIATELY ADVISED
INENT RESULTS INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED HERE BY TEAM NEW
LAND YARD OFFICERS.

IVED: 155PM EXR

ROSEN
MR. BRENNAN

(Mr. Long, 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Mr. Shanefelt
1 - Lab File

FBI
LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: June 13, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680610039 MD

Examination requested by: Bureau

Reference: None

Examination requested: Photographic

Remarks:

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REPORT
of the

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 13, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
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MURKIN
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Request
~~XXXXX~~ received 6/11/68

Request comparison of photograph of Eric Starvo Galt taken in connection with his attendance at a bartender's school in early 1968 with photographs of James Earl Ray taken at the time of his imprisonment in 1960 and 1966

Result of examination:

It was determined that the individual depicted in the photograph of Eric Starvo Galt that was taken in connection with his attendance at a bartender's school in early 1968 and the individual in the photographs of James Earl Ray that were taken at the time of his imprisonment in 1960 and 1966 are photographs of the same individual.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

MURKIN

DATE: June 13, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division in view of the fact the Attorney General has stated that he wanted Pollak to divorce himself from other work and to supervise this case. The Attorney General also asked that Pollak be kept advised of pertinent information in this case. The material contained in the attached memorandum has been taken from cablegrams and teletypes, and Pollak is being informed that the information is based on preliminary communications and complete details will be incorporated in reports setting forth results of investigation.

Briefly, material being submitted concerns information that [redacted] has identified himself to the Toronto Police as the "fat man." He claims he found an envelope in a telephone booth and delivered it to Sneyd, the name Ray was using, at the Dundas address and that this was his only connection with the subject. Also included is an itemization of articles found among the effects of Sneyd at the time of his arrest in London including the revolver, camera, transistor radio, and articles of clothing.

Information is also being included that an individual using the name R. W. Trotter telephoned the Pentagon on June 7, 1968, claiming he was the killer of Dr. King and knew the girl in the polka dot dress who was at the scene of the shooting of Senator Kennedy in Los Angeles. Trotter was interviewed and denied making the phone call, and denied having any information concerning the murder of Dr. King or Senator Kennedy. He has a general reputation in Cunningham, Tennessee, his place of residence, of being unreliable, untrustworthy, and an alcoholic.

Enclosure

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

In addition, the following information is also included: Charles Q. Stephens, the "wino" who was a witness in the rooming house in Memphis when the shooting occurred, has been located in Memphis by FBI Agents; the .38 caliber revolver Ray had in his possession when apprehended in London, has been traced to a man in Birmingham, Alabama, who sold it to an unknown individual answering Ray's description in October, 1967, (Ray was residing in Birmingham at that time); Ralph M. Carpenter, the York Arms Company employee who sold the binoculars to the subject, is confined to a mental institution, however, the physician in attendance stated that it is his opinion that Carpenter is competent when not involved in his current disorder and that it should have no bearing on the previous information he furnished; Ray was in Lisbon, Portugal, May 8 - 17, 1968, and reportedly consorted with local women; Ray is presently being held in Wandsworth Prison under unprecedented security provisions; Scotland Yard is continuing extensive investigation to develop information concerning Ray's activities in London; and that among Ray's effects at the time of his arrest was a memorandum or article setting out detailed description of the theory and specifications regarding silencers for firearms.

ACTION:

This case is continuing to receive high priority and the Department will be kept advised of pertinent facts.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 13, 1968

A. Rosen

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1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Trotter

MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Supervisor [redacted] of the New York Office telephonically advised that the New York Office received an anonymous letter today (6/13/68) concerning an alleged plan to take the subject Ray from the authorities upon his arrival in the United States.

The letter which bears the postmark "June 11, 1968, P. M. New York, N. Y." was dated June 10, 1968 and reads as follows:

"Federal Bureau of Investigation

"Gentlemen:

"I believe it to be of interest to you to know of a plan afoot to take Ray from the authorities upon arrival in the U. S. The people involved have expressed themselves as being undaunted if he is surrounded by the 100 Federal Marshals or FBI personnel. They anticipate a large protective force but will not be stopped and expect to loose several in the attempt but these will be martyrs. They have anticipated his surprise return and have placed watchers at every conceivable airport including Air Force landing areas. Because of such reprisals I must abstain from signing this note to you. I am deeply concerned and hope that no one is hurt."

According to Supervisor [redacted] the letter is written in legible longhand, probably with a ball point pen, regular plain tablet paper (yellow) and is unsigned. Neither the letter nor the envelope in which it was mailed contain a return address.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

New York is immediately submitting the letter to the Bureau for appropriate handwriting comparison examination (anonymous letter file) and latent fingerprint examinations.

Legal Attache, London and the Memphis Office will be advised of its receipt as well as Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Department.

June 18, 1968

Honorable Thomas Vail
Editor
Cleveland Press
1801 Superior Avenue, Northeast
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Vail:

I have had the opportunity to read the editorial, "They're Almost Entitled to Immunity," which appeared in the June 6th edition of your paper. I very much appreciate your favorable comments concerning the cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies on an international scale which resulted in the apprehension of James Earl Ray.

I am certainly pleased that you have expressed to your readers your high regard for the work of the FBI and those other agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles indicate prior correspondence with Vail, last outgoing 12-7-64 regarding a favorable editorial. We have enjoyed cordial relations with his newspaper.

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JUN 20 1968 TELETYPE UNIT

June 13, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This case involves murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached teletype relates to investigation being conducted by Toronto Police Department authorities concerning subject's activities while in Toronto, Canada. The attached teletype also states that Toronto Police authorities are informing the local press that the "mysterious fat man" has been located, interviewed and eliminated and that he had no significance in the investigation. Authorities are not releasing anything concerning identity of the "Mysterious fat man."

This information is being sent the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

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6-1400

Teletype
RE BUFFALO TEL, JUNE ELEVEN LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL, JUNE
LVE LAST.

[redacted] METROPOLITAN TORONTO POLICE DEPT. (MTPD), HAD
CK MADE OF ALL UNSOLVED MAJOR OCCURRENCES AT TORONTO, ONTARIO,
ADA FOR THE PERIOD APRIL TWENTYFOUR, SIXTYSEVEN TO JULY EIGHTEEN,
TYSEVEN, BUT COULD LOCATE NONE WHERIN SUBJECT COULD BE CONSIDERED
ICAL SUSPECT.

SIMILAR CHECK OF MAJOR OCCURRENCES IN TORONTO FOR PERIOD APRIL
HT TO MAY SIX, SIXTYEIGHT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE WITH NEGATIVE
ULTS.

[redacted] MTPD, ADVISED TODAY
T HE IS INFORMING THE LOCAL PRESS THAT THE "MYSTERIOUS FAT
" HAS BEEN LOCATED, INTERVIEWED AND ELIMINATED AND THAT HE HAD
SIGNIFICANCE IN THE INVESTIGATION. HE IS NOT RELEASING ANYTHING
CERNING THE IDENTITY OF THE "MYSTERIOUS FAT MAN." REC 53 44-38861-1480

RCMP AT TORONTO ARE PRESENTLY ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN RECORD OF
LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALLS MADE FROM PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOOTH
R NINE SIX TWO DUNDAS ST., WEST, TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, DURING
TINENT PERIOD. 15 JUN 17 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

CT MURKIN

DATE: June 13, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Rhyne
1 - Mr. Trotter

Legat Minnich called from London at 6:40 a.m., (D. C. time) and spoke to extra duty supervisor Louis E. Rhyne. He advised at the request of Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Vinson, he had ascertained from New Scotland Yard that in the British Courts the fingerprint expert needs sixteen points of identification in fingerprint testimony. This information was given to Vinson by Minnich and he, Minnich, suggested this information be furnished latent fingerprint examiner George J. Bonebrake.

Minnich advised that AAG Vinson is leaving London today at 2:30 p.m. (London time) via Pan American Flight #107 and is due to arrive at Dulles Airport approximately 5:15 p.m. (Washington time). Vinson or some other member of the Department or both will fly back to London a day or two before the extradition hearing. It is believed at the present time that this hearing will be held on June 21, 1968. Latent fingerprint examiner Bonebrake was advised of the above information relating to fingerprint testimony.

ACTION:

For information.

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JUN 17 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Rosen

C. L. McGowan

MURKIN

DATE: June 13, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
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At 7:30 p.m., 6-13-68, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, called and advised Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted] that they had affidavits in Memphis and Los Angeles which they needed in Washington as soon as possible, and he requested Bureau assistance in expedite handling.

He was queried as to the urgency of this matter, and he advised arrangements have been made to have these affidavits certified by the State Department on 6-14-68, and then flown to London on a plane leaving 6-14-68.

ACTION:

Appropriate arrangements were made with the Los Angeles and Memphis Offices to obtain the affidavits from Departmental representatives and place them on flights leaving night of 6-13-68, for Washington. Washington Field Office was alerted to pick up the affidavits and deliver them to the Duty Agent in the General Investigative Division. These affidavits should be delivered to Mr. Pollak's Office on the morning of 6-14-68.

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ADDENDUM: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION REL:rpr 6/14/68

The packages from Memphis and Los Angeles were delivered to the Civil Rights Section and these were hand-carried and delivered to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak personally at 9:05 a.m. on June 14, 1968.

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REC-71 44-38861-4473

June 13, 1968

Mr. Willie Adams
2418 Hunt Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 6th has been received, and I appreciate receiving your communication.

As you are now aware, James Earl Ray, who was sought by this Bureau in connection with the slaying of Martin Luther King, was arrested on June 8th in London, England, and is now awaiting extradition to the United States to face charges of murder in the State of Tennessee.

Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, the accused murderer of Senator Kennedy, is currently in custody of authorities in Los Angeles, California, to face trial on state charges of murder and assault there.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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JUN 25 1968

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

TRUE COPY

2418 Hunt Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi
June 6, 1968

F. B. I
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover; O Markin

Lawlessness in America is outrages you being head of the federal bureau of investigation need to proscute person or persons involved in all these lawlessness attempts on people's lives. Dr King was assinated and there has been no arrest by your department or no one put in jail. Now senator Kennedy attempt on his life what will be done about this? there seem to be no law in America against killing, bombing and attempts to kill a person, or persons. I would like to know your comment on this.

Yours Truly
Willie Adams
president of youth N.A.A.C.P.

Mr. Willie Adams
2418 Hunt Street
Vicksburg, Mississippi
39180

EX-115

REC-7 44-38861-1

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Lieut Hart
Fitzburg Mass
Dec 6, 1863.

C. S. A.
Washington D.C.

(Care Mrs Ferris)

Yours Nov 28 received & contents
the Locket & Ring safely came to hand
Enclosed please find $5 Five dollars
in Green backs which I wish you
to buy me a Ring with, & send
by express to me at Fitzburg
Mass. Please do this as soon as
you receive this letter, Direct as this.

Yours Truly
Lieut Hart
Fitzburg Mass

Jno Smith
Wilkes Booth
Washington D.C.

CORRESPONDENCE

1 - Foreign Liaison (Copy to Foreign Liaison
1 - Mr. Long cleared through G. Day)

JUNE 13, 1968

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

EX-115 REC-71 1/4-3961-4484

TO LEGATs, LONDON
BONN

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN.

SAN DIEGO OFFICE ADVISED JUNE THIRTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, THAT ON JUNE TWELVE, LAST, MRS. [redacted] ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED SHE RECENTLY TRAVELED TO EUROPE AND WAS ABOARD BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS, FLIGHT SIX ZERO SIX, LONDON, ENGLAND, TO FRANKFORT, GERMANY, DEPARTING HEATHROW AIRPORT, SLOUGH, ENGLAND, FIVE PM, MAY TWENTYFOUR, LAST, ARRIVING FRANKFORT, GERMANY, FIVE FORTY PM, MAY TWENTY-FOUR, LAST. SEATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM HER WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE BELIEVED IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY. THIS INDIVIDUAL DEFINITELY WAS NOT ENGLISH AND APPEARED TO BE FAMILIAR WITH THE FRANKFORT AREA, GIVING THE IMPRESSION HE WAS A COMMUTER AND TOLD HER THAT HE WAS MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE LUFTHANSA AIRLINES THAN WITH BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS.

LEGATS, LONDON AND BONN MAKE APPROPRIATE CHECK TO VERIFY STATEMENTS OF MRS. [redacted]

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS

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1 - MEMPHIS

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ON JUNE TWELVE LAST, MRS. [redacted] ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

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SEATED DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM HER WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHOM SHE LIEVED IDENTICAL TO JAMES EARL RAY. 44-38861-4181

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ABOVE FURNISHED FOR THE BUREAU WHO MAY DESIRE LEGAT, GERMANY, O CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION.

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COMPLETE INTERVIEW SET FORTH IN FD THREE ZERO TWO IN GREATER
ETAIL BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU AND MEMPHIS BY SEPARATE
OMMUNICATION.

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DIRECTOR (44-38861)

SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, EM

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED JUNE TWELVE LAST.

CANVASS OF LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANERS, ALTON AND VICINITY
PLETED. NO IDENTIFICATION MADE JAMES EARL RAY OR ASSOCIATES.

ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C AND SI ONE FIVE FIVE TWO - C RECONTACTED
TED NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED INDICATING RAY OBSERVED ALTON
VICINITY BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

WASH DC

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JUN 17 1968

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cc - Mrs

June 14, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. Hudson

EX-115

To: SAC, Los Angeles

REC-71

From: Director, FBI 44-38861-4480

MURKIN

RE: Edgar Downing - complainant.

Enclosed for Los Angeles are two copies of a letter from Edgar Downing, Del-Mar Hotel, Room 312, 257 East Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California, dated 6-9-68. One copy is enclosed for Memphis. 9082

You should immediately interview Downing for any pertinent information he may have relating to this case. At the time of interview orally acknowledge receipt of his letter. The correspondent indicates that he previously contacted the FBI, no location designated; however, no record can be located regarding such contact in Bureau files.

Los Angeles, see your file 157-909, airtel dated 8-13-64, captioned "Mississippi Summer Project, Racial Situation, State of Mississippi, Racial Matters," and your airtel dated 12-22-66, captioned " Dr. Gerald Colm, National Planning Association, Information Concerning," which indicates that Edgar Downing of Long Beach, California, has previously furnished information, in unrelated matters, to your office. (157-1676-944 and 94-38687-7.)

Advise Bureau upon completion of interview of Downing.

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1 - Memphis (Enc.)

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MAIL ROOM ☑ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

June 9, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director: F. B. I.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

I have just read in today's Los Angeles Time
, James Earl Ray's arrest in England. The
rticle was written by Robert L. Jackson, from
ashington (a Times Staff Writer)

The article mentioned the fact that it is
ot known in what way Ray arrived in
nada. — — It is this reason that I
rite this letter to you.

Three or four (make five) days after
artin Luther King was killed, I was in
e lobby of the Del-Mar hotel and saw a
an register for a room. Later, I saw
ictures of the man that killed King. These
ctures didn't register on my mind as being
man that I saw register at the Del-Mar
tel here in Long Beach. Then one day I saw
other picture which had not been shown of
y before, it was this picture that
conized as being the man who wrote —
gistered for a room at the Del-Mar Motel.
then went to the office of the F. B. I. and
orted my story described above. About one
r after going to the F. B. I.'s office, I bought

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a local newspaper which stated the fact that Ray wonce took dancing lessons here in Long Beach.

Could it be possible that Ray came from Atlanta, Ga. by plane to Los Angelis, Calif., and then bought a plane ticket Canada ?

Thank you very much. I am

Yours Truly

Edgar Downing
Hal-Mar Hotel
Room 312
257 E. Ocean Blvd.
Long Beach, Calif.
90802

June 14, 1968

REC-11 44-38861-44

EX-115

Miss Jeanne Morris
President
The Iowa Association of Colored
Women's Clubs
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Miss Morris:

Thank you for your communication of June 11th. It was indeed kind of you to comment as you did with respect to the case involving James Earl Ray and I want you to know your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 12
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. A more specific address could not be obtained as Jeanne Morris could not be identified in the current telephone directory. Also, there is no listing for the Iowa Association of Colored Women's Clubs in the directory. As Des Moines has a multiple zip system, no zip is being utilized.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PERSISTANT EFFORTS IN TRACKING DOWN THE MURDERER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

6 JUN 17 1968

THE IOWA ASSOC OF COLORED WOMENS CLUBS JEANNE MORRIS PRESIDENT

(53).

Mr. Bishop

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

TO SAC DALLAS (44-2649)

FROM DIRECTOR (44-38861)

MURKIN.

UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE TO THE CONTRARY, DALLAS WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] CONCERNING INFORMATION FURNISHED BY ANONYMOUS CALLER. AIRMAIL COPIES SENT TO MEMPHIS, SEATTLE AND CHICAGO.

1 - MEMPHIS
1 - SEATTLE
1 - CHICAGO

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NOTE:

Chicago advises that an anonymous caller who claimed to be an escapee from Washington State Prison, Walla Walla, Washington, and claims to have given $1600 to [redacted] Dallas, Texas, for the job that was done by James Earl Ray. Dallas advises that [redacted] possibly referred to by an anonymous call as being owner of a meat packing company in Dallas is possibly identical to [redacted] employed as a delivery man for Arnold Meat Company, Dallas. According to Dallas, [redacted] has been subject of Bureau cases. Dallas being advised that unless circumstances dictate to the contrary, [redacted] should be interviewed regarding the anonymous call.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38261)

OM SPRINGFIELD (44-56L) (PP.2)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE THIRTEEN, LAST.

WILLIAM MAHER, ALTON, SUBJECT'S UNCLE, REITERATED HE S NOT HAD ANY DIRECT WORD FROM SUBJECT FOR TEN YEARS: THAT DOES NOT FEEL SUBJECT CAME TO ALTON SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE OM MSP BECAUSE HE STATES HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN SUBJECT'S ESENCE IN ALTON.

DEPUTY DEMOS NICHOLAS, MADISON COUNTY SO, EDWARDSVILLE, VISED THAT SOURCES, TRICITY AREA, OF GRANITE CITY, MADISON D VENICE, ILLINOIS UNABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RE CONTACTS SUBJECT IN THAT AREA; THAT THERE IS NO INDICATION HE MADE Y SUCH CONTACTS BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

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PHOTOS OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES SHOWN TO VICTIM BANKS IN CINITY ALTON WITHOUT EFFECTING ANY IDENTIFICATION.

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SURROUNDING OFFICES BEING INSTRUCTED TO DISPLAY PHOTOS

RAY AND ASSOCIATES TOGETHER WITH INITIATING INQUIRY RE

NDRY MARKS AT LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS

AREAS.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS, FOR INFO. P.

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June 14, 1968

[redacted] L. Freeman

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of June 9th has been received.

With regard to your comments, the investigation leading to the apprehension of James Earl Ray was a cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies on an international scale. The efforts of the FBI, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Scotland Yard were combined in this investigation which culminated with his arrest in England on June 8th. The arrest was made by Scotland Yard because the FBI has no authority to conduct investigations or make arrests outside the United States.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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9 JUN [illegible] ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

June 9, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

In this sad and disgusting way people are acting in the U. S. A. don't you think we need more security?

This City I live in is 85,000 and very few have any respect for the Supreme Court or the F. B. I. What are they thinking of to make laws that aid & protect the Criminal? As far as the F. B. I. we have always regarded them highly, but now it seems they can't protect or find anyone. Why not? When you have a powerful Country with all of the latest methods of Crime Control it is getting worse - Aren't you a little embarrased that England's Scotland Yard had to find Ray? What's wrong?

Why not either study their methods or hire some of their men - We obviously are not getting the job done-.

America is the greatest Country in the world & we are losing face.

I love my Country and I'm getting ashamed of the image we are giving the world- Please try to do better and we will all pray for you.

Sincerely

[redacted]

COPY:hcv

June 1, 1965

Mr. Hoover, (Hunkin)

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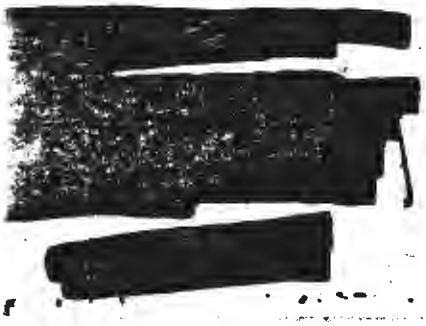
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[redacted]

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Ack
JBT: [illegible]
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CORRESPONDENCE

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It the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIR-TEL — AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

MURKIN

Re Buffalo tel, dated 6/13/68.

Superintendent [redacted] advised on 6/14/68 that inquiry at Toronto Telephone Company disclosed that records of long distance telephone calls made from the public telephone booth near 962 Dundas Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, were destroyed after 30 days and, therefore, no check could be made of such calls during the pertinent period.

(3) - Bureau (AM)
1 - Memphis (Info.) (AM)
1 - Buffalo
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C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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OM LEGAT LONDON NO. 63

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SOURCES ADVISE THAT AT MAGISTRATE COURT JUNE ONE EIGHT NEXT
GISTRATE WILL ANNOUNCE THAT EXTRADITION HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE
NE TWO ONE NEXT. PUBLIC PROSECUTOR WILL THEN ASK FOR ADJOURNMENT ON
CAL CHARGES UNDER ALIENS ACT AND FIREARMS ACT.

ON JUNE TWO ONE NEXT, IF DEFENSE IS READY, EXTRADITION HEARING
LL COMMENCE. IF DEFENSE ASKS FOR MORE TIME HE WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL
NE TWO SEVEN NEXT. IF HEARING DOES NOT ACTUALLY START UNTIL JUNE
O SEVEN MAGISTRATE IS PREPARED, IF REQUESTED, TO SIT ON JUNE TWO
NE, SATURDAY, IN ORDER TO EXPEDITIOUSLY DISPENSE WITH MATTER.
R INFORMATION.

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[illegible] DIRECTOR

KANSAS CITY

MEMPHIS

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[illegible]ROM MINNEAPOLIS (157-450) 4P

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RE MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE SEVEN, LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL [illegible]JNE THIRTEEN LAST.

PAUL BRIDGEMAN, FORNER INMATE, MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, [illegible]ISSOURI, REINTERVIEWED AND ADVISED HE SAW JAMES EARL RAY AT [illegible]ORTRESS BAR, KANSAS CITY, APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS AFTER [illegible]IS DISCHARGE FROM MSP, JANUARY SIXTEEN[illegible] HE ADVISED [illegible]T TIME HE WAS LIVING AT FIVE FOUR THREE EIGHT SKYLINE DRIVE, [illegible]ISSION, KANSAS, (ROE VILLAGE). HE ADVISED A [illegible]IKE HEAD, [illegible]ESCRIBED AS MALE, WHITE, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO [illegible]OUNDS, SANDY BUSHY HAIR, WHO WORKS FOR HIS FATHER IN SMALL [illegible]ONSTRUCTION COMPANY, WAS IN BAR AT TIME AND SAW [redacted] [illegible]ND WANTED TO KNOW WHO SHE WAS.

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BRIDGEMAN STATES EMPHATICALLY HE DOES NOT KNOW [redacted]

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[redacted] BUT HAS SEEN HER AROUND KANSAS CITY AND BELIEVES HER BE A PROSTITUTE. HE STATED SHE MAY BE SISTER TO [redacted] [redacted] WHO WAS IN MSP AND WAS RELEASED ABOUT SAME TIME RAY CAPED. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED HE WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON ON FSDAY AND RATHBERG VISITED HIM IN KANSAS CITY WITH BRIDGEMAN'S N THE NINETEENTH, TWENTIETH, AND TWENTY-FIRST OF JANUARY. NEXT SAW RATHBERG IN OKLAHOMA CITY WHERE THEY STAYED AT WN TOWNER MOTEL. HE RECALLS FIRST TIME HE SAW RATHBERG OKLAHOMA CITY WAS APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK AFTER HE SAW RAY KANSAS CITY. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED PRIOR TO [redacted] ARRIVING FORTRESS, BARMAID, KNOWN TO HIM ONLY AS JOYCE, RECEIVED LL FROM UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE ASKING IF BRIDGEMAN WAS AT BAR. YCE TOLD CALLER THAT BRIDGEMAN WAS THERE AND THEN ASKED RIDGEMAN IF IT WAS ALL RIGHT. BRIDGEMAN ADVISED HE TOLD ER IT WAS OK AND APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES LATER, BEVERLY ILL SHOWED UP.

AS POINTED OUT IN REFERENCED MINNEAPOLIS TEL, BRIDGEMAN NSISTS THIS WAS LLST AND ONLY TIME HE SAW RAY SINCE RAY'S SCAPE MSP.

BRIDGEMAN CERTAIN VEHICLE RAY WAS IN WAS LIGHT BLUE PIRD AND BELIEVES IT TO BE ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE T BIRD.

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E IS ALSO CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES WERE WHITE WITH RED LETTERS ND BELIEVES CAR TO BE LICENSED IN IOWA.

BRIDGEMAN ADVISED IN BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH RAY, RAY ENTIONED HE WAS "HOT" AND ASKED FOR MONEY. BRIDGEMAN DVISED HE KNEW RAY HAD ESCAPED AND, THEREFORE, GAVE HIM HIRTY OR THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

BRIDGEMAN EMPHATICALLY DENIED SEEING RAY IN OKLAHOMA HEN HE HAD PLENTY OF MONEY AND EMPHATICALLY DENIED TELLING NYONE HE HAD SEEN RAY IN ANY PLACE OTHER THAN KANSAS CITY S STATED ABOVE.

AS TO [redacted] HE BELIEVES AT ONE TIME SHE DID WORK T COLONY INN, KANSAS CITY, BUT IS NOT CERTAIN. AS TO [redacted] HE DOES KNOW HE WORKED AS BARTENDER IN JEWEL BOX, ANSAS CITY, AT ONE TIME.

JOYCE DESCRIBED AS A "LITTLE RED-HEADED GIRL".

BRIDGEMAN SUGGESTED POSSIBLE OTHER CONTACTS OF RAY IN ANSAS CITY WOULD BE ONE JIMMY DEWESSE WHO CELLED WITH RAY IN PALL WHILE RAY AT MSP, AND CARL SPERO WHO KNEW RAY AT MSP. RIDGEMAN BELIEVES BOTH OF ABOVE RELEASED FROM MSP PRIOR TO AY'S VISIT TO KANSAS CITY IN FEBRUARY.

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KANSAS CITY, CONDUCT INDICATED INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY

REFUTE BRIDGEMAN'S STORY.

MEMPHIS, CONSIDER ADVISING OTHER FFICE TO COVER LEADS

I OUT IN MINNEAPOLIS TEL JUNE SEVEN, LAST.

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DIRECTOR MEMPHIS MINNEAPOLIS

KANSAS CITY 44-760 IP

IN

RE MINNEAPOLIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

KANSAS CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY, KANSAS CITY MO. PD, AND KANSAS LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FAILED TO REVEAL ANY RECORD IN THE NAME OF RLY HILL. JAMES DUARDI, OWNER, AND KAY HAMMOND, BARMAID, OLD RESS TAVERN, KANSAS CITY, ADVISED THEY DID NOT KNOW ANY PERSON TICAL TO PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY.

RECORDS, KANSAS CITY, MO. PD, REVEALED THAT PAUL BRIDGEMAN WAS STED FEB EIGHT LAST AT EIGHTYFIFTH AND TROOST STS., KANSAS CITY, DISTURBING THE PEACE BY FIGHTING IN THE OLD FORTRESS TAVERN AT THAT ESS.

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IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE AND IN VIEW OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN HIS TELETYPE DATED JUNE SEVEN LAST AND DALLAS TELETYPE DATED JUNE LAST, NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THIS ER UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY BY OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

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cc - Long

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. Hudson

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN.

PRESS ACCOUNTS JUNE FIFTEEN, INSTANT, INDICATE SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN LARRY RAY, IS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO ENGLAND TO VISIT HIS BROTHER. PRESS ACCOUNTS INDICATE HE INTENDS TO APPLY FOR PASSPORT ON MONDAY, JUNE SEVENTEEN, NEXT.

JOHN LARRY RAY IS WHITE MALE, BORN FEBRUARY FOURTEEN, NINETEEN THIRTY THREE, ALTON, ILLINOIS, HEIGHT FIVE FEET TEN TO FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, BROWN EYES, MEDIUM COMPLEXION, HAS SLIGHT SPEECH IMPEDIMENT. MARITAL STATUS, SINGLE.

INVESTIGATION HAS INDICATED HE VISITED HIS BROTHER, THE SUBJECT, WHILE BROTHER IN PRISON ON AT LEAST NINE OCCASIONS, THE LAST OF WHICH WAS APRIL TWENTY TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THE DAY BEFORE THE SUBJECT ESCAPED. HE HAS SENT HIS BROTHER MONEY WHILE IN PRISON. DENIES ANY KNOWLEDGE OF BROTHER'S ESCAPE OR KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS FOLLOWING ESCAPE.

1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987)
1 - St. Louis (44-775)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT LONDON
REL MURKIN

IDENT RECORD FOR JOHN LARRY RAY, FBI NUMBER THREE SIX EIGHT SEVEN TWO FIVE A, INDICATES HE RECEIVED SENTENCE OF TWO TO FIVE YEARS FOR SECOND DEGREE BURGLARY JANUARY TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN FIFTY, AND SERVED TIME IN STATE REFORMATORY, PENDLETON, INDIANA. ALSO SERVED TIME IN STATE PENITENTIARY MENARD, ILLINOIS, FOR LARCENY OF MOTOR VEHICLE, RECEIVED THERE SIX TWO FIFTY THREE AND DISCHARGED TWO ONE NINETEEN SIXTY.

ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE BRITISH AUTHORITIES IN EVENT JOHN LARRY RAY ATTEMPTS TO VISIT SUBJECT. AIR MAIL COPIES TO MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

CAROL PEPPER, SISTER OF JOHN LARRY RAY AND SUBJECT, HAS ADVISED THAT JOHN LARRY RAY DOES NOT HAVE FUNDS TO MAKE TRIP, THAT SHE DOES NOT INTEND TO FURNISH HIM FUNDS AND SHE DOUBTS IF HE WILL MAKE TRIP TO LONDON.

NOTE: Contents of above discussed with Extra Duty Supervisor [redacted], St. Louis Office on 6-15-68. St. Louis concurs with information and advised that they have nothing additional.

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M URGENT 6-15-68 JDG

DIRECTOR (44-38961)

: ST. LOUIS (44-775)

IN

RE PHONE CONVERSATION THIS DATE WITH SUPERVISOR [redacted]

[redacted] CONCERNING PUBLICITY THAT SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JOHN

Y RAY, PLANNING TO VISIT HIM AT LONDON. SUBJECT'S SISTER,

L PEPPER, REPORTED JUNE FOURTEEN, LAST, THAT JOHN NOT

G TO LONDON; THAT HE DOESN'T HAVE MONEY TO GO AND SHE

D NOT ADVANCE THE MONEY. HER OBSERVATION WAS THAT FAMILY

D BETTER HELP HIS DEFENSE AFTER HE IS RETURNED TO THIS

TRY. P

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ON JUNE FIFTEEN INSTANT [redacted]

[redacted] CONFIDENTALLY ADVISED AS FOLLOWS AND REQUESTED HER
DENTITY BE PROTECTED: ON JUNE ELEVEN LAST AT APPROXIMATELY
N FORTYTWO PM A MALE CALLER AT UNION GROVE, WIS., CALLED
ER AND SHE ENDEAVORED TO PLACE CALLS TO THE FOLLOWING
UMBERS IN NORTH CAROLINA FOR HIM: SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN
IVE EIGHT-TWO NINE ZERO EIGHT; SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE
OUR-FOUP NINE THREE ZERO; AND SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE
IGHT-TWO ONE ZERO ZERO. THE CALLER ALSO ATTEMPTED
O LOCATE NUMBER FOR RUBY ANDERSON PAREN IN END PAREN, LEONA, NORTH
AROLINA. [redacted] ADVISED THAT SHE OVERHEARD PORTIONS OF THE
ALLER'S CONVERSATION WITH PERSON IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND THAT
URING CALL TO SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE FOUR-FOUR NINE,
HREE ZERO CALLER WAS ASKED IF HE WERE QUOTE ROPERT END QUOTE AND
EPLIED QUOTE YES END QUOTE. IN CALL TO SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE
IGHT-TWO ONE ZERO ZERO CALLER CONTACTED MALE WITH HILLBILLY VOICE

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CALLER SAID AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE I'VE GOT THE HAVE MONEY, A WHOLE
OF MONEY TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY. I'M GOING TO CALL BACK
ORROW NIGHT. YOU TELL THE CLAN PAREN (PH) END PAREN TO GET ME SOME
FY OR I'M GOING TO BLOW THIS THING SKY HIGH. WHEN THEY GET RAY
K IN THIS COUNTRY HE WILL SPILL HIS GUTS. END QUOTE. THE MALE IN
TH CAROLINA RECEIVING THE CALL SAID, QUOTE I THOUGHT YOU WERE
AIGHTENED OUT BEFORE YOU LEFT DOWN HERE END QUOTE. [redacted] HAS
RESSION CALLER WAS REFERRING TO JAMES EARL RAY. [redacted] SAID
LER MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES HIS NEED FOR A LOT OF MONEY
) THAT HE WOULD TALK IF HE DID NOT RECEIVE IT. [redacted]
CRIBED CALLER AS A WHITE MALE WITH A SOUTHERN ACCENT,
FLLIGENT VOICE, APPEARED TO BE IN LATE THIRTY'S OR EARLY
TY'S. [redacted] STATED CALLER DID NOT APPEAR UNBALANCED OR
OXICATED. [redacted] STATED THAT [redacted] HAD FAILED TO CONTACT
HORITIES EARLIER DUE TO FEAR OR RETALIATION SHOULD [redacted]
OME INVOLVED.

CHARLOTTE. DETERMINE SUBSCRIBERS OF TELEPHONE
BERS SEVEN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE EIGHT-TWO NINE ZERO EIGHT;
EN ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE EIGHT-TWO ONE ZERO ZERO; AND

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:N ZERO FOUR-SEVEN FIVE FOUR-FOUR NINE THREE ZERO. ATTEMPT

DENTIFY ROBERT PAREN LNU END PAREN IN UNION GROVE, WIS. BY

:REET INVESTIGATION. CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY RUBY

:RSON AND APPARENT SIGNIFICANCE OF ABOVE CALLS.

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DIRECTOR

ROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

URKIN.

REWFOTEL TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES

UNE THIRTEEN LAST CONCERNING BACKGROUND OF [redacted]

[redacted]

RECORDS, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD), REVEAL

[redacted] ARRESTED [redacted] ON TRAFFIC WARRANT

OR VIOLATION OF LOS ANGELES MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION EIGHTY

IGHT POINT THIRTEEN POINT B, WHICH IS PARKING VIOLATION. HE

ORFEITED BAIL OF FIVE DOLLARS. ON THAT ARREST, [redacted]

ISTED OCCUPATION AS ATTORNEY WITH [redacted]

[redacted] ARRESTED [redacted] VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA

ENAL CODE (PC) FOUR FIFTY NINE (FELONY) WHEN HE TOOK SIX

AIR MEN'S SOCKS FROM A WEST LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT STORE.

HARGE CHANGED TO VIOLATION OF SECTION FOUR EIGHT FOUR (PC).

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MISDEMEANOR, (PETTY THEFT), [redacted] AND
TER TO VIOLATION OF SECTION FIVE NINETY FOUR (PC),
ICIOUS MISCHIEF (MISDEMEANOR), TO WHICH HE PLEADED
LTY AND WAS GIVEN A SIX MONTHS SUSPENDED SENTENCE,
X MONTHS PROBATION, AND ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR FINE. ON
[redacted] HE WAS ARRESTED BY LAPD FOR VIOLATION
SECTION FIVE ZERO THREE (VEHICLE CODE), JOY RIDING
INQUENT, AND TURNED OVER TO PARENTS. PARENTS LISTED AS
[redacted]
RECORDS, LOS ANGELES [redacted]
[redacted], REVEAL [redacted] SUED FOR
GHT HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND NINETY FOUR CENTS ON
[redacted] THE AMOUNT CLAIMED OWED
AN [redacted] CLIENT. NO DISPOSITION GIVEN. ASSIGNED FOR
LECTION NOTICES APPEAR IN FILE FOR [redacted]
TED [redacted] FOR ONE HUNDRED
IRTY THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY ONE CENTS. ALSO FOR ONE
NDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY ONE CENTS. LATTER
TICE NOT DATED AND NO DISPOSITIONS GIVEN.

RECORDS, CALIFORNIA STATE BAR, LOS ANGELES, REVEAL
[redacted] HE
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 15, 1968

: A. Rosen

CT: MURKIN

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fred Vinson called to advise me that from what he had learned, it would appear that the extradition hearing which has been set for the 21st might be put off until the 25th or the 27th. He was talking to the Chief Clerk of the British Court who he states is a powerful figure and it appears that if Ray requests a continuation for sometime to talk with his attorney, he would get such an extension.

I asked Vinson what his plans were and he stated he would plan to send somebody else over to listen to the extradition hearing and be available over there for consultation.

He wanted to know if there were any further developments concerning Ray's activities while he was in London. I advised him I had not seen anything other than that which had been furnished so far; namely, that he had stayed in the Pax Hotel for a few days and also at the New Earls Court Hotel. He said he knew we were trying to develop further information to account for the time while he was in London. I advised him that we had been in touch with Scotland Yard; that they had a special squad working on the matter and as yet we have not received any information from Scotland Yard concerning his whereabouts other than that already submitted. He said the British do not keep negative information and apparently they have not developed anything as yet.

He said that all reports in this case had been submitted to the Civil Rights Division who had been handling the matter in the past but now that he has returned, he would appreciate being put on the list to receive any information which is disseminated; that he would also like to have a copy of the report previously furnished to the Civil Rights Division. If we have an extra copy, we will forward a copy to Vinson.

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He mentioned that there was a story to the effect that James Earl Ray's brother in Illinois was going to visit him in London. He was referring to an item in the news indicating that the subject's brother, John Larry Ray, age 35, said he was attempting to contact the Houston lawyer, Percy Foreman, to ask him to represent his brother and that also he allegedly was going to apply for a passport on Monday to visit his brother.

In this connection, the Inspector General of the prison system told Vinson that if subject's brother or any of his family wanted to visit with him, they would probably be allowed to do so. He said they do not search visitors. The only time they can search a person is when the subject has been convicted. We are furnishing background on the brother to the Legat, London, in order that this can be disseminated to the British authorities in order that they might take proper precautions in the event he is allowed to visit the subject. We have already alerted the British authorities, of course, to his ability to escape and the need to exercise the greatest use of security measures which apparently they have done so far.

ACTION: For your information.

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Section 58

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 16, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Gordon

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Special Agent (SA) [redacted] Domestic Intelligence Division, advised he received a call at 5:05 p. m. from Mr. [redacted] Deputy Director, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, who advised Arthur Hanes from Birmingham, Alabama, was in contact with the Passport Office in Washington, D. C. Hanes advised he was an attorney and he was going to London to represent Ray and wanted passport for himself and his son who is also an attorney. The Passport Office Duty Agent in Washington, D. C., was instructed to tell Hanes the Passport Office in New York will issue a passport for him and his son on Monday, 6-17-68, in the Passport Office, New York, New York. The Passport Office did not consent to issuing a passport for anyone on Sunday.

[redacted] furnished additional information to SA [redacted], Liaison with State Department, Domestic Intelligence Division, that Hanes advised the Passport Office as follows:

Name: Arthur Hanes, Sr.; born: 10-19-16, Alabama; profession: attorney, Birmingham, Alabama; it is noted that Hanes, Sr., is a former Special Agent of the FBI who resigned 8-4-51.

Son's name: Arthur Hanes, Jr.; born: 4-18-42, Texas; profession: attorney, Birmingham, Alabama.

Hanes was reported by the Passport Office to have been contacted by an unknown English attorney on 6-14-68, regarding representing James Earl Ray. It was also reported that after receiving this request from the unknown English attorney, Hanes claimed he talked to a Mr. Pollak in the U. S. Department of Justice.

ACTION: The above information was furnished telephonically to the Birmingham Office.

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Bureau airtel to Legat, London dated 6-15-68, which enclosed two copies of an extract from a Kansas City report relating to James Earl Ray, was delivered to Pilot [redacted] of Trans World Airlines (TWA) by [redacted] Washington Field Office, at 7:10 p.m., 6-15-68. Pilot [redacted] is flying TWA Flight #704 direct from Dulles International Airport departing 8:00 p.m., 6-15-68, with scheduled arrival at Heathrow International Airport, London, England, at 8:05 a.m., 6-16-68.

The package was prepared in the Bureau Mail Room and is addressed to [redacted] and the pilot was instructed to deliver same to [redacted] and/or [redacted] representative upon arrival in London.

The above information was telephonically furnished to Supervisor [redacted] Domestic Intelligence Division, at 7:15 p.m., 6-15-68, and [redacted] stated he would immediately use the "gray line" to call London to insure the package is picked up upon arrival.

[redacted] subsequently advised at 7:30 p.m., 6-15-68, that he had placed the call to London and Minnich is cognizant.

ACTION: For information.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 17, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

There have been reports in the press indicating that subject's brother, John Larry Ray, is planning to travel to England to visit James Earl Ray. Press accounts have indicated he intended to apply for a passport on June 17, 1968.

Prior investigation has indicated John Larry Ray visited James Earl Ray while the subject was in prison, on at least nine occasions, the last of which was April 22, 1967, the day before the subject escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri. John Larry Ray sent his brother money while in prison. He denies any knowledge of James Earl Ray's escape or knowledge of his whereabouts following his escape. By way of background on John Larry Ray, records of our Identification Division on John Larry Ray, FBI number 368 725 A, indicate he received a sentence of two to five years for second degree burglary on January 24, 1950, and served time in the Indiana State Reformatory, Pendleton, Indiana. He also served time in the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, for larceny of a motor vehicle being received there on June 2, 1953, and later discharged on February 1, 1960.

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The above information is being made available to appropriate British authorities in the event John Larry Ray attempts to visit the subject.

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Carol Pepper, the sister of John Larry Ray and the subject, has advised that John Larry Ray does not have funds to make the trip, that she does not intend to furnish him funds and she doubts if he will make the trip to London.

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NOTE: See Memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated June 17, 1968, captioned MURKIN. FJH:cs.

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

[redacted] Deputy Director, Passport Office, U. S. Department of State, advised that about 5:00 p. m. on June 14, 1968, the Passport Office in Washington, D. C., had been contacted by one Mr. Arthur Hanes, Sr., from Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hanes advised the Passport Office that he was an attorney and was going to London to represent Ray and wanted a passport for himself and his son whom he also described as an attorney. [redacted] advised that he instructed his duty officer to inform Mr. Hanes that the Passport Office in New York would handle his request for a passport on Monday, June 17, 1968, since the Passport Office does not consent to issuing a passport to anyone on Sunday.

[redacted] advised that Mr. Hanes, Sr. had stated his name as Mr. Arthur Hanes, Sr., that he was born October 19, 1916, in Alabama and that he is an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Hanes, Sr. said his son is Arthur Hanes, Jr., born April 18, 1942, in Texas, also an attorney in Birmingham, Alabama. According to the information furnished by the Passport Office, Mr. Hanes, Sr. was reportedly contacted by an unidentified British attorney on June 14, 1968, relative to representing James Earl Ray. Mr. Hanes, Sr. then reportedly claimed he had contacted "a Mr. Pollak" in the U. S. Department of Justice.

For your information, Arthur Jackson Hanes, Jr., born October 19, 1916, at Birmingham, Alabama, represented defendants in the case involving the murder on March 25, 1965, of Viola Liuzzo, the woman from Michigan, who was in Alabama in connection with civil rights activities.

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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DATE: June 17, 1968

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division with a copy to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Criminal Division. The material contained in the attached memorandum has been taken from cablegrams and teletypes, and Pollak and Vinson are being informed that the material is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports setting forth results of investigation.

The Department is being advised of background on John Larry Ray, subject's brother, in light of the press reports indicating that he may be planning to go to England to visit James Earl Ray. The background information includes his arrest record and the fact that he visited James Earl Ray on nine occasions when the subject was in prison in this country, the last visit being on the day before James Earl Ray escaped in April, 1967, from Missouri State Penitentiary. The Department is being advised that British authorities are being furnished pertinent data on John Larry Ray.

The Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., has advised that they received a request for passport for himself and his son from Arthur Hanes, Sr., who claimed he desired the passport in connection with a request from Ray and his British lawyer that Hanes represent Ray in the United States. The Passport Office advised Hanes to check with the Passport Office in New York on Monday, June 17, 1968, as they do not issue passports on Sunday.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Hanes is a former Special Agent of the Bureau who entered on duty October 25, 1948, and resigned August 4, 1951, less than three years' service. Subsequent to his Bureau service he was mayor of Birmingham and represented Klansmen defendants in the case involving the murder of Viola Liuzzo, the Michigan woman who was shot and killed on March 25, 1965, near Selma, Alabama. We are informing the Department of the information from the Passport Office on Hanes' inquiry and that Hanes was a defense counsel in the Liuzzo case.

ACTION:

For your information. In accordance with the Attorney General's request that Assistant Attorney General Pollak be kept advised of pertinent developments, there is attached a letter to Mr. Pollak. This case is continuing to receive high priority attention. A copy is being furnished Mr. Vinson in accordance with his request of June 15, 1968.

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O: - MEMPHIS (44-1987)

Re London cable 6/5/68.

Enclosed are two copies of BOAC Passenger Manifest or Flight BA 600 departing Toronto for London 5/6/68.

As suggested in reLoncab, Bureau may desire to have CMP locate and interview passengers on this flight.

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TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The "London Times" of 6/10/68, had a headline as follows: "U. S. Department Chief Interviewed King Case Man" and in the article it is reported that during press conference Vinson said he had seen Ray. It is noted in British usage the verb "to see" means to talk to. The "London Sun" of 6/10/68, has an article stating that Ray was removed from his cell and taken to an interview room where Vinson talked to him. It has been determined that Ray was not removed from his cell and Vinson did not talk to Ray but did see him momentarily through a slot in the cell door.

"London Daily Telegraph" of 6/10/68, contains an article by Ian Colvin which states Sneyd (Ray) telephoned several times, first calling on 6/4/68. Colvin had previously written about mercenary soldiers in Africa and Sneyd sought information as to how he could join his brother, a mercenary in Angola. Sneyd wanted to contact a British mercenary officer and Colvin offered to ask a major to call Sneyd who sounded overwrought and incoherent. The major declined to call Sneyd and when Sneyd later called the reporter on 6/6/68, Colvin gave him unspecified Brussels address through which he might contact Angola mercenaries. Scotland Yard is attempting to interview Colvin for full details and to determine the Brussels address reportedly furnished to Sneyd by Colvin.

Investigation has established that subject departed from London for Lisbon, Portugal, on 5/7/68. He remained in Lisbon for ten days and on 5/17/68, returned to London from Lisbon. Scotland Yard has an entire team of men working to establish subject's whereabouts during the period 5/17 to 6/8/68, the date of his arrest.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: . MURKIN

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Pertinent developments in this case will be brought to your attention.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) ATTN Crime Records

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Enclosed herewith is a favorable editorial concerning the Bureau's performance in the MURKIN investigation, appearing in "The Plain Dealer", 6/9/68.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of appreciation be directed to Mr. THOMAS VAIL, Editor, The Plain Dealer, 1801 Superior Avenue, NE, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

Indices Cleveland Division would not preclude requested letter.

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Past experience would indicate that the FBI is up to the task.

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URKIN.

CMP, MONTREAL, BY TELEX THIS DATE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

RIGINALS OF ALL DOCUMENTS CONCERNING BROWN SUIT PURCHASED

UNDER NAME GALT OBTAINED FROM ENGLISH SCOTCH WOOLEN COMPANY.

RDERED JULY TWENTYONE LAST WHILE RAY RESIDED TWENTYFIVE

YNINE, NOTRE DAME STREET, E., MONTREAL. PAID BY CASH SAME

SUIT MAILED TO RAY UNDER NAME GALT SEPTEMBER NINE LAST

ENTYSIX ZERO EIGHT HIGHLAND AVENUE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

ENT COULD BE MADE OF RAY BY THIS FIRM..

REQUEST EXACT LOCATION OF MARK T.F. TWO THREE ZERO SEVEN DASH (1)

WO ONE NINE IN ORDER THAT COMPLETE INVESTIGATION CAN BE MADE.

RE TIP TOP NUMBER THREE SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE. SUIT PURCHASED

NINETEEN LAST UNDER NAME GALT, SAME ADDRESS AS ABOVE.

R SEVEN ONE FIVE THREE MEANS NOTHING THIS POINT.

REQUEST NUMBER WRITTEN IN BLUE ON TAG WHICH SHOULD READ (2)

REC-16 Hq 3-38861-4510

FIVE FOUR TWO FOUR. CONFIRMATION THIS NUMBER WILL ENABLE

INING OF ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.

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DIRECTOR (44-38861)

OM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 2P

MURKIN.

RCMP TORONTO THIS DATE ADVISED AMONG SUBJECT'S EFFECTS
EFT IN ROOMING HOUSE IN TORONTO WAS MAP OF CITY OF MONTREAL
N WHICH ST. JOHN STREET IN DOWNTOWN AREA WAS CIRCLED IN INK
ITH ARROW DRAWN FROM THERE TO CITE DU HAVRE AREA OF EXPO SIXTY-
EVEN SITE. INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED OF MONTREAL OFFICE
S TO POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE OF ST. JOHN STREET, NOTING THAT SUBJECT
S REPORTED TO HAVE TOLD HIS LANDLADY ON APRIL TWENTYSIX LAST
E HAD JUST RETURNED FROM FEW DAYS IN MONTREAL. IT IS POINTED
UT THAT SUBJECT UNDER NAME OF GALT MAY HAVE USED SAME MAP ON
ISIT MONTREAL IN SIXTYSEVEN. INVESTIGATION TORONTO CONTINUING
N EFFORT TO TRACE MOVEMENTS, CONTACTS AND POSSIBLE ASSOCIATES
F SUBJECT DURING PERIOD APRIL EIGHT FIVE SIX LAST.

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RCMP TORONTO BY TELEPHONE THIS DATE ADVISED GO-GO GIRL

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ERRED IN BUTEL CALL SIX ELEVEN LAST CHECKED OUT NEGATIVELY.

ALSO ADVISED BY TELEPHONE THAT INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING TO BE
-CALLED FAT MAN IN NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HAS NOW COME FORWARD
) HAS REQUESTED ANONYMITY. CLAIMS WHILE IN TELEPHONE BOOTH
JND LETTER ADDRESSED TO [redacted] AT DUNDAS STREET ADDRESS.
/ELOPE WAS OPEN AND CONTAINED PRINTED FORM IN CONNECTION WITH
APPLICATION. DOES NOT RECALL WHERE OR WITH WHOM. CHAIMS
K TO ADDRESS AS FELT [redacted] MUST NEED. LANDLADY CALLED
[redacted] TO DOOR AND HE HANDED LETTER TO [redacted] DOES NOT
CALL DATE.

RCMP TORONTO ADVISED THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH LEGITIMACY
THIS INDIVIDUAL;HOWEVER, ARE INVESTIGATING HIS BACKGROUND
ALSO ENDEAVORING THROUGH SOURCES TO ASCERTAIN WHERE JOB
LICATION WAS MADE. IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE INCIDENT, RCMP
CIFICALLY REQUEST THAT INFORMATION NOT BE RELEASED AT THIS
E TO THE PRESS UNTIL ALL ASPECTS HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

MR. MOHR

DATE: June 12, 1968

N. P. Callahan

MURKIN

[redacted], Special Air Missions Office, Pentagon, telephonically inquired as to the appropriation to be charged and the location where the billing was to be sent in connection with the transportation costs incurred last Saturday, June 8, by the Air Force in transporting two of our Agents from Andrews Air Force Base to London, England. [redacted] indicated that Bureau would have to furnish a certificate of acceptance of liability for forwarding his office to the Air Force billing office at Soctt Air Base in Illinois. The certificate referred to is attached and has been executed by the writer.

[redacted] further indicated the cost of transporting Agents [redacted] and [redacted] from Andrews Air Force Base to McGuire Air Force Base would be approximately $184.00 ($92.00 per hour for the aircraft for approximately two hours) and $146.00 for transportation for the both from McGuire Air Force Base London (fare $73.00 each). Thus, the total cost will approximate $330.00.

The certificate requested has been forwarded to [redacted] and on receipt of their voucher for reimbursement it will be promptly processed.

The above is submitted for record purposes only.

PC:jlk (5)
cc.
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Jackson
- Mr. Row

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CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (Agency) requests military air transportation for official travel (Purpose).

Route: Andrews-McGuire

I certify that commercial transportation is neither available, readily obtainable or satisfactorily capable of meeting requirements.

I certify that U. S. military air transportation requested above is required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is to be billed to: Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20535.

N. P. Callahan
Assistant Director

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Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 13, 1968

C. D. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Special Agent [redacted] telephonically contacted the Bureau from London, England, on June 12, 1968, and furnished the following information.

Ray was in Lisbon, Portugal, May 8 - 17, 1968, where he stayed at the Hotel Portugal. He retired late and slept late. He tried to bring girls back to the hotel and when he was not permitted to take girls to his room, he left with them and did not return until the next day.

Employees and customers of various Lisbon bars identified Ray as a casual customer who had occasionally been in alone for one or two drinks and perhaps tried to talk to the girls. One prostitute was located who spent one night with Ray, but she speaks no English and he speaks no Portuguese; consequently, she had no pertinent information.

An extensive canvass of bars, tourist centers and prostitutes in Lisbon failed to develop any other pertinent information.

Ray is unknown at the Rhodesian Embassy and Biafra Information Office in Lisbon. Ray is presently being held in Wandsworth Prison under unprecendented security provisions. Two officers are with him at all times, and he has a private exercise yard. Each time he goes to the exercise yard, his cell is searched and all bedding is removed and replaced. Upon returning to his cell, Ray is stripped, searched and all of his clothing is changed. Prior to his hearing on June 10, 1968, Ray had been held in Brixton Prison which handles prisoners awaiting trial and is not as secure as Wandsworth. Ray was removed from Brixton to Wandsworth by heavily guarded convoy, June 11, 1968.

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Memo McGowan to Rosen
RE: MURKIN

Ray returned to London on May 17, 1968, as established by airline records and official records of the Portuguese and British governments. Scotland Yard is continuing extensive investigation to develop his activities in London but has not yet been able to determine his whereabouts prior to May 28, 1968, when he took a room at the New Earls Court Hotel. On June 5, 1968, he moved to the Pax Hotel where he stayed until the date of his arrest. The receptionist at the New Earls Court Hotel stated Ray was very shy and she tried to help him by explaining British currency and engaging him in general conversation. She was willing to establish a close relationship with him but he did not seem receptive. While at the hotel, Ray made two telephone calls to the London "Daily Telegraph". Ray mentioned to her that he had read in the "Telegraph" about a Captain or Major who was deported from Togoland and he seemed extremely anxious to learn this man's address but was so incoherent no one was able to help him.

[redacted] Pax Hotel, advised the subject never signed the register but this is not unusual with her hotel. He received two telephone messages from British European Airlines. He also had two telephone calls which he did not receive, one from an American woman who left no name or message and one from a man who left no name or message. He also received a white postcard, which [redacted] cannot describe.

Among Ray's effects at the time of his arrest was a four-page memorandum or article setting out a detailed description of the theory and specifications of silencers for firearms.

Shortly after his arrest, Ray was asked why he was carrying a gun. He replied that he was going to Brussels and then when asked why he would need a gun in Brussels, he replied he was really trying to get to Rhodesia and that things are pretty bad down there.

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ROM LEGAT LONDON NO 59

VIA TELETYPE
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URKIN

INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS MR. ADAM OF NEWSWEEK ELEPHONED THIS OFFICE. STATED HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY MERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, NEW YORK, FOR NAME OF AY'S LAWYER. HE WAS ADVISED THIS IS A POLICE MATTER AND OT PREROGATIVE OF EMBASSY. HE WAS REFERRED TO NEW COTLAND YARD PRESS BUREAU. ADAM NOT KNOWN TO EMBASSY AS EMBER OF NEWSWEEK STAFF, LONDON.

FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BUREAU, RAY BEING REPRESENTED BY R. EUGENE OF MICHAEL DRESDEN AND COMPANY, THREE TWO AVISTOCK STREET, LONDON, W. C. TWO. ALSO SAME FIRM EPRESENTING RAY IN CASE OF ALIENS OFFENSE AND CARRYING UN AND IN EXTRADITION MATTER.

REC-15 44-38461-4514

EXTRADITION PAPERS SENT FROM BRITISH HOME OFFICE TO MAGISTRATE AT BOW STREET COURT. HE IS SAME MAGISTRATE HEARING CASE ON RAY FOR ALIEN AND GUN OFFENSE. INDICATION IS STILL THAT EXTRADITION HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE JUEN TWO ONE NEXT.

16 JUN 17 1968

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MR. BRENNAN

cc Rosen

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 14, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to captioned case. The information set forth herein is based on preliminary communications and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

[redacted] Director of Prison Security, Wandsworth Prison where Ray is presently confined, on June 13, 1968, briefed Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., on all security arrangements relating to Ray. [redacted] went over in detail that the subject is in the "condemned cell" (death row), and that two prison wardens are with him on a 24-hour basis. Ray is never left alone, all toilet facilities are in the same cell, he is examined at different times in the prison yard where there are no outside buildings from which outsiders can look into the yard, he is under escort while exercising and the food comes from the prison mess but no one knows which portion will go to Ray.

[redacted] requested that if available, he be furnished certain prison background information relating to Ray. Some of these items include the medical history of the subject, details of his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, details of any other escapes or attempted escapes, any record of violence against prison staff. Any other available information that may be of value to prison authorities such as Ray's reported familiarity with drug traffic and practices in prison is also desired. We will furnish [redacted] available information along the lines of his request.

REC-19 44-38861-4515

We have been advised that all information furnished by [redacted] is considered by the British Home Secretary to have been furnished with the understanding that it should not be disseminated in any fashion which would put the information in the realm of public knowledge.

15 JUN 18 1968

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated June 14, 1968, entitled "MURKIN."

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

An individual identifying himself as a "Mr. Adam" of "Newsweek" contacted the American Embassy in London and stated he had been requested by the American Civil Liberties Union of New York to obtain the name of Ray's lawyer. He was advised that it was not the prerogative of the Embassy to release this information and he was referred to the New Scotland Yard Press Bureau. "Mr. Adam" is not known to the American Embassy as a member of the "Newsweek" staff in London. Ray is being represented by Mr. Eugene of Michael Dresden and Company, 32 Tavistock Street, London, W. C. 2. This same firm is representing Ray in the British Government's case against Ray on the fraudulent passport and gun carrying charges as well as in the extradition matter. The extradition papers have been sent from the British Home Office to the magistrate at Bow Street Court. The same magistrate is hearing both the British Government's case against Ray and the extradition matter. Indications are that the extradition hearing will still take place on June 21, 1968.

New Scotland Yard has advised that [redacted] born June 1, 1939, at Detroit, Michigan, having United States passport number [redacted] residing at 4 Tilney Street, London, W. 1, has contacted the court appointed attorney for Ray stating that he, [redacted] has an academic interest in the case as Ray is a United States citizen in custody in London. New Scotland Yard has reported that [redacted] appears to be affiliated on a fee basis in other matters with some United States law firms in London. He registered as a lawyer late in 1967, at the American Embassy in London stating he is a member of the California Bar specializing in motion picture contract work. He last entered England on May 9, 1968, but has been in and out of England prior to that date. At the request of New Scotland Yard, we are conducting appropriate record checks on [redacted] You will be advised of any pertinent information developed as a result of these checks.

At the request of the FBI, [redacted] Metropolitan Toronto Police Department, Toronto, Canada, caused a check to be made of all unsolved major occurrences at Toronto from April 24, 1967, to July 18, 1967, covering the period from Ray's escape from prison to his approximate prior residence in Canada, but could locate none where the subject could be considered a logical suspect. A similiar check of such major occurrences in Toronto for the period of April 8, 1968, to May 6, 1968, has previously been made with negative results.

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

Deputy Chief of Police, [redacted], Metropolitan Toronto Police Department, has now advised that he is informing local press that the "mysterious fat man" has been located, interviewed and eliminated and that he was not significant in the investigation. [redacted] is not releasing any information concerning the identity of the "mysterious fat man." Other avenues of investigation are still being explored in the Toronto as well as other foreign and domestic areas.

Our New York Office has received an anonymous letter concerning an alleged plan to take the subject Ray from authorities upon his arrival in the United States. This letter bears the postmark "June 11, 1968, P.M. New York, NY" and was dated June 10, 1968. The letter reads as follows:

"Federal Bureau of Investigation

"Gentlemen:

"I believe it to be of interest to you to know of a plan afoot to take Ray from the authorities upon arrival in the U.S. The people involved have expressed themselves as being undaunted if he is surrounded by the 100 Federal Marshals or FBI personnel. They anticipate a large protective force but will not be stopped and expect to lose several in the attempt but these will be martyrs. They have anticipated his surprise return and have placed watchers at every conceivable airport including Air Force landing areas. Because of such reprisals I must abstain from signing this note to you. I am deeply concerned and hope that no one is hurt."

The letter is written in legible longhand probably with a ball point pen on regular plain yellow tablet paper and is unsigned. Neither the letter nor the envelope in which it was mailed contains a return address. This letter is being forwarded for processing and appropriate action will be taken on anything of pertinence developed, by the FBI Laboratory and Identification Division.

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RECTOR (44-38861)

BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

RE BIRMINGHAM TELCALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE TWELVE FIFTEEN P.M.

ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAC AND
SED THAT HE WAS RETAINED TO REPRESENT JAMES EARL RAY. HE
IED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM RAY AND FROM THE ATTORNEYS
RESENTING RAY IN LONDON. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING
TELEPHONICALLY CONTACT ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK TO EXPEDITE
OBTAINING A PASSPORT TO TRAVEL TO LONDON TO INTERVIEW RAY.
SAID THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO RETURN RAY TO THE UNITED
ES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER IT WAS
SIBLE FOR THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE TO CONTACT MR. CLARK. HE WAS
ISED THAT HE SHOULD MAKE HIS OWN ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH MR.
RK AND THAT THE BUREAU COULD NOT ASSIST HIM IN THIS MATTER.

REC-23 44-38861-4516

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THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FACT THAT MR.
S REPRESENTED THE KLANSMEN IN THE CASE ENTITLED EUGENE THOMAS,

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ABOVE CONFIRMS RE TELCALL.

AIR MAIL COPY MEMPHIS.

WASH DC

June 17, 1968

CODE

CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. Mc Gowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Foreign Liaison
(Cleared with
Mr. Graham Day)

TO LEGAT OTTAWA

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REMEMPHIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU DATED JUNE FOURTEEN LAST.

[redacted] HAS INDICATED SHE RECENTLY RECEIVED MONEY FROM SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JERRY RAY, WHICH MONEY WAS WRAPPED IN A NEWS LETTER FROM THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

LEGAT OTTAWA IS REQUESTED TO HAVE THE RCMP CHECK THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA FOR A POSSIBLE BANK ACCOUNT OR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN THE NAME OF THE SUBJECT OR ONE OF SUBJECT'S ALIASES. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - MEMPHIS

REC-9 44-38861-4517

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VIA TELETYPE
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NOTE:

A [redacted] has indicated that [redacted] recently received money from subject's brother, Jerry Ray. Money was wrapped in a news letter from the Royal Bank of Canada. We are requesting the RCMP through Legat Ottawa to check Royal Bank of Canada for a possible bank account or safe deposit box in the name of the subject or a name the subject has used.

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DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

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DAILY SUMMARY

[redacted] HAS INDICATED THAT RECENTLY RECEIVED MONEY FROM THE SUBJECT'S BROTHER, JERRY , WHICH MONEY WAS WRAPPED IN A NEWS LETTER FROM THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO HAVE LEGAT OTTAWA CHECK THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA FOR A POSSIBLE BANK ACCOUNT OR SAFE DEPOSIT IN THE NAME OF THE SUBJECT OR ONE OF HIS ALIASES.

NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE TODAY.

P. END.

REC-14 44-1987-4518

25 JUN 18 1968

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cc - Sorg

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ECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

PRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

URKIN

RE SITEL TO BUREAU JUNE FOURTEEN, LAST.

BANKS IN GREATER ALTON AREA CONVASSED AND INFORMATION

TED CONCERNING NEW ACCOUNTS OPENED SUBSEQUENT TO JULY

TEEN, LAST, WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINE IF RAY POSSIBLY DEPOSITED

YS OR FUNDS IN ANY ALTON AREA BANK SUBSEQUENT

BBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. PHOTOS OF RAY AND ASSOCIATES

AYED TO THOSE BANKS CONTACTED TODAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

INSTRUCTIONS SENT NEIGHBORING OFFICES WITH REGARD

RVEY OF LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

REC-9 1-4519

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N AND KENSALT.

RE SAN DIEGO TEL JUNE ELEVEN LAST CONCERNING [redacted]

[redacted]

NO IDENTIFIABLE INFO LOCATED IN ME FILES RE LETSINGER OR

SON.

SAN DIEGO INTERVIEW [redacted] UACB.

AM COPIES FURNISHED LOS ANGELES, SEATTLE, AND RICHMOND.

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REC 8 44-38561-1150

JUN 17 1968

WASH DC

XEROX
JUN 12 1968

June 7, 1968

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TELETYPE URGENT

REC 8 44 38841-4150

1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Bates

TO SAC LOS ANGELES

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS; KENSALT; CIVIL RIGHTS.

RENYTEL TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES JUNE SIX, LAST.

LOS ANGELES IMMEDIATELY ADVISE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, MILITARY, AND SECRET SERVICE OF CACHE OF ARMS WHICH WAS REPORTEDLY STORED BY THE "CULT" AT [redacted] STREET, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE ARE NOT IDENTIFIABLE IN BUREAU INDICES. AIR MAIL COPIES TO NEW YORK.

cc - NEW YORK

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 7 1968
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NOTE: [redacted] advised our New York Office on 6-6-68 that a group of individuals whom she referred to as a "cult", name of cult unknown, had a cache of arms stored in North Hollywood, California. She alleges she overheard statements made by cult members regarding their plans to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr., and to blow up the United Nations. Referenced teletype instructed Los Angeles to interview cult members identified by [redacted] concerning her allegations. Los Angeles being instructed to furnish information regarding arms to proper authorities.

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IRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES (PLAIN)

LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON

NEW YORK

IN; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: MEMPHIS

ALT; CIVIL RIGHTS; OO: LOS ANGELES

[redacted] RESIDENCE [redacted]

[redacted] APARTMENT FIVE FOUR, NEW YORK

Y, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HER EX DASH HUSBAND, [redacted]

[redacted] LAST KNOWN ADDRESS, [redacted]

[redacted], NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CLAIFORNIA, IS A MEMBER OF

CULT" FOUNDED BY [redacted]

IS CONNECTED WITH THE [redacted] PASADENA,

FORNIA. SHE STATED THAT ONE OF THE MAIN BELIEFS

THE CULT, NAME OF CULT UNKNOWN, IS THAT THE END OF THE

LD IS IMMINENT WITHING FIVE YEARS. ONE OF THE PURPOSES

THE CULT IS TO RID THE WORLD OF SOME OF ITS THIEVERY AND

IER BAD FACTORS WITHING THIS PERIOD OF TIME. REC 8 44-38861-

[redacted] STATED SHE OVERHEARD STATEMENTS MADE BY

MBERS OF THE CULT, APPROXIMATELY ONE YEAR AGO, REGARDING

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TELETYPED TO: LA XEROX JUN 18 1968

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HEIR PLANS TO ASSASSINATE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND
JRTHER TO "BLOW UP" THE UNITED NATIONS. SHE STATED THAT
) DATES WERE RECALLED BY HER REGARDING THESE PROPOSED
CTIVITIES, HOWEVER, NAMED CULT MEMBERS, KNOWLEDGEABLE
CONNECTED WITH THESE PLANS, AS HER EX DASH HUSBAND,
[redacted] TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted] DASH
[redacted] WIFE [redacted] AND [redacted]
[redacted],GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA, TELEPHONE NUMBER
[redacted] DASH [redacted]
[redacted] STATED THAT SHE RETURNED TO NEW YORK FROM
E LOS ANGELES AREA AROUND MAY, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN.
E STATED PRIOR TO LEAVING CALIFORNIA SHE ACTUALLY
W NUMEROUS GUNS, HAND GRENADES AND DYNAMITE AS STORED BY THE CULT
E STATED SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAVE BEEN DIVORCED FOR
PROXIMATELY TWENTY YEARS, HOWEVER, IN THE PAST
VERAL YEARS RESIDED TOGETHER AT THE ABOVE NORTH
) PAGE TWO

AT THE KLING ST ADDRESS OF HER HUSBAND

[redacted]

LYWOOD ADDRESS.

SHE FURTHER STATED THAT [redacted] HAS A SON WHO A WELL KNOWN "BROADCASTER" IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA. IDENTIFIED [redacted] AS A WHITE MALE, BORN ROXIMATELY JUNE FIVE NINETEEN TWENTY IN PENNSYLVANIA, E FEET ELEVEN INCHES, ONE HUNDRED EIGHT POUNDS, HAIR DY AND EYES BLUE. HE IS EMPLOYED AS A "FILM CUTTER" FOR [redacted] HE IS NOW BELIEVED TO HAVE MOVED FROM THE [redacted] STREET ADDRESS TO AN UNKNOWN ADDRESS IN THE SAME A.

[redacted] WAS INTERVIEWED AFTER SHE CONTACTED THE YORK OFFICE REQUESTING AN AGENT TO CONTACT HER CERNING ABOVE INDICATED MATTERS. SHE WAS INTERVIEWED PRESENCE OF A FRIEND, [redacted] WHO RESIDES WITH HER WHOM SHE IDENTIFIED AS HER BODYGUARD. THE ONLY SON GIVEN WHY SHE HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT THIS ORMATION TO THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S ENTION IS THAT SHE IS A HIGHLY NERVOUS PERSON.

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URTHER STATED THAT SHE WAS PROMPTED TO CONTACT THE FBI
IN PART, TO THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.
THOUGH SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THE "CULT" IS INVOLVED
IE KENNEDY MATTER SHE CONSIDERS THIS NOT TO BE BEYOND THEIR
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TE SOURCES, UNITED NATIONS, NYC, APPRIZED THIS DATE OF
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NOWN TO OR CONNECTED WITH THE "CULT."

SUBJECT RAY IS CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. ABOVE
ONS CONNECTED WITH THE "CULT" SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED
ED AND DANGEROUS DUE TO THE STATEMENT A LARGE NUMBER OF
EARMS AND EXPLOSIVES IS IN THEIR POSSESSION.

..JDR R RELAY
WASH DC

2 - Mr. Sullivan

They should also advise OO re possession of firearms, etc by group.

June 13, 1968

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Mr. George Leo Kirshmyer
Hotel St. George
Clark Street at Henry
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Dear Mr. Kirshmyer:

Mr. Hoover has received your letter of June 8th and asked that I thank you for your favorable remarks concerning the work of the FBI. It was indeed thoughtful of you to write, and Mr. Hoover appreciates your making known to him your views on the matter you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Helen Gandy

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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NOTE: Bufiles show prior outgoing to correspondent 11-2-66 over Miss Gandy's signature following correspondent's letter addressed to the Director as "Dear J. Edgar." Bufiles contain no other information concerning correspondent. In view of the foregoing and considering the manner in which correspondent addresses the Director in current incoming, above reply deemed appropriate. Address per prior correspondence.

WMG:dkw
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 8th '68

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MR. DELOACH
MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP
MR. CASPER
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CONRAD
MR. FELT
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. TAVEL
MR. TROTTER
MR. JONES
TELE. ROOM
MISS HOLMES
MRS. METCALF
MISS GANDY

Dear John:-

Hoorah! Another feather in your cap. What a wonderful organization you have built up. I just heard the good news come over the radio of the capture of James L. Rleyd at 12:45 pm who is the alleged killer of Martin Luther King on April 4th 1968. However I do not think your job is complete in this case is over as I understand this man Rleyd was a poor man. Hence he must have been hired to kill King by some group or organization who wanted King and his doctrines out of the way. Otherwise where would Rleyd have obtained the money to travel.

I hope my observations will be of help to you.

With sincere regards to you, I am

Yours Respy

George Leo Kirshmyer

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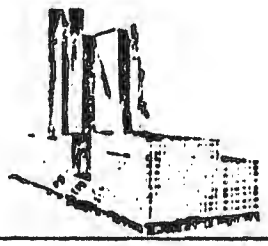
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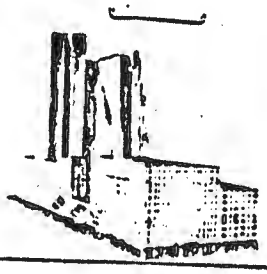
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RE MEMPHIS SUMMARY TELETYPE JUNE TWELVE LAST, SEATTLE
LETYPE TO DALLAS JUNE TWELVE AND CHICAGO AIRTEL JUNE ELEVEN
AST.

[redacted] REFERRED TO BY ANONYMOUS CALLER TO CHICAGO
FICE AS BEING OWNER OF A MEAT PACKING COMPANY DALLAS AND
LEGED TO HAVE GIVEN CALLER SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS TO DO JOB
ONE BY RAY, IS PROBABLY IDENTICAL TO [redacted] EMPLOYED
S A DELIVERY MAN FOR ARNOLD MEAT CO., DALLAS. HE IS A WHITE
ALE, BORN [redacted] AT BIG HILL, TEXAS.
E HAS [redacted] HE IS ONE
UBJECT IN PENDING ITSP CASE AT DALLAS [redacted]
[redacted] IN WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY HAD POSSESSION OF
TOLEN TRAVELERS EXPRESS MONEY ORDERS. WHEN INTERVIEWED
FEBRUARY TWENTY NINE LAST HE DENIED THIS ALLEGATION. [redacted] WAS
LSO A SUBJECT IN BANK ROBBERY CONSPIRACY CASE IN NINETEEN FIFTY
IGHT [redacted] BUT NO
HARGES FILED. DALLAS PD IDENTIFICATION RECORDS SHOW [redacted] RRESTED
Y DALLAS PD JANUARY THIRTY LAST ON CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION
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RGLARY. ON FEBRUARY SEVENTEEN LAST HE WAS ARRESTED BY DALLAS
ND CHARGED WITH SHOPLIFTING ITEMS HAVING VALUE OF ONE
R FIFTY NINE CENTS. DALLAS COUNTY SO RECORDS SHOW
LAST ARREST BY THAT DEPARTMENT WAS ON OCTOBER THIRTEEN LAST FOR
ING WORTHLESS CHECKS. RECORDS DO NOT SHOW ANY PRISON TIME EVER
ED BY [redacted] INVESTIGATION REVEALS [redacted] IS A POLICE CHARACTER WHO
FREQUENTLY WITHOUT FUNDS, IS NOT THE OWNER OF A MEAT PACKING CO.
S LISTED IN TELEPHONE BOOK AS [redacted] MEAT CO., FOUR ZERO ZERO
T COMMERCE ST., WHICH IS ALLEGEDLY ADDRESS OF HIS EMPLOYER, ARNOLD
T CO.

ANONYMOUS CALLER STATED HE WAS "FAT MAN" REFERRED TO IN
PAPERS, HOWEVER "FAT MAN" HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED. HE ALSO STATED
SCAPED FROM WASHINGTON STATE PRISON IN FEB. NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN;
VER SEATTLE HAS ADVISED THERE WERE NO ESCAPEES FROM THAT
ON IN FEB. SIXTY SEVEN OR SIXTY EIGHT.

FROM THE ABOVE IT WOULD APPEAR THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY
NONYMOUS CALLER HAS NO BASIS IN FACT AND NO FURTHER
TIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY DALLAS UACB.

AIR MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO.

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DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MINNEAPOLIS 157-450

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REMYTEL TO BUREAU JUNE SEVEN LAST, MINNEAPOLIS AIRTEL MEMPHIS JUNE ELEVEN LAST, AND NON-PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY PORT OF SA JOE C. HESTER [redacted] JUNE TEN LAST, AT MEMPHIS.

MEMPHIS DESIRES THAT [redacted] BE REINTERVIEWED ONG LINES SUGGESTED IN RETEL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN AN MISSION THAT HE HAS BEEN LYING RE SUBJECT OR TO BE ABLE PROVE THAT HE LIED. REREP CONTAINS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION O CONDUCT AND INTELLIGENT, EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW OF [redacted] N ORDER TO CLARIFY DETAILS CONCERNING DATES AND PLACES ERE [redacted] ALLEGEDLY HAD CONTACT WITH SUBJECT. ST-103

AFFIDAVIT SIGNED BY CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS, FORMER NANT AT FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE-HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET. COPY AFFIDAVIT TOGETHER WITH SCHEMATIC DRAWING OF ROOMING USE FORWARDED BUREAU THIS DATE BY AIRTEL. P.

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VIA TELETYPE

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DIRECTOR

M LONDON NO. 60

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REBUCAB JUNE TWELVE LAST.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATE SHOWS PHYSICIAN WAS [redacted]

NEW SCOTLAND YARD ATTEMPTING PHOTOGRAPH FLOURESCENT LAUNDRY MARKS.

REGARDING MARK T F TWO THREE ZERO SEVEN DASH TWO TWO ONE NINE, LETTERS ARE PART OF TRADEMARK ON SHIRT AND NUMBERS APPEAR TO BEEN PLACED AT TIME OF MANUFACTURE. LAUNDRY MARK ON THIS SHIRT IN PEN AND INK IN REAR CENTER OF NECKBAND AND CONSISTS OF LETTER WHICH IS ENCIRCLED; A LINE IS DRAWN UNDER THE CIRCLE AND BENEATH LINE ARE THE FIGURES TWO FOUR.

DRY CLEANING NUMBER THREE-SEVEN SPACE ONE FIVE SPACE THREE IS PED IN INK INSIDE RIGHT CHEST POCKET OF BROWN CHECK SPORT COAT ALSO INSIDE RIGHT PANTS POCKET OF TIP TOP SUIT. THERE IS NO

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E LABEL.

REBUCAB JUNE THIRTEEN. SCOTLAND YARD HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF MONEY
GEDLY TRANSFERRED FROM SWISS ACCOUNT. INVESTIGATION INDICATES
RRIVED ALONE AT NEW EARLS COURT HOTEL.

IVED 1:05PM WLM

MR. BRENNAN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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7.00PM URGENT 6-14-68 JLN

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987), LOS ANGELES (44-1574) AND (56-156), SEATTLE (44-371) AND RICHMOND.

FROM SAN DIEGO (44-387) AND (44-394)

MURKIN.

KENSALT.

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS, LOS ANGELES, SEATTLE AND RICHMOND, JUNE ELEVEN LAST, AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND SAN DIEGO JUNE ELEVEN LAST; AND SAN DIEGO TELEPHONE CALL TO SEATTLE, JUNE TWELVE LAST.

ON JUNE TWELVE LAST, SEATTLE DIVISION ADVISED [redacted], POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL REFERENCED SAN DIEGO TELETYPE, WAS WANTED AT SEATTLE AS A BENCH WARRANT WAS ISSUED AGAINST SUBJECT IN SUPERIOR COURT, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. REC-55

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SEATTLE DIVISION ADVISED DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
ILE, ASHINGTON, WOULD EXTRADITE.

ON BASIS THIS INFORMATION, [redacted]
RMINED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL IN REFERENCED SAN
O TELETYPE, WAS ARRESTED BY SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT ON
TANDING WARRANT, SEATTLE.

[redacted] INTERVIEWED JUNE THIRTEEN LAST
ADVISED HE HAS A MENTAL HISTORY. HAD ALSO STATED HE HAD
IOUSLY HAD CLAN-TYPE CONNECTIONS AT BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA.

SUBJECT EXHIBITED STRONG ANTI-NEGRO SENTIMENTS AND STATED
AS GLAD DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED.

HE FURTHER STATED IF TED KENNEDY ATTEMPTS PRESIDENCY, HE
BE ASSASSINATED AS WELL AS VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H.
HREY.

SUBJECT QUESTIONED SPECIFICALLY REGARDING KNOWLEDGE JAMES
RAY AND KING AND KENNEDY ASSASSINATIONS, TO WHICH HE
CATED HE DID NOT PREFER TO SPEAK ON THESE SUBJECTS.

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HAND PRINTS SAMPLES TAKEN FROM [redacted] LOSELY
EMBLE HAND PRINTING NOTE DEPOSITED AT U. S. POST OFFICE,
DIEGO, CALIFORNIA; HOWEVER, SUBJECT DENIES BEING AUTHOR
NOTE.

SAN DIEGO PD, JUNE FOURTEEN INSTANT, ADVISED RECEIVED
D FROM SEATTLE AUTHORITIES THAT THEY DID NOT NOW DESIRE
EXTRADITE SUBJECT, BUT THAT WARRANT AGAINST HIM STILL
STANDING IN STATE OF WASHINGTON.

ON BASIS OF ABOVE, SUBJECT BEING RELEASED JUNE FOURTEEN
TANT.

ORIGINAL NOTE AND HAND WRITING SAMPLES OF SUBJECT BEING
WARDED TO BUREAU FOR EXAMINATION BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION.

IN VIEW OF STRONG ANTI-NEGRO SENTIMENTS OF SUBJECT, HIS
ITTED MENTAL HISTORY AND HIS STATEMENTS CONCERNING
ASSINATION OF TED KENNEDY AND VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT H.
PHREY IF BOTH CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF
TED STATES, THIS INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED LOCALLY TO
S. SECRET SERVICE AND A LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM SETTING

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PLETE DETAILS OF SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES BEING FORWARDED BY

ARATE COMMUNICATION TO BUREAU TO DISSEMINATION TO U. S.

RET SERVICE AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

OTHER OFFICES ADVISED SEPRATELY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: June 10, 1968

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Malley
1-Mr. Gale
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Sullivan

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

cc : MURKIN

Legal Attache (Legat) Minnich, London, called me at 5:30 a. m., Sunday morning, June 9, 1968.

Minnich told me that U. S. Ambassador Bruce had received a lengthy telegram signed by Governor Buford Ellington of Tennessee. Governor Ellington's telegram inquired if Ray had been identified through the medium of fingerprints. The telegram also requested the identity of the arresting officers as well as the officers who would escort Ray back to the United States in the event extradition proceedings were successful. In this connection, Minnich stated that he would like to obtain authority to name himself, Special Agents [redacted] I told Minnich that this was in accordance with the Director's instructions and that he should feel free to do this if requested.

Minnich told me that it might be possible to obtain a restraining kit (leg irons and handcuffs) from Scotland Yard for usage when subject Ray was brought back to the United States. I told him to check into this but to let me know if one was available.

I also instructed Minnich to be sure and tell Assistant Attorney General Vinson regarding the receipt of the telegram from Governor Ellington by Ambassador Bruce.

Minnich called me again at 11:00 a. m., Sunday, June 9, 1968, and stated that he had just returned from being with Vinson. He did not meet Vinson at the airport inasmuch as he was extremely tied up on matters affecting this case. The Ambassador's office called for Minnich and asked him to meet with the Ambassador, the two U. S. Ministers, and with Vinson in the Ambassador's office.

Minnich stated that the conference dealt with security matters affecting subject Ray and that Vinson had stressed that he wanted to see to it that subject did not escape, commit suicide, or be the subject of assassination. Vinson also told the conference that he was there to look into matters of deportation and extradition. He claimed that he had a team of experts in Washington who, at the time, were considering deportation but that the thinking seemed to be that deportation might prejudice the trial.

COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

Vinson also was quoted as saying that transportation by military aircraft might prejudice the trial, furthermore, that usage of restraining devices might prejudice the trial of subject.

Ambassador Bruce made arrangements for Vinson to meet with Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler of the Home Secretary's office. Vinson asked Legat Minnich to accompany him to meet with Chief Superintendent Butler. In answer to questions from Vinson, Superintendent Butler told Vinson the same facts that had previously appeared in the press release made by FBI Headquarters. Vinson requested permission to see the cell in which subject Ray was being held. He made approximately a 5-minute inspection of the cell and told Butler and Minnich that he was satisfied that subject could not escape. Vinson then asked Superintendent Butler if subject Ray was vulnerable to assassination while en route to the Magistrate's Court hearing at 10:30 a.m., Monday, 6/10/68. Superintendent Butler told him that the only way this could be accomplished would be from a high powered rifle being shot into the prison moving van.

Minnich stated that Vinson made no suggestions or recommendations whatsoever. Superintendent Butler made arrangements for Vinson to attend Magistrate Court on 6/10/68. Minnich summed up the interview with Superintendent Butler by stating that Vinson went through a ridiculous procedure of asking useless questions. He stated that Superintendent Butler was not impressed in the least and refused to make any answers whatsoever regarding the investigation being conducted by Scotland Yard.

Vinson told Minnich that he would make a report to the Attorney General (AG) early that Sunday afternoon. He claimed that he would spend Monday conferring with English and Home Secretary officials. Minnich described Vinson's attitude as cool and informal. He did not inquire as to whether our people had been spending the night at Cannon Row Jail where subject Ray is being detained. Minnich deliberately told Vinson that he was somewhat "sleepy" as a result of working long hours.

Minnich advised that [redacted] had arrived in London from Lisbon. He stated that [redacted] had arrived at Lakenheath Airport and were en route to the American Embassy at that time.

At approximately 11:50 a.m., Sunday, 6/9/68, I received a call from AAG Pollock of the Civil Rights Division of the Department. Pollock asked me if the State of Tennessee had officially informed the FBI relative to

the indictment of subject Ray. I told him I did not know the answer to this question but would be glad to check. He indicated that this would not be necessary inasmuch as he could find out from other sources. Pollock informed me that it would probably be necessary to have the Laboratory men, who examined the official evidence in this case, prepare affidavits certifying their examinations and findings. I asked Pollock if it would not be sufficient merely for the Laboratory Examiners to notarize the Laboratory reports which had previously been sent to the state and which had been included in the FBI investigative reports. He stated he thought this might be sufficient, however, he would have to check and see.

Pollock asked me if I was certain that the Laboratory reports were included in the FBI investigative reports which had already been sent to the Department of Justice and to the U. S. Attorneys in Memphis and Birmingham. I told him I felt these reports had been included inasmuch as this was usual procedure, however, a check would have to be made concerning this point. (The General Investigative Division is checking this matter and will so inform Pollock.)

Pollock asked me for the identity of the four FBI representatives who had been designated by the Director to bring subject Ray back to the United States. I gave him the names of Legat Minnich, [redacted] SAS MARTINDALE BREISS & DOUGLAS

In talking with Pollock, I made specific reference to the conference in the AG's office on Saturday, 6/8/68. Pollock indicated that he wanted me to know that the most important facet of this case had been thoroughly resolved, that being the successful investigation of this case by the FBI. He stated he was very grateful in this regard. I told him we appreciated his common sense.

Legat Minnich called me at 7:00 a. m., Monday, 6/10/68, to bring up to date the proceedings in London. He stated that Vinson had informed him that several FBI offices were obtaining affidavits from Agents to support extradition papers. Vinson claimed that extradition would take approximately three and a half weeks or even up to five or six weeks. Vinson stated that he may not accept deportation offers even if this chance is given by the British authorities. Vinson told Minnich that deportation may not be a safe route from a legal standpoint.

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Minnich stated that Vinson had been successful in obtaining a professional warrant simply for the purposes of continued detention of subject Ray in the event, by some remote chance, the Magistrate Court in London freed Ray at the hearing Monday morning, 6/10/68.

Minnich stated that Vinson had held a press conference on the steps of the American Embassy on Sunday, 6/9/68. Minnich indicated that there was considerable pressure on the part of the press for further news. He stated he had received a number of calls, particularly from one New York "Times" representative who claimed that he had close friends in the FBI. Minnich wanted to know what action he should take in handling these calls. I told him that he should make no comment whatsoever. I stated that furthermore the New York "Times" was lying if they claimed they had close friends in the FBI.

Minnich told me that Vinson has scheduled another press conference Tuesday morning, 6/11/68, at 10:00 a. m. Vinson claimed that this conference would be very brief and that he felt like he had to do this in order to "take the pressure off."

Vinson told Minnich that he may decide to charter a commercial aircraft rather than use military transportation for subject Ray to be escorted back to the United States. Vinson apparently ruled himself out of accompanying subject Ray back inasmuch as he told Minnich that he hopes to be back in the United States by Wednesday, 6/12/68.

Minnich specifically asked that FBI Headquarters send him a restraining kit in the event we are able to arrange free transportation by military aircraft. He also stated that we should keep in mind that in the event the Department decides to have subject Ray brought back to the United States by military aircraft, there definitely should be a military doctor on board. I told Minnich that both points were good ones and that we would send the restraining kit immediately. (The General Investigative Division should take care of this matter without delay.)

Minnich told me that Commissioner Lindsay of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) was in London and had called by the Legat's office. Lindsay was very enthusiastic about the capture of Ray. He also was very grateful for the publicity that the Director had allowed the RCMP in connection with Ray's apprehension. - Lindsay stated that this publicity will be of great assistance to the RCMP not only in subduing their enemies but in allowing for badly needed appropriations for his force.

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DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
Re: MURKIN

ACTION:

(1) The General Investigative Division should see to it that a restraining kit is sent to Minnich immediately in London. The Liaison Section of the Domestic Intelligence Division should ascertain if military transportation is available for this kit. Minnich should be advised by cablegram of the approximate time of arrival so that a representative from the Legat's office can meet the plane.

(2) In the event the Department finally makes a decision concerning transportation of subject by military aircraft, the Department should be specifically advised of the desirability of having a military doctor aboard the aircraft.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 12, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Trotter

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Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, called stating he had not gotten any teletypes, cablegrams or airtels in connection with the King case other than the one which had been sent concerning the arraignment of the subject.

I advised him that investigation was going forward in Canada by the RCMP and that Scotland Yard was handling inquiries in London, that the numerous references that have appeared concerning the alleged activities of Ray during his residence in Canada and in London were being given attention by these agencies.

I advised him that information which had been developed by our representative who went to Lisbon will be furnished to him just as soon as we have received a report concerning this matter, that we have not received any information concerning the results of the investigation by the Canadian and Scotland Yard authorities in the form of reports.

It is recalled on Saturday, June 8, as reflected in Mr. DeLoach's memorandum of 6/8/68, the Attorney General turned to Pollak during the conversation in the Attorney General's Office and stated he wanted Pollak to divorce himself from other work for the next several days and that he should supervise this case completely. The Attorney General also wanted Pollak to keep advised of all communications, teletypes or cablegrams that might come in in connection with this case. Mr. DeLoach advised the Attorney General that any facts pertinent would be furnished to the Department, after which the Attorney General indicated the meeting was over.

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We have received numerous teletypes from various offices, as well as telephonic information from the field offices and Legats. We have not furnished copies of this traffic to Mr. Pollak. This material, of course, contains administrative data and other traffic which is not ordinarily disseminated outside of the Bureau, purely intra-Bureau information containing leads and instances of evaluations of information being obtained.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

The Department has been furnished with the pertinent reports in this case and since the apprehension of Ray we have been currently in touch with representatives of the Department concerning developments which have been brought to the Director's attention. We can, however, screen teletypes and furnish copies to the Department, eliminating administrative material and furnishing that information which may be pertinent.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

If approved, we will follow this procedure. We will issue appropriate instructions to the field that teletypes submitted in this case in the future must be prepared for appropriate dissemination.

No. Only discriminate information usually disseminated by D. of J.

D-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/9/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

6806141107

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed are the following documents which were made available to [redacted] Lisbon, Portugal, on 6/8/68 by [redacted] Canadian Embassy:

(1) Carbon copy of memorandum from Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, to Canadian Passport Division 5/17/68 showing a new passport had been issued to RAMON GEORGE SNEYD on 5/16/68.

(2) Application for Canadian passport executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD showing Passport No. DJ 909322 was cancelled and Passport No. YT 602294 was issued 5/16/68.

(3) Undated affidavit by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD to the effect that he had no guarantor available in Lisbon because he was only there on vacation.

The handwriting on the passport application and the affidavit should be compared with RAY's known handwriting, and upon completion the enclosures should be returned to Legat, Paris, for forwarding to the Canadian Embassy at Lisbon.

Also enclosed are the following documents furnished to [redacted] on 6/8/68 by Senor [redacted] the Portuguese International Police:

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(3) - Bureau (Encls. 6)
1 - Paris (direct)
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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JUN 14 1968

(1) Entry card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYA when he entered Portugal at Lisbon 5/8/68.

(2) Exit card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD when he departed from Lisbon enroute to London 5/17/68.

(3) Registration card for RAYMON GEORGE SNEYA at Hotel Portugal, Lisbon, dated 5/8/68.

The above items should be compared with the known handwriting of RAY, after which they should be forwarded to Legat, Paris, for return to Senor [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by the above agents, and explained that SNEYD appeared at the Canadian Embassy on 5/15/68 to complain that there was an error in his Canadian passport that had been issued at Ottawa on 4/24/68; and that his name was shown to be SNEYA. Arrangements were made to issue a replacement passport, which was given to the subject the following day and his old passport was cancelled and returned to him. In his conversation with SNEYD [redacted] said that he made no mention of his activities in Lisbon or of his prior travel or future plans. He was assisted in filling out the forms by Counselor Assistant [redacted]

[redacted] was vacationing at a distant point in Portugal and was telephonically interviewed by [redacted] She stated that when she assisted SNEYD in executing his passport application he said he was staying in Lisbon only one or two days and debated whether to bother to change his passport because he "did not want to spend all of his time waiting around the Embassy," A new passport was issued the day after he first came in. It is noted that the passport photograph does not identify the photographer. [redacted] stated she may have referred RAY to Photo Lusitana to have the photos taken but she could not definitely recall whether or not she had done so. RAY displayed a Canadian birth certificate in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. He needed a great deal of help in filling out the application, leading Mrs. Lopes to believe he did not have a good education. She cancelled the passport issued at Ottawa by stamping it "Cancelled" on each page and clipping one inch from each of the inside pages.

Inspector [redacted] Immigration Officer at the Lisbon Airport, advised the agents that he had checked RAMON GEORGE SNEYD out of Lisbon enroute to London on 5/17/68. He selected the photograph which RAY had used on the Ottawa passport as closely resembling SNEYD.

Senor [redacted] advised that he had caused intensive but discreet inquiries to be made at the Hotel Portugal and had determined that SNEYD had checked out of the hotel shortly before his flight was to depart for London on 5/17/68. He lived quietly and inconspicuously in the hotel, had no known associates, had no known contacts with women, and gave every appearance of being an ordinary tourist.

Senor [redacted] advised that airline records covering RAY's return to London from Lisbon are in an office which will not be open until 6/11/68, at which time he will review the records to determine the manner in which the ticket was purchased will interview the airline employee who handled the transaction, and will also interview the flight crew for any pertinent information.

Senor [redacted] agreed to locate and interview the photographer in Lisbon used by RAY for any information of value, and also agreed to check all banks for records of any accounts or safe deposit boxes obtained by the subject. After RAY's apprehension Senor [redacted] was asked, and agreed, to have more intensive and open investigation conducted at the Hotel Portugal and surrounding areas, as well as at bars and among prostitutes, to develop RAY's activities while in Lisbon.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 17, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On June 14, 1968, a communication was received from our Legal Attache in London dated June 9, 1968. This communication enclosed several documents as obtained by Special Agents [redacted] in Lisbon, Portugal, on June 8, 1968, from the Second Secretary and Counsel, Canadian Embassy. Among these documents was a memorandum from the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, an application for Canadian passport executed by Sneyd and an undated affidavit prepared by Sneyd, an entry card executed by Sneyd when he entered Portugal at Lisbon on May 8, 1968, and an exit card executed by Sneyd when he departed from Lisbon en route to London on May 17, 1968.

The Second Secretary and Counsel was interviewed by our Agents in Lisbon and stated that subject Sneyd was assisted in filling out the forms by the Counselor Assistant [redacted] was vacationing at a distant point and was telephonically interviewed. [redacted] related that she assisted subject in executing his passport application and a new passport was issued the day after he first came in. She cancelled the passport issued at Ottawa by stamping it "Cancelled" on each page and clipping one inch from each of the inside pages. Investigation as revealed in this communication will be included in our memorandum on June 18, 1968.

Subsequent investigation has been sent in a pouch via Courier Service of the Department of State on June 14, 1968. Stops have been placed to insure that report is sent to Bureau immediately upon receipt by the State Department.

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ACTION:

This is for your information and you will be advised of pertinent developments.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

630PM URGENT 6-3-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JUN 3 1968

TELETYPE

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MURKIN. SUMMARY.

RE UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED.

AN UNIDENTIFIED BODY WAS FOUND IN BARN LOFT ON FARM LOCATED ROUTE FOUR, LEBANON, TENN., MAY TWENTYTHREE LAST AND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF WHITE MALE, AGE SIXTY-SIXTYFIVE YEARS, WHO DIED FROM A CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE. FINGERPRINTS OF THIS AS YET UNIDENTIFIED MALE COMPARED WITH FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES EARL RAY WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

AN UNIDENTIFIED BODY WAS LOCATED IN HIGH WATER ON PRESIDENT'S ISLAND, MEMPHIS, TENN., A. M., JUNE TWO LAST, AND HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF AN ELDERLY NEGRO MALE AND NOT POSSIBLY IDENTICAL WITH RAY.

RE RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.

MEMPHIS INDICES NEGATIVE RE SNEYD OR [redacted]

MEMPHIS RECORDS DO REVEAL AN EXTENSIVE RECORD RE [redacted]

[redacted] HOWEVER, COMPARISON OF BRIDGEMAN'S AND RAY'S IDENTIFICATION RECORDS FAILS TO REVEAL ANY INFORMATION TO INDICATE THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE ACQUAINTED WITH EACH OTHER AND SERVED TIME IN ANY

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INSTITUTION AT THE SAME TIME.

IN REGARD TO THE RESIDENCY OF SNEYD IN TORONTO, CANADA, AND SNEYD'S OBTAINING A CANADIAN PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL THROUGH ENGLAND, THE BUREAU, IF NOT ALREADY DONE, MAY DESIRE TO REQUEST LEGAT, OTTAWA, TO INITIATE FOLLOWING SUGGESTED INVESTIGATION THROUGH RCMP:

OBTAIN ALL DOCUMENTS EXECUTED BY SNEYD IN CONNECTION WITH HIS APPLICATION FOR PASSPORT AND SUBMIT SAME TO FBI LABORATORY FOR LATENT FINGERPRINT AND HANDWRITING EXAMINATION.

WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE [redacted] AND DETERMINE IF PERSON BY THAT NAME AND NAME OF SNEYD ARE LISTED IN ANY PUBLIC SOURCE RECORDS OR DIRECTORIES.

WILL CANVASS LAUNDRY, DRY CLEANING AND LIQUOR DISPENSING ESTABLISHMENTS IN GENERAL AREA OF NINE SIX EIGHT DUNDAS ST., TORONTO, RE SNEYD.

WILL DETERMINE IF SNEYD OR [redacted] OBTAINED A CHECKING OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT OR RENTED A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN TORONTO FROM APRIL FOUR LAST TO DATE.

WILL DETERMINE IF SNEYD USED ANY TYPE OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A PERIOD THAT HE RESIDED AT A CHINESE ROOMING HOUSE.

CONTINUED EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRLINES COMPANY FLIGHT TAKEN BY SNEYD TO LONDON, ENGLAND. IN THIS REGARD DETERMINE MANNER IN WHICH SNEYD PAID FOR THIS TRANSPORTATION, KEEPING IN MIND GALT USED CANADIAN MONEY ORDERS WHILE IN CANADA IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

NOTING THAT KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU IS LOCATED IN AREA OF SNEYD'S ADDRESS IN TORONTO, DETERMINE IF [redacted] OF THIS TRAVEL BUREAU HAD ANY SOCIAL CONTACT WITH SNEYD.

NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MEMPHIS DIVISION; HOWEVER, LOOKALIKES CONTINUING TO BE CHECKED OUT EXPEDITIOUSLY UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING THEM.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS. P.

END.

WPK

FBI WASH DC

MR. TROTTER 1 Liaison Sec.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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O DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND LOS ANGELES

ROM SAN DIEGO 44-367 2P

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RE [redacted] (CONSIDER ARMED AND DANGEROUS)

RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, MEMPHIS AND

OS ANGELES MAY THIRTY ONE LAST.

[redacted] CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA,

DVISED FROM READING EXPLOITS OF [redacted] IN NEWS-

APERS AT CHULA VISTA, SHE FEELS [redacted] IDENTICAL WITH HER

ROTHER IN LAW [redacted]

[redacted] LOS ANGELES FILES TWENTY SIX -

EX-110 REC 11 [illegible] -4533

OUR TWO ZERO TWO NINE AND EIGHTY SEVEN - ONE THREE THREE

OUR NINE, BUFILE SEVENTY SIX - TWO FOUR ZERO ZERO FIVE 12 JUN 19 1968

[redacted] ALSO ADVISED HER BROTHER IN LAW

ECENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH [redacted] A YOUNG SAILOR STATIONED

AN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WHO TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED [redacted]

HER HE KNEW HER BROTHER IN LAW AS [redacted] AS HE HAD

RAFFIC CARDS UNDER THIS NAME. [redacted] RECENTLY RECEIVED A POST

ND PAGE ONE

ARD FROM HER BROTHER IN LAW SIGNED [redacted] INDICATING
E WAS STAYING AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,
ND REQUESTED [redacted] TO PURCHASE HIM A CHEAP AUTOMOBILE.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE LATENT PRINTS DEVELOPED
N [redacted] FROM EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY SAN DIEGO
ND LOS ANGELES AND COMPARE WITH FINGERPRINTS OF [redacted]
[redacted] AND ALSO
OMPARE KNOWN HANDWRITING OF [redacted] WITH HANDWRITING OF
[redacted] TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL.

LOS ANGELES ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE IF [redacted]
TAYING AMBASSADOR HOTEL UNDER NAME [redacted] OR [redacted]

FOR INFORMATION [redacted] RECENTLY RELEASED AND IS ON
EDERAL PAROLE, U.S. PROBATION AND PAROLE OFFICE, SAN DIEGO,
ALIFORNIA.

SAN DIEGO WILL CONTACT [redacted] FOR ADDITONAL
NFORMATION REGARDING [redacted]

ND

CC

BI WASH DC

TC - Mr. Sprotson
CALLED: LATENT
Mr. Hoover
By lcc Time 7:45 p

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REPORT
of the

FBI
LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 11, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680610039 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Request
Specimens received 6/7/68

Request comparison of the [redacted] signatures on Q343 and Q344 with the known handwriting of [redacted]

Result of examination:

Because of the lack of comparable letters and letter combinations for a satisfactory examination, it could not be determined whether the [redacted] signatures on Q343 and Q344 were prepared by [redacted]

If available, additional known handwriting of [redacted] may permit a more definite opinion.

JHM:AW (11)

oratory Transmittal Form

1 - M[redacted] Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

EX-110 REC 111 44-38861 - 4533

FBI File No. 44-38861

Lab. No. D-680610039 JK

Examination requested by: San Diego

Reference: Teletype 6/5/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint comparisons.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - San Diego (44-387) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosure (Lab report)

(JHM:AW 11)

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Room [redacted] TELETYPE UNIT

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : J. A. Sizoo

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Lofty

At 11:45 a.m., 6/9/68, John Minnich, Legat, London, telephonically advised Special Agent [redacted] that Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., held an extemporaneous press conference on the steps of the United States Embassy in London. The conference was covered by television and news representatives. Vinson reiterated that he was in London to check security arrangements concerning James Earl Ray and to make sure that such were maximum. He further stated that he was also there to expedite extradition of Ray. He praised New Scotland Yard's handling of the case. Although it was not known whether Vinson was asked whether he had seen Ray, Vinson had agreed with the press officer at the Embassy to say, if he was asked, he saw Ray in his cell but did not speak to him. The above conference was held at 4:40 p.m. London time, 11:40 a.m. our time on 6/9/68. The above information was furnished immediately upon receipt to the Supervisor on duty in the General Investigative Division for appropriate handling.

At 12:03 p.m. John Minnich, Legat, London, telephonically advised that he had been in contact with one of his press sources who told him Assistant Attorney General Vinson had advised at the above press conference that he would not discuss what tactics would be used to return Ray to the United States. Vinson paid tribute to New Scotland Yard and the FBI. He said he had seen Chief Superintendent Butler at New Scotland Yard and had seen Ray but he had not talked to him. Vinson did not know if he, Vinson, would attend court 6/10/68. Vinson was asked if he was going to return to the United States on the same plane as the subject. Vinson's reply was that it was doubtful. He said he would have further talks with New Scotland Yard

HHW:gmt (7)

EX 109 REC 45

16 JUN 12 1968

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. J. A. Sizoo
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. H. H. Wallace

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on the morning of 6/10/68. This information was immediately transmitted to the Supervisor on duty in the General Investigative Division for appropriate handling.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI HOUSTON

6:05 PM CST URGENT 6-12-68 OET

TO DIRECTOR

FROM HOUSTON 1P

MURKIN

REMYTEL TODAY.

FURTHER CONTACTS WITH RELIABLE HOUSTON ATTORNEYS FAILED TO FURTHER IDENTIFY [redacted]. IN VIEW OF INFO SET FORTH IN RETEL AND SINCE IT APPEARS POSSIBLE THAT [redacted] ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT RAY FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED.

END

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31 AM URGENT 6-12-68 MBH

) DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS AND NEW YORK

ROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

JRKIN.

RE NY TEL, JUNE ELEVEN, LAST.

RE [redacted]

[redacted] (FORMER SA) SECURITY DEPT., SOUTHWESTERN
ELL TELEPHONE CO. (PROTECT), HOUSTON, ADVISED [redacted]
ISTED AS SUBSCRIBER FOR TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]
[redacted] AT [redacted]
BELLAIRE (GREATER HOUSTON), TEXAS, OCCUPATION ATTORNEY AND
FORMERLY SCHOOL TEACHER, HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST. [redacted]
OWES TELEPHONE CO. BILL IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS.
[redacted] UPON RECEIVING DELINQUENCY NOTICE FROM TELEPHONE CO.
FUSSED AND CURSED TELEPHONE CO. EMPLOYEES. REC 45 15 JUN 19 1968

HOUSTON CREDIT BUREAU ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

[redacted] BELLAIRE, TEX.
KNOWN TO FILES SINCE MARCH, SIXTY FOUR. FILE LAST CHECKED NOV.
SIXTY SEVEN. [redacted] BORN NINETEEN THIRTY NINE, WIFE ELIZABETH.

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HO 44-1509

OCCUPATION ATTORNEY, [redacted] HOUSTON WITH FIRM [redacted] SINCE OCT., SIXTY SIX. NOV. SIXTY FIVE EMPLOYED AS SCHOOL TEACHER, HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DIST. IN SIXTY FOUR TRUCK DRIVER FOR A HOUSTON CONTRACTOR. ALSO SIXTY FOUR EMPLOYED AS OFFICE AIDE FOR [redacted] HOUSTON LEGAL FIRM.

HOUSTON INDICES, HOUSTON PD AND HARRIS COUNTY SO RECORDS NEGATIVE.

END

JTM

FBI WASH DC

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4-38861-4537

June 17, 1968

Honorable Brady Black
Editor and Vice President
The Cincinnati Enquirer
617 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Black:

Special Agent in Charge Morgan has furnished me the editorial, "The Ray Apprehension," which appeared in the June 12th issue of your paper.

It is reassuring to know of your approval of our work in the case involving James Earl Ray. Your high regard, not only for the work of the FBI but also for the other law enforcement agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation, is gratifying.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Cincinnati (157-1893)
Reurlet 6-12-68.

NOTE: Mr. Black is on the Special Correspondents' List, and our relations with this newspaper have been cordial.

FMG:cao (5)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Director, FBI DATE: 6/12/68

Attention: Crime Records Division

: SAC, Cincinnati (157-1893)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed is an editorial taken from the Cincinnati Enquirer dated 6/12/68, page 6, captioned "The Ray Apprehension."

BRADY BLACK is the Editor, and he points out the arrest of the prime suspect comes as an immense relief to those who had begun to fear that the KING assassination might go unpunished, and its accomplishment is a tribute to the FBI and to the other agencies whose assistance it enlisted.

Bureau may desire to send a letter to SAC Contact BRADY BLACK, Editor and Vice President, The Cincinnati Enquirer, 617 Vine Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

ENCLOSURE

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1 - Cincinnati

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The Ray Apprehension

E LONDON ARREST of James Earl ime last weekend as the culmination aps the most prodigious manhunt in tion's recent history.

w begins the painstaking business of ing Ray to the jurisdiction in which ssassination of Dr. Martin Luther Jr. occurred.

st as there was widespread impa- with the long and complex procedure gh which the prime suspect was ed down, so will there now be wide- d impatience with the equally complex dures through which he will be re- d to stand trial in Memphis.

irst of all, Ray must face charges of ing Britain on a false passport and a concealed weapon. And the offense hich the Federal Bureau of Investiga- entered the case—the denial of Dr. 's civil rights—is not one on which he xtraditable. Ray, of course, is also ed for the completion of a prison term issouri.

Even when all of the legal knots are unraveled and the case against Ray presented, there will be dozens of questions to which the nation and the world will want answers.

Was the assassination of Dr. King the handiwork of one man—Ray or someone else? Or did it involve an elaborate conspiracy in which the actual assassin was only a part? And where did Ray obtain the $12,000 he is alleged to have spent during the months preceding Dr. King's assassination?

As the legal steps unfold, as authorities seek answers to these and related questions, it is an important matter that Ray be accorded his full measure of constitutional rights, lest a technical error contribute to an ultimate denial of justice.

The arrest of the prime suspect comes as an immense relief to those who had begun to fear that the King assassination might go unpunished. Its accomplishment is a tribute to the FBI and to the other agencies whose assistance it enlisted.

ENCLOSURE

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

6 Cincinnati Enquirer
Cincinnati, Ohio

Cincinnati Post & Times Star
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Citizen Journal
Columbus, Ohio

Columbus Dispatch
Columbus, Ohio

Dayton Daily News
Dayton, Ohio

Journal Herald
Dayton, Ohio

Date: 6/12/68
Edition: Final
Author:
Editor: Brady Black
Title:

MURKIN

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or 157-1893A-
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Submitting Office: Cincinnati

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FBI

Date: 6/13/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 5/27/68.

Referenced airtel suggested that the Mobile Office consider interviewing former Sheriff [redacted] for any information he might have concerning the assassination of KING. This lead was based upon a letter from [redacted] Lomax Poll and Tribune, Los Angeles, Calif., to [redacted] of the Los Angeles Office. In this letter, [redacted] points out that former Sheriff [redacted] of Macon County, Ala., is a supporter of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE of Ala. [redacted] expressed the opinion that the KING assassination was plotted by the WALLACE forces "to provoke Negroes to riot to further WALLACE's political ambitions."

For the information of the Bureau and Los Angeles, former Sheriff [redacted] of Macon County, Tuskegee, Ala., during his term of office, was cooperative and forthright with the Mobile Office of the FBI. On more than one occasion, he was instrumental in averting violent confrontations between Negro marchers seeking to integrate white churches and opposing groups of white persons. At no time was he known to display a hostile attitude toward Negro citizens of that community.

(3) - Bureau (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)
2 - Mobile 2 - Memphis (44-1987) RM
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C.C. - Bishop

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On the other hand, [redacted] while residing in Tuskegee, Ala., acquired a reputation as a fanatic. [redacted] Tuskegee Tribune made many irresponsible charges against leading citizens of the community, both Negro and white, particularly against those seeking to bring about racial harmony through bi-racial groups. [redacted] paper supported the militant actions of Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which then was gaining a foothold at Tuskegee Institute.

In the letter accompanying the referenced airtel, [redacted] characterizes [redacted] expressions as "scuttlebutt." Upon review, [redacted] letter does not appear to make any accusation that ex-sheriff [redacted] was connected with the slaying of Dr. KING; rather it is speculated that the WALLACE forces might be responsible for the slaying because they profitted therefrom. [redacted] is associated with this alleged "plot" only in that he has been a WALLACE supporter in the past.

There does not appear to be any more basis for interview of former Sheriff [redacted] than for interview of GEORGE WALLACE or other WALLACE supporters. UACB no interview of [redacted] will be conducted.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 13, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reference is made to Mr. DeLoach's memorandum to Mr. Tolson dated June 10, 1968, in which Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak made inquiry concerning whether Laboratory reports were included in FBI investigative reports which had already been sent to the Department of Justice in the United States Attorney's Office in Memphis and Birmingham. Mr. DeLoach told him he felt these reports were included as this was the usual procedure; however, a check would be made concerning this point. This was in conversation with Mr. Pollak on June 9, 1968.

Mr. Nathan Lewin, of Mr. Pollak's Office, was advised June 9, 1968, that his department was sent eight reports and the identity of these reports was verified. He was also advised that the Laboratory findings based upon evidence left near the scene of the crime were included in the reports of Memphis authorities in his possession.. Mr. Lewin was also advised that copies of the report were furnished the United States Attorney in Birmingham in view of the fact Federal process was obtained from Birmingham. He was specifically advised that reports were not furnished the United States Attorney in Memphis as process was not obtained there.

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1 - Mr. Long
1 - Foreign Liaison
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SA Graham Day)

To: Legat, Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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According to recent accounts by newspapers regarding the activities of the subject during his stay in Toronto, Canada, the names of Eric St. V. Galt, Paul Bridgeman and Ramon George Sneyd have appeared. It is possible that a common denominator exists as to the reason subject Ray has assumed each of these names while in Toronto. It is also possible that subject was in Toronto after his escape on April 23, 1967, up to the middle of July, 1967, at which time he appeared in Montreal, Canada.

Legat Ottawa will consider requesting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to conduct background investigations of the three individuals heretofore named considering that the three individuals may have, in one particular spot at a certain time, all did business at one particular bank or any item that would put the three of them in one location. Legat Ottawa, in the request, should consider if Galt had a checking account and examine the same to determine when he did, in fact, discontinue signing his name as Eric St. V. Galt.

Armed and dangerous.

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NOTE:

The investigation is being suggested to Legat Ottawa is being done in light of the fact that the alias used by Ray of names of Galt, Bridgeman and Sneyd possibly originated from Toronto, Canada, and it is proper that a common denominator will exist as to the reason why these names were used.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) 2P

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REBUTELCALL JUNE FOURTEEN INSTANT.

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH [redacted]

NEW ORLEANS BELIEVES THAT [redacted] MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH [redacted] WHO WAS IDENTICAL WITH FORMER NO [redacted], WHO WAS DISCONTINUED IN NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN FOR INSTABILITY AND UNRELIABILITY, NEW ORLEANS FILE [redacted] BUREAU FILES [redacted] IDENTIFICATION RECORD SHOWS NUMEROUS ARRESTS IN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT AT BATON ROUGE, LA., AND NEW ORLEANS, LA., FOR THEFT AND FORGERY, THE LAST BEING ON JUNE FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, BY THE NEW ORLEANS PD. THE IDENTIFICATION RECORD ALSO SHOWS ARRESTS AT MIAMI, FLA., AND NEW ORLEANS, LA., IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND PRIOR ARRESTS AT ALEXANDRIA, LA., AND BOSSIER CITY, LA.

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IN THE MATTER CAPTIONED QUOTE UNSUB, EXPLOSION AT RESIDENCE OF [redacted] ARCADIAN THRUWAY, BATON ROUGE, LA., JULY NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, PM END QUOTE, NEW ORLEANS FILE ONE SEVEN FOUR DASH THREE SEVEN TWO, BUREAU FILE UNKNOWN, IT WAS REPORTED IN THE SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF [redacted] DATED SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT NEW ORLEANS, THAT AT A KLAN MEETING ON JULY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, IT WAS INDICATED THAT [redacted] FLED STATE OF LOUISIANA ALLEGEDLY TO MONTREAL, CANADA.

[redacted] NEW ORLEANS ONE SEVEN ZERO FILE REVEALS THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY AGENTS OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE ON JULY NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, REGARDING ALLEGED INFORMATION HE HAD ABOUT THE BOMBING AT THE [redacted] RESIDENCE. THIS FILE ALSO REVEALS A PREVIOUS CONTACT ON JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYSEVEN. NEW ORLEANS FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT [redacted] WAS EVER CONNECTED WITH THE MINUTEMEN AND ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION IN THE NEW ORLEANS FILES, IT IS INDICATED THAT [redacted] IS TOTALLY UNRELIABLE AND HAS A PAST HISTORY OF INSTABILITY.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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FROM RICHMOND (44-657) (62-2248)

MURKIN; KENSALT

RE RICHMOND TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE THIRTEEN LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, RECORDS AT THE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., REVEALED THAT [redacted] WHITE MALE, BORN JULY THIRTEEN NINETEEN FORTY TWO, CATHOLIC RELIGION, ENTERED THAT HOSPITAL ON [redacted] NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE AND WAS RELEASED ON DECEMBER [redacted] NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE. THE RECORDS REVEALED THAT [redacted] WAS A NATIVE OF MISSOURI WHO LISTED A FRIEND BY THE NAME OF [redacted] (CITY NOT LISTED), MISSOURI, TELEPHONE [redacted] DASH [redacted] WAS TREATED FOR AN ULCER, SPASTIC COLON, A LOW BACK STRAIN, AND PHARYNGITIS. HE REPORTEDLY FELL ON THE STEPS OF THE POST OFFICE AT BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, AND INJURED HIS BACK. DOCTORS STATED IN RECORDS

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THAT [redacted] PROBABLY DRINKS AND THAT HE HAS A PARTICULAR TYPE DELIVERY (REFERRING TO SPEECH). [redacted] CARRIED HOSPITALIZATION WITH SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, ONE NINE ZERO FOUR FARNAM STREET, OMAHA, NEBRASKA. HOSPITAL RECORDS INDICATED HE HAD BEEN TREATED PRIOR TO THE ABOVE AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI FOR A NERVOUS STOMACH. ON SAME DATE, [redacted] WISE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ADVISED THA[redacted] HAD BEEN ARRESTED JULY THIRD NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR ON A PEACE WARRANT IN A PEACE BOND CASE AND HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE WISE COUNTY JAIL ON JULY TWENTYTHREE NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AFTER THE CASE HAD BEEN DISMISSED.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, [redacted] [redacted]Y, AUNT OF [redacted], [redacted], BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted] BUT THAT SHE HAD HEARD FROM

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[redacted] ON MARCH TWENTY,
INETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, AND AT THAT TIME HIS MOTHER ADVISED
ER THAT HE WAS A COOK IN HONOLULU, HAWAII. SHE STATED
HAT [redacted] HAS INFORMED HER SEVERAL TIMES THAT
E PREFERS BOYS INSTEAD OF GIRLS, WHICH INDICATES TO HER
OMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. SHE STATED THAT [redacted] MOTHER
AS MOVED TO AVA, MISSOURI AND IS NOW RESIDING AT AN
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

JOHN WASHINGTON CAMPBELL [redacted] of the Buffalo Office has telephonically furnished the following information:

ROBERT JOHNSTONE [redacted], a reporter for the "Toronto Star" a daily Toronto, Canada, newspaper, contacted the Buffalo Office this afternoon (June 14, 1968) and requested detailed background information concerning [redacted] the former Minutemen official currently being sought as a Bureau fugitive for bank robbery (conspiracy). No information was furnished to [redacted] JOHNSTONE

During the contact, JOHNSTONE [redacted] stated he is about to break a story tying James Earl Ray in with the Minutemen. He stated that through inquiry he has established that an unnamed Minuteman, whom he declined to identify, has resided in the same block in Montreal as Ray did during the time of the world's fair, Expo 67. Allegedly this unnamed Minuteman was in contact with Ray during this period.

JOHNSTONE [redacted] added that the unnamed Minuteman was represented by an attorney who sometimes allowed him to answer [redacted] but on other occasions advised him against doing so. JOHNSTONE

According to JOHNSTONE [redacted] the unidentified Minuteman has now left Canada and is back in the United States.

ROBERT CAMPBELL [redacted] advised that JOHNSTONE [redacted] is the son of a former Toronto Police officer but that the indices of the Buffalo Office contain no information identifiable with him.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

It should be noted that our investigation established that Ray resided at 2589 Notre Dame Rue, Montreal, Canada, from July 18 through approximately August 25, 1967. At that time he falsely claimed that he was employed at Expo 67.

In connection with the foregoing, Inspector [redacted] Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) telephonically advised today (June 14, 1968) he had received a call from [redacted] Washington correspondent of the newspaper "Toronto Mail Star." [redacted] mentioned that he was trying to obtain information relative to one [redacted] claimed [redacted] had been in New Orleans and associated with Ray in New Orleans, as well as with Ray in Canada, place in Canada not indicated. He likewise alleged [redacted] impersonated a Secret Service Agent in New Orleans and was supposed to be doubling as an agent in Klan activities. Bureau files were checked relative to [redacted] and there is nothing based on the information available identifiable with him.

Inspector [redacted] advised [redacted] has written several exposes wherein he has been critical of authorities including the story concerning [redacted] the German girl who was associating with a member of the Canadian cabinet a few years ago. He also wrote an expose concerning a Bureau fugitive, [redacted] who was located in Canada and his whereabouts was known to both the RCMP and the FBI, but an arrest could not be made pending necessary legal ramifications. This case could not be readily identified in Bureau files without additional research. [redacted] article indicated it requested a newspaper man to locate [redacted]

Inspector [redacted] advised his office in Canada has no knowledge of any association of [redacted] and Ray while Ray was in Canada.

ACTION:

Pertinent information set forth above as furnished by [redacted] was furnished by the Buffalo Office to the RCMP at Toronto which is checking the matter out.

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Bureau files are being checked in an effort to identify the unnamed Minuteman referred to by [redacted] Legal, Ottawa has been advised of information furnished by [redacted] and instructed to follow the matter closely with the RCMP.

New Orleans is being instructed to conduct appropriate inquiry concerning [redacted] possible association with Ray.

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.egal Obstacles to Ray's Extradition Seen

By STAN CARTER
Special Correspondent of THE NEWS

London, June 14—The lawyers for James Earl Ray in any extradition fight could nceivably claim that the slaying of American civil rights leader Martin Luther King . was "political."

Speculation about such a pos-ility grew today when the pected British magazine The onomist commented that "the e is likely to spotlight the nplexities of British extradi-n law, long overdue for revi-n."

A hearing of the United States' plication for Ray's return may held in Bow St. police court t week.

The magazine said it rad sot s the intention of Parliament exclude political assasination m the extradition act when was passed in 1870, but that lawmakers "failed to use nguage restricting the scope the concept in this way."

"All Sorts of Problems"

The Economist's legal corre-ndent said today that despite order by Home Secretary es Callaghan yesterday au-rizing extradition proceedings ainst Ray, the Missouri peni-tiary escapee accused of the ril 4 assassination of King in mphis, Tenn., "all sorts of nplicated problems could still actively arise."

The magazine noted that "if actual facts are that the man ncerned is merely suspected of e crime there is no machinery der the extradition act for his rrender. If evidence of the an's guilt could only be pro-ced after the American author-ies have interrogated him then request for his surrender would il.

"Utmost Vagueness"

" In any event, the act permits e person sought to argue that e offense with which he is arged is an offense of a polit-al character, a concept of the most vagueness."

If Ray waived extradition he uld be returned to the U.S. ithin a week. But if his court-ppointed British attorney uses l the delaying procedures avail-le under British law Ray could

Solicitor Michael Eugene, named by Metropolitan Chief Magistrate Frank Milton to represent Ray, told THE NEWS he expected a hearing on the extradition order to be held at Bow St. on Thuesday, at the same time that a hearing is scheduled on British charges of possessing an unregistered firearm and a false Canadian passport.

The American Reaction

American officials said they would be pleased by such a speedy hearing, but they had expected the British charges to be heard as scheduled on Tuesday and the request for tradition to come up late in the week, or possibly not until the following week.

Solicitor Eugene declined to say whether he would fight extradition.

Ray, in Wandsworth Prison, was reported to be talking freely about his activities in Britain in the three weeks before his arrest last Saturday.

But Scotland Yard detectives pointedly refrained from questioning him about King's murder to avoid complicating the case against him in the United States. American FBI agents have refrained for the same reason from asking permission to question him.



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Ray Extradition Faces Hurdles

LONDON UPI—Efforts to return James Earl Ray to the United States for trial in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. may run into a sea of delay and difficulty because of Britain's complex extradition laws, legal sources said today.

The language of the 1870 law is vague on the subject of political assassination, the sources said, and it will require U.S. authorities to present strong evidence that Ray is responsible for the civil rights leader's death.

The legal sources said framers of Britain's extradition laws sought to exclude political assassination from offenses of a "political character"—and therefore not subject to extradition—but the language used was vague.

They also said that if U.S. authorities are permitted to question Ray in his prison cell prior to the extradition hearing it could jeopardize their case.

They must go before the court with prima facie evidence of his guilt—not just suspicion—before he can be sent to America, the sources said.

Lawyers from both nations planned to meet Monday to set a date for the hearings on America's extradition request.

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Canadian Passports AH

The saga of James Earl Ray, as told by United States authorities, has brought to the attention of the general public what has apparently been well known to every crook and spook worthy of the name. Canada, it seems, is the place to go if you're anxious to establish a new identity and to get the credentials necessary for a quick international getaway.

Ray, so the official account goes, left the United States shortly after the assassination of Martin Luther King and headed north of the border. In no time at all, he had the documents in hand to prove that he was Ramon George Sneyd of Toronto and a passport identifying him to the world as a Canadian citizen.

The exact procedure to be followed in establishing this instant citizenship may well have been learned by Ray during his term in prison. In any event, it was, it seems, common knowledge in criminal and spy circles that Canada's passports are easy to come by. They have, according to some accounts, become the diplomatic equivalent of Panamanian ship registry among those who, for one reason or another, are not anxious to bother with a lot of bureaucratic questions and answers.

Canada has, in the wake of the Ray case, ordered a study of means by which the illegal traffic in passports can be curbed. Perhaps a system of regional passport offices, similar to that in the United States, will replace the present mail order setup whereby all passports are issued from Ottawa, with no requirements for an applicant's appearance before any official. Surely some new method must be devised — and promptly — that will honor Canada's dedication to individual liberty, and at the same time stem the flow of undesirables to and from the North American continent.

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The Ray Case: 3 Key Questions Remain Unanswered

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Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

Despite the flood of disclosures about James Earl Ray since he was captured in London, three questions remained unanswered today.

Where did Ray, suspected assassin of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., get the estimated $12,000 he spent in the last nine months?

Investigators suggest he may have been one of the still-unidentified masked men who robbed a bank of $27,000 in Ray's hometown, Alton, Ill., soon after Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.)

How did Ray manage to get from Atlanta, where he was seen April 5 — the day after Dr. King was slain in Memphis — to Toronto where he rented a room April 8?

A report he was seen entering Canada by auto at Ft. Erie, Ont., has been dismissed by authorities as "poppycock." It's more likely he flew from Atlanta to Toronto, tho this never has been officially confirmed.)

How did Ray know the names and other particulars about three — possibly four — Toronto residents whose names he used as aliases?

Investigators say Ray could have obtained this information from the Vital Statistics Bureau in Toronto. The FBI says Ray previously visited Canada in the summer of 1967 and took a six-week course in locksmithing in Montreal. Whether he also visited Toronto a year ago has not been disclosed.)

U.S. authorities still doubt Dr. King's death was the product of a conspiracy, tho they won't rule it out until they have what they consider rock-hard proof.

Here, chronologically, is what is known publicly of the trail left by Ray:

April 4 — Minutes after Dr. King is shot, police in Tennessee and surrounding states launch a search for a white Mustang in which it's believed the killer escaped Memphis.

April 5 — At dawn in Atlanta, Ray abandons a white Mustang registered to him. He takes two taxi rides covering an area of only a few blocks near downtown Atlanta's Peachtree Street. Then he vanishes.

April 8 — Ray rents a room in a shabby $8-a-week rooming house in Toronto and stays there until April 19. He uses the alias, Ramon George Sneyd. Later, while applying for a passport to go to Europe, Ray even uses the birth date and parents' names of Raymond George Sneyd, a Toronto constable, who bears a striking resemblance to Ray. Mr. Sneyd tells police he never heard of Ray before.

BRIDGEMAN

While getting a passport picture taken, Ray identifies himself at a Toronto photo shop as Paul Bridgeman. The real Paul Bridgeman is a consultant to the Toronto Board of Education. He also says he never heard of Ray before.

April 11 — FBI agents in Atlanta find Ray's abandoned white Mustang on a housing development parking lot.

April 15 — Agents search an Atlanta rooming house where Ray had stayed before going to Memphis. At the rooming house he was known as Eric Starvo Galt. It later develops that an Eric St. Vincent Galt, who also resembles Ray, lives in northeast Toronto near Mr. Sneyd and Mr. Bridgeman.

(It's also suspected that still another alias used by Ray when he checked into the Memphis rooming house from which the fatal shot was fired, was the name of yet another Toronto resident — John Willard.)

GALT

April 17 — The FBI identifies Dr. King's suspected assassin as Eric Starvo Galt. Two days later, on the basis of a thumbprint found in the Atlanta rooming house and other evidence, Galt is identified as Ray.

May 6 — Ray leaves Toronto and flies to London aboard a British Overseas Airways Corp. jet. Altho he has purchased a round-trip ticket, he cashes in the return portion in London.

May 7 — Ray flies to Lisbon and, using the name Sneyd, checks into a third-class hotel where he stays until May 17 when he flies back to London.

The dates from May 17 to May 28 constitute a still-questionable piece of the puzzle. Officials say Ray probably was in London this entire period, but conceivably could have returned to Lisbon. A London rooming-house operator says Ray rented a room from her for three nights during this period, but her statement is unconfirmed.

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PIMLICO DISTRICT

May 28 — Ray turns up at the New Earl's Court hotel in London's West End. Several days later he moves to the Pax hotel in London's run-down Pimlico district.

June 8 — Ray checks out of the Pax and goes to London's Heathrow Airport to board a flight to Brussels. When arrested at the airport his possessions include fraudulent passports he obtained in Canada and Portugal, a loaded pistol and 70 pounds ($168).

With Ray under arrest, attention focuses on proceedings in London to have him returned to the U. S. to face a murder charge in the King slaying.

Canadian police, seeking a "fat man" seen giving ray an envelope the day before he went to a Toronto travel agency to buy the round-trip ticket to London, discover this part of their investigation is a dead end.

The unidentified man, who went to police after reading of the search for him, had found a letter Ray had written seeking a job in Toronto. Ray apparently had dropped it in a phone booth. The man simply had been a good samaritan, Canadian police say, and returned it to Ray at his rooming house.

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Ray's Brother Plans Visit

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ST. LOUIS, June 14 (AP)—A brother of James Earl Ray, a suspect in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said today he will apply Monday for a passport so he can visit his brother in London.

James Ray, 40, sought in a number of countries for two months, was arrested at a London Airport last week.

The brother, John Larry Ray, 35, said he was attempting to contact Houston lawyer Percy Foreman to ask him to represent James.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1175)

RE: MURKIN

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THE BANK OF ALTON,
ALTON, ILLINOIS, 7-13-67
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Re telephone call from Section Chief C. L. McGOWAN [redacted] May 24, 1968, and telephone call from No. 1 Man, [redacted] May 29, 1968.

The above telephone calls were received in the Springfield Office in the late afternoon.

Upon receiving instructions from Mr. McGOWAN [redacted] on May 24, 1968, with regard to the possible connection between the MURKIN subject JAMES EARL RAY and the possibility of his involvement in the Bank of Alton robbery of July 13, 1967, I immediately contacted [redacted] of the Alton Resident Agency. I furnished the information to [redacted] and emphasized the importance of the investigation.

[redacted] had previously been in contact with [redacted] of the St. Louis Office at which time he learned that the reliability of [redacted] was not known. For this reason and the fact that the Alton Bank was closed at the time I spoke with [redacted] and was not open for business until Monday, May 27, 1968, [redacted] displayed the clothing bearing laundry marks and also the shotgun to the Bank of Alton witnesses on Monday, May 27, 1968.

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Because of the possibility that RAY was connected with the robbery of the Bank of Alton and because the physical evidence recovered three weeks subsequent to the robbery has not been definitely established as being connected with the robbery of the bank, we desired to be on as firm ground as

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possible in submitting the evidence for comparison insofar as at least a tentative identification by the witnesses concerned. At the same time [redacted] displayed photographs of RAY and his known associates in an additional effort to determine if any of the pertinent witnesses might identify RAY or his known associates.

I had instructed [redacted] that as soon as the pertinent investigation was completed that he was to proceed to the headquarters city with the evidence so that the evidence could be submitted to the FBI Laboratory as [redacted] had instructed. Mr. McEOWEN

[redacted] arrived in the Springfield Office on Tuesday morning at which time he reviewed portions of the file and then prepared item Q3, a Van Heusen shirt, item Q6, a man's brown trousers, and slides of hair samples prepared by the Laboratory of hair recovered from previously submitted evidence. An airtel was prepared dated May 28, 1968, advising the Bureau that under separate cover, registered mail, these items of evidence were being submitted to the Laboratory for a determination of any similarities or identification between the two cases. In the same airtel the Memphis Division was requested to submit items of clothing bearing laundry marks and hair samples recovered in the MURKIN investigation for comparison with the above items.

We are continuing the investigation to develop additional information concerning that furnished by [redacted]

The Springfield Office has been very conscientious in its effort to develop information in the MURKIN case, particularly since JAMES EARL RAY was reportedly born in this area. Because of this we have felt that the answer to RAY's whereabouts may be developed in our division. This investigation's importance has been continuously emphasized in this division.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI REC. UNIT

EX-115

REC-82 44-38861-43-1

June 18, 1968

AIRMAIL

[redacted]
Security Advisor
The Gulf Companies
Gulf House
2, Portman Street, W.I.
London, England

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of June 11th concerning our investigation of James Earl Ray. It was indeed thoughtful of you to write and my associates join me in thanking you for your generous remarks.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 8
JUN 18 1968
COMM-FBI

1 - London - Enclosure
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent appears to be a former Special Agent who EOD as a fingerprint clerk [redacted] and was appointed as a Special Agent [redacted] He resigned [redacted] He resigned because his wife desired a permanent home. Special Agent John Minnich is assigned as Legal Attache in London.

WMG:mrc (5)

XEROX

JUN 25 1968

LAW DEPARTMENT

The Gulf Companies

LONDON OFFICE

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GULF HOUSE,
2, PORTMAN STREET, W.1.

June 11, 1968.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.,
U.S.A.

EX-PROC
JUN 14 1968

Dear Sir:

I wish to offer my congratulations for a job well done upon the arrest of the suspected murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King. I can well imagine the number of man hours spent on this assignment by Special Agents nationwide, but I am particularly aware of the esteem and high regard held for Mr. John Minnich and his staff in London by members of Scotland Yard. This well deserved regard certainly played a part in the excellent cooperation received from Scotland Yard.

The arrest of this suspect in London has proven the troubles our country is suffering know no national boundaries, but more important the close cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies in at least three separate nations has shown that men can work together in the interest of right. This action intensified a light of hope that had been flickering in the gloom of present times.

EX-115
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Yours truly,

[redacted]
Security Advisor

14 JUN 14 1968

cc: Mr. John Minnich,

JUN 25 1968

CORRESPONDENCE

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/13/68

FROM : Legat, Tokyo (173-1) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Remycab 6/9/68.

Enclosed are five copies of National Police Agency of Japan letter dated 6/10/68, containing results of National Police Agency's investigation concerning the revolver in question.

ENCLOSURE

(7) - Bureau (Encs. 5)
(2 - Los Angeles)
(2 - Memphis)(44-1987)
(1 - Liaison Section)
1 - Tokyo
RVP:lw
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Enclosures detached & Referred to FBI Memphis

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EX-105

79 JUL 11 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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6-18-68

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. Bates

TO LEGAT LONDON

REC-23

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) 45557

EX 106

MURKIN.

REURCAB JUNE THIRTEEN LAST PERTAINING TO [redacted]

RECORDS, PASSPORT OFFICE, REVEAL [redacted] WOODSHIRE DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, BORN JANUARY ONE, NINETEEN THIRTY NINE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, WAS ISSUED PASSPORT [redacted] AT LOS ANGELES ON OCTOBER TWENTY THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. HE INDICATED HE WAS MARRIED ON FEBRUARY ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE TO [redacted], BORN SEPTEMBER ONE, NINETEEN FORTY ONE, LOS ANGELES. PERSON TO BE NOTIFIED IN EVENT OF ACCIDENT WAS [redacted] MOTHER, [redacted] MAR DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, BORN NINETEEN NINETEEN, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. FATHER LISTED AS [redacted] BORN NINETEEN SEVENTEEN, COLORADO.

CALIFORNIA STATE BAR RECORDS INDICATED [redacted] ADMITTED TO CALIFORNIA BAR ON JANUARY [redacted], NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE AND

VIA TELETYPE
12:55 PM
JUN 18 1968
ENCIPHERED

1 - MEMPHIS

1 - Foreign Liaison

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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SEE NOTE PAGE THREE.....

CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON
RE: MURKIN

IS WITH LAW FIRM OF [redacted] LOS ANGELES.

[redacted] HAS [redacted] D.

RECORDS, LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD) REVEAL [redacted] ARRESTED JULY EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN FOR A PARKING VIOLATION AND FORFEITED FIVE DOLLARS BAIL. HE WAS ARRESTED ON DECEMBER ONE, NINETEEN SIXTY FOR THEFT OF SIX PAIRS OF MEN'S SOCKS, A FELONY. THIS CHARGE SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGED TO MALICIOUS MISCHIEF TO WHICH [redacted] PLED GUILTY AND WAS GIVEN A SIX MONTHS SUSPENDED SENTENCE, SIX MONTHS PROBATION AND FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS. ON MAY FIVE, NINETEEN FIFTY SIX, [redacted] WAS ARRESTED BY LAPD ON "JOY RIDING, DELINQUENT" CHARGE AND TURNED OVER TO PARENTS.

RECORDS LOS ANGELES RETAIL MERCHANTS CREDIT ASSOCIATION (RMCA) INDICATED [redacted] AND WIFE SUED FOR EIGHT HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS AND NINETY FOUR CENTS ON OCTOBER [redacted] NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THE AMOUNT CLAIMED OWED TO A RMCA CLIENT. NO DISPOSITION GIVEN. ASSIGNED FOR COLLECTION NOTICE APPEARS IN FILE FOR [redacted] AND WIFE DATED JULY [redacted], NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN FOR ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY ONE CENTS. NO DISPOSITION GIVEN. ALSO AN UNDATED COLLECTION NOTICE FOR ONE HUNDRED FORTY FIVE DOLLARS AND FORTY ONE CENTS. NO DISPOSITION GIVEN.

[redacted], FATHER OF [redacted] HAS FBI

CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON
RE: MURKIN

NUMBER [redacted] HE HAS BEEN CHARGED A NUMBER OF TIMES AT VARIOUS PLACES FOR BEING DRUNK AND DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED. NO ARREST RECORD LOCATED FOR WIFE OR MOTHER.

NO IDENTIFIABLE RECORD LOCATED FOR [redacted] WIFE OR PARENTS IN BUREAU OR LOS ANGELES FILES. AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

NOTE:

New Scotland Yard has advised that [redacted] currently residing in London, had contacted the court appointed attorney for James Earl Ray stating that he, [redacted] had an academic interest in the case. New Scotland Yard requested background information re [redacted] which is being furnished in instant cablegram.

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 13 1968
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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EDIATE 6-13-68

DIRECTOR

M LEGAT LONDON NO 58

RKIN

NEW SCOTLAND YARD HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT [redacted]

[redacted] BORN JANUARY ONE , ONE NINE THREE NINE, DETROIT,

CHIGAN, U .S. PASSPORT [redacted]

SIDING [redacted] LONDON, W. ONE, HAS

NTACTED COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEY FOR RAY STATING HE,

[redacted] HAS ACADEMIC INTEREST IN CASE AS RAY IS U. S.

TIZEN IN CUSTODY LONDON. YARD ADVISE [redacted] APPEARS

BE AFFILIATED ON FEE BASIS IN OTHER MATTERS WITH SOME

S. LAW FIRM IN LONDON.

[redacted] REGISTERED AS LAWYER LATE ONE NINE SIX SEVEN AT

MERICAN EMBASSY, LONDON. HE ADVISED EMBASSY HE IS MEMBER

CALIFORNIA BAR SPECIALIZING IN MOTION PICTURE CONTRACT WORK.

HE LAST ENTERED ENGLAND MAY NINE LAST BUT HAS BEEN IN AND OUT

F ENGLAND PRIOR TO THAT DATE. HIS ALIENS RESIDENT

ERMIT EXPIRES MARCH SIX, ONE NINE SIX NINE. HAS

O WORK PERMIT BUT MAY HAVE BRITISH CITIZEN WIFE, e

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WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR HIS RESIDENT PERMIT. YARD REQUESTS INFORMATION RE [redacted] CHECK BUFILES, IDENT, PASSPORT RECORDS, AND CREDIT AND CRIMINAL LAST PLACE OF RESIDENCE.

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CC: MR. BRENNAN

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/13/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re San Diego teletype to the Bureau and Memphis dated 6/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies and for the Memphis Division seven copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted] California, on 6/12/68.

The enclosures are being submitted to the Bureau in the event the Bureau may desire additional investigation be conducted by appropriate legat.

ENCLOSURE

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(3) - Bureau (Encl. 2)
2 - Memphis (Encl. 7)
1 - San Diego
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10 JUN 15 1968

D. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/12/68

I [redacted], was interviewed and furnished the following information:

On May 24, 1968, she departed Heathrow Airport, Slough, England, at approximately 5:00 p.m. on British-European Airways Flight Number 606 for Frankfort, Germany, for the purpose of visiting her family who resides in the Frankfort area.

Upon boarding the flight she obtained a seat situated on the left hand side of the airplane on the window side, two rows of seats forward of the wing facing the rear of the plane. Shortly after sitting down, she observed an individual sitting directly across from her who appeared to be identical with the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as contained in the Blade Tribune Newspaper for the [redacted] California, area dated June 10, 1968. [redacted] advised that her seat was facing in the direction of the individuals seat, so that they were facing each other, and consequently she was in a good position to observe him. She further stated that to her knowledge none of the seats on the airplane had been previously assigned to any particular individual.

Shortly after the airplane took off, [redacted] attempted to take a picture of a cloud formation at which time the individual stated to her in words of effect that it would be senseless to take photographs since all she would obtain would be pictures of clouds. [redacted] further advised that later during the flight the individual stated to her that he frequently made the trip by air from Slough, England, to Frankfort, Germany and was disappointed that the Lufthansa Airlines flight had been discontinued. [redacted] further stated that as the airplane approached Frankfort, Germany, the individual looked out the airplane window and pointed out the Rhine River and the Autoban from Kaiserslautern, Germany, giving the impression that he was familiar with the area. [redacted] stated that during this conversation with the individual she observed him to possess an "ordinary American accent and not of the rural type." [redacted] advised that the individual was neatly dressed and did not appear to be traveling with anyone else on the flight. She stated that

On 6/12/68 at [redacted] California File # SD 44-387

by [redacted] HHB/vlh Date dictated 6/12/68

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ENCLOSURE

sitting directly adjacent to the individual was a woman who was apparently English, and who engaged in conversation with the individual. [redacted] furnished the following description of the individual:

Sex	Male
Race	White
Age	Approximately 40
Height	5'6" to 5'8"
Weight	160-170 pounds
Hair	Dark brown, medium length
Eyes	Brown, was wearing dark brown hornrimmed glasses
Build	Medium
Complexion	Medium
Dress	Sport coat, slacks, white shirt and tie. Wrist watch on left hand
Scars, marks and other identifying data	Possessed piercing eyes

[redacted] described the woman sitting adjacent to the individual as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Female
Age	Approximately 43
Hair	Dirty blonde
Eyes	Bluish-grey
Height	5'4"
Weight	170 - 200 lbs
Build	Heavy
Complexion	Fair
Dress	Unable to recall
Scars, marks and other identifying data	English accent

At the request of the interviewing agents [redacted] displayed a British-European Airlines ticket stub which contained form number 06052302116. A review of the ticket stub reflected that she had been issued by British-European Airlines flight from London, England, to Frankfort,

Germany, on Flight Number 606. On the ticket stub was contained the inscription "passenger ticket and form number 0602 9968894. [redacted] advised that the flight arrived in Frankfort approximately 40 minutes later at 5:40 p.m.

She stated that after the plane landed she did not observe the individual any more. She stated that she went directly to the airport to obtain her luggage and upon arriving ascertained that the luggage had not yet arrived. She stated that a small group of people were gathered to obtain their luggage and that she did not observe the individual to be in the group. She stated that she feels certain that if the individual were there she would have observed him, thus indicating that he did not have any luggage.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 14, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division in view of the fact the Attorney General has stated that he wanted Pollak to divorce himself from other work and to supervise this case. The Attorney General also asked that Pollak be kept advised of pertinent information in this case. The material contained in the attached memorandum has been taken from cablegrams and teletypes, and Pollak is being informed that the material is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports setting forth results of investigation.

Material being disseminated includes that we are furnishing the Director of Security, Wandsworth Prison, where Ray is presently confined, information relating to Ray while he was confined at the Missouri State Penitentiary, which was requested by the Director of Prison Security, Wandsworth Prison.

Also included is information from sources in England indicating that it will be announced at Magistrate Court on 6-18-68 that the extradition hearing will take place on 6-21-68 at which time the public prosecutor will ask for adjournment of the local charges against Ray. Should a continuance be granted and it is not possible to start the hearing before 6-27-68, the Magistrate is prepared to sit on 6-29-68 (Saturday) in order to expeditiously dispense with the matter.

Mr. Pollak is also being advised that information which appeared in the 6-13-68 issue of "The Washington Daily News" indicating that Ray had received funds from a Swiss bank and that a second man was with him when he arrived at the New Earls Court Hotel, is not accurate. 44-38861-7359

Enclosure sent 6-15-68 NW

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Information regarding juvenile arrest record of [redacted] is also set forth. [redacted] is an attorney in London who contacted the court appointed attorney for Ray.

ACTION:

For your information. In accordance with the Attorney General's request that Assistant Attorney General Pollak be kept advised of pertinent developments, there is attached a letter to Mr. Pollak. This case is continuing to receive high priority attention.

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FBI

Date: 6/14/68

Transmit the following in _____
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AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (44-686) (P)

MURKIN
CR
OO ME

Re Kansas City teletype to the Bureau, 6/12/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three (3) copies, for Kansas City one (1) copy, and for Memphis fifteen (15) copies of an insert reflecting investigation conducted at McAlester, Oklahoma.

3-Bureau (Enc.3)
1-Kansas City (44-720) (Enc.1)
2-Memphis (44-1987) (Enc.15)
2-Oklahoma City

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1-cc delivered to Holmes Room 2260

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3 ENCLOSURE

EX 106

25 JUN 17 1968

Approved: T.C. Bishop Sent _____ M Per _____

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OC 44-686
ME 44-1987

The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] on June 13, 1968:

At McAlester, Oklahoma

A review of the files of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary (OSP), revealed that [redacted] was received on [redacted], from Tulsa County, Oklahoma, and sentenced to a term of [redacted] years for the crime of Robbery with Firearms, after former conviction of a felony. His minimum release date is shown as [redacted] and his maximum release date is shown as [redacted]. A review of the FBI Identification Record of [redacted] revealed that he was received at the Department of Corrections, Jefferson City, Missouri, on [redacted], and charged with Murder, 1ST Degree. He was sentenced for the remainder of his natural life. The next item shown on [redacted] Identification Record is [redacted] when he was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and charged with Armed Robbery and Assault and Battery with a Deadly Weapon. The next item on [redacted] Identification Record is shown as [redacted] when he was fingerprinted as a patient at Eastern State Hospital, Vinita, Oklahoma. The final entry on [redacted] Identification Record is [redacted], when he was received at Oklahoma State Penitentiary, McAlester, Oklahoma, sentenced to a term of 150 years, for Robbery, with Firearms.

During an interview with [redacted] he admitted a casual acquaintance with JAMES EARL RAY while both were inmates at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He stated that RAY was an inmate at Missouri State Penitentiary when [redacted] arrived there on October 2, 1964.

[redacted] stated that he worked in the Mess Hall at Missouri State Penitentiary while JAMES EARL RAY worked in the bakery which joins the Mess Hall. [redacted] said that he occasionally visited with RAY from time to time while they were working and also on the prison yard.

However, [redacted] maintained that he would not consider himself a personal friend of RAY.

[redacted] said that on [redacted] he planned to escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary. He said that he learned later that RAY had planned to escape on the same night and their plans were not known to each other. [redacted] said that he placed a dummy in his cell and went to the recreation room. According to [redacted] after the recreation period was over, he hid behind the television set in the recreation room and waited for the lights to be turned out. When the lights were out, he began moving television benches to the prison wall and had planned to go over the wall by means of climbing the television benches. Unknown to [redacted] at the time, RAY had managed to get onto the roof of the Administration Building, but had fallen and hurt his arm. The prison officials and guards were looking for RAY when they discovered [redacted] He said that RAY managed to hide himself in a ventilation shaft in the Officers Dining Room for two or three days before he was discovered.

[redacted] advised that he could furnish absolutely no information concerning RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. He said he knew nothing of RAY's escape plan, his source of funds, his associates inside or outside the penitentiary, nor anything concerning the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[redacted] said that it was his personal opinion that RAY was not intelligent enough to plan the murder of Dr. KING and certainly not intelligent enough to plan an apparent elaborate escape procedure including passports by himself. [redacted] said that when RAY finally escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary, he escaped in a bread box from the bakery where he had worked for a long period of time. [redacted] stated that he had observed that this method of escape would probably be successful after he had been at the penitentiary for only a short period of time.

[redacted] stated that he actually escaped from the Jackson County Court House, Kansas City, Missouri, on November 13, 1967. He said that he made his way from Kansas City, Missouri, to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he arrived on November 16, 1967. [redacted] said that for reasons of possibly incriminating himself in local burglaries, he did not care to state how he traveled from Kansas City, Missouri, to Tulsa, Oklahoma. He claimed that he went to work on November 16, 1967, at the Piccadilly Cafeteria, Tulsa, Oklahoma, under the name [redacted] He claimed to have worked at the Piccadilly Cafeteria as a dishwasher until October 26, 1967, when he was arrested at Tulsa, Oklahoma, for Armed Robbery. He said that he stayed at the Grand Hotel on East 3rd Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, during this period of time, also using the name [redacted] He claimed to have been in continual custody from October 26, 1967, until the present time. He admitted spending approximately 30 days at the Vinita, Oklahoma Eastern State Hospital.

The following description was obtained from observation, interview, and records of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'11"
Weight	169 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Green
Build	Medium
Complexion	Ruddy
Birth	[redacted]
Occupation	Electrician
Education	6th Grade
FBI #	[redacted]
Marital Status	Single
Parents	Deceased
Brothers	[redacted] Topeka, Kansas, exact address unknown;

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HE 44-1987

Sisters

[redacted] Topeka, Kansas, exact address unknown;
[redacted] Topeka, Kansas; exact address unknown
[redacted] age 34, Topeka, Kansas, exact address unknown;
[redacted] age 33, Topeka, Kansas, exact address unknown;
[redacted] age 31, Topeka, Kansas, exact address unknown

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Foreign Liaison

JUNE 14, 1968

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO LEGAT, LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR REQUEST OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION IN ENGLAND, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER FOLLOWING ITEMS:

ONE. CHECK BANKS IN GREATER LONDON FOR ANY ACCOUNTS OPEN IN NAME OF RAY OR HIS ALIASES.

TWO. CHECK LONDON BANKS FOR ANY TRANSFER OF FUNDS BY CHECK OR LETTER OF CREDIT ORIGINATING IN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA.

THREE. CHECK SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES AS IT WAS PREVIOUSLY DETERMINED THAT SUBJECT UTILIZED A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

THE ABOVE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT HIS SOURCE OF FUNDS IS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

VIA TELETYPE
1502 PM REC 16
JUN 15 1968
ENCIPHERED

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EX 106

19 JUN 18 1968

1 - MEMPHIS
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 15, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fred Vinson called to advise me that from what he had learned, it would appear that the extradition hearing which has been set for the 21st might be put off until the 25th or the 27th. He was talking to the Chief Clerk of the British Court who he states is a powerful figure and it appears that if Ray requests a continuation for sometime to talk with his attorney, he would get such an extension.

I asked Vinson what his plans were and he stated he would plan to send somebody else over to listen to the extradition hearing and be available over there for consultation.

He wanted to know if there were any further developments concerning Ray's activities while he was in London. I advised him I had not seen anything other than that which had been furnished so far; namely, that he had stayed in the Pax Hotel for a few days and also at the New Earls Court Hotel. He said he knew we were trying to develop further information to account for the time while he was in London. I advised him that we had been in touch with Scotland Yard; that they had a special squad working on the matter and as yet we have not received any information from Scotland Yard concerning his whereabouts other than that already submitted. He said the British do not keep negative information and apparently they have not developed anything as yet.

He said that all reports in this case had been submitted to the Civil Rights Division who had been handling the matter in the past but now that he has returned, he would appreciate being put on the list to receive any information which is disseminated; that he would also like to have a copy of the report previously furnished to the Civil Rights Division. If we have an extra copy, we will forward a copy to Vinson.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

He mentioned that there was a story to the effect that James Earl Ray's brother in Illinois was going to visit him in London. He was referring to an item in the news indicating that the subject's brother, John Larry Ray, age 35, said he was attempting to contact the Houston lawyer, [redacted] to ask him to represent his brother and that also he allegedly was going to apply for a passport on Monday to visit his brother.

In this connection, the Inspector General of the prison system told Vinson that if subject's brother or any of his family wanted to visit with him, they would probably be allowed to do so. He said they do not search visitors. The only time they can search a person is when the subject has been convicted. We are furnishing background on the brother to the Legat, London, in order that this can be disseminated to the British authorities in order that they might take proper precautions in the event he is allowed to visit the subject. We have already alerted the British authorities, of course, to his ability to escape and the need to exercise the greatest use of security measures which apparently they have done so far.

ACTION: For your information.

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MAY 1962 EDITION
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 17, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have followed the procedure of preparing any information being furnished to the Department in connection with the above-entitled matter in written form, such material to be approved in the Bureau before it is disseminated to the Department.

With reference to Fred Vinson, my memorandum of June 14 reflected that Vinson was reportedly returning to Washington and was to brief the Attorney General on his activities in London on June 14, 1968.

Vinson called me on Saturday, June 15, 1968, on two occasions, which are reflected in memoranda dated June 15, 1968. Copies of these memoranda are attached.

ACTION:

For your information.

Enclosures
AR:ige
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EX 106

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19 JUN 19 1968

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 15, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fred Vinson called to advise me that he had just spoken with the prosecutor in London and that he was most pleased with the evidence which had been submitted by the Department. He said he had all that he needed. Vinson parenthetically told me that he had all that he needed and then some. He was referring to the affidavits which have been submitted based upon the investigation which we have conducted in the United States.

He said that with reference to George Bonebrake, the latent fingerprint examiner who made the identification in this case, he, in talking with the prosecutor, was advised that they would like to have Bonebrake in London two days before the hearing in order that the prosecutor may have a chance to confer with him. The extradition is set for the 21st; however, Vinson feels that the hearing will be set over until the 27th. He advised me that he would let me know on Tuesday concerning Bonebrake. We have previously alerted Bonebrake to the possibility that he might be needed. The above information is also being furnished to him.

ACTION: For your information.

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ENCLOSURE

.aboratory Transmittal Form
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1 - Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: June 18, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680617084 JK

Examination requested by: New York

Reference: Airtel 6/13/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q373 and Q374.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - New York (44-1609) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT of the

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 18, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680617084 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 6/14/68

Q373 Envelope postmarked "New York, N.Y. AG - PM 11Jun 1968," bearing the handwritten address "Federal Bureau of Investigation 201 E. 69 St. N.Y.C., N.Y."

Q374 Accompanying one-page handwritten letter beginning "Federal Bureau of Investigation June 10.68 Gentlemen: I believe it to be of interest to you,..." and ending "...I am deeply concerned and hope no one is hurt."

Result of examination:

Specimens Q373 and Q374 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File and against items which have been submitted in the "MURKIN" case but no identification could be made.

No watermarks, indented impressions or other identifying characteristics were noted on Q373 and Q374 which might indicate their immediate source.

Physical characteristics of the two items submitted have been noted for possible future reference.

The two items submitted will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

John T. Minnich, Legat, London, called concerning reports that Arthur Hanes, an attorney in Birmingham, was flying to London to represent the subject. He wanted to know whether this was founded on fact.

I advised him there were indications that Hanes was applying for a passport and that he would be going to London with his son, who is also an attorney. I told him that Hanes was a former Agent, had been in the Bureau a couple of years, was a former Mayor of Birmingham, had represented defendants in the Liuzzo case, and is a Klan attorney.

I told him he was absolutely no good and to have no contact with him.

ACTION:

For your information.

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VIA TELETYPE

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STATE NO. 2

DEFERRED 6-18-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT PARIS NO. 83

MURKIN.

TELEPHONE NUMBER LISBON FIVE THREE FIVE ZERO FOUR ONE FOUND WRITTEN ON SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS TIMETABLE IN SUBJECT'S POSSESSION AT TIME OF ARREST LISTED TO SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY, LISBON. PORTUGUESE POLICE CONDUCTED INQUIRY THERE AND SUBJECT UNKNOWN TO THAT EMBASSY.

PORTUGUESE HAVE OBTAINED MANIFEST OF FLIGHT FOUR FIVE ZERO, LISBON TO LONDON, MAY ONE SEVEN LAST, AND ARE FORWARDING THIS OFFICE AND WE WILL FORWARD LONDON.

INQUIRY OF ALL BANKS LISBON AREA NEGATIVE THUS FAR.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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cc: MR. BRENNAN

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/18/68

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel 5/28/68.

Per instructions in ReBuairtel all banks in Dallas have been checked regarding persons entering safety deposit boxes during April, 1968. All persons making entry to safety deposit boxes during that month were eliminated as being identical with the subject.

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2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Dallas
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
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PM URGENT 6-18-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD(44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST AND LOUISVILLE AIRTEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWELVE LAST.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY DISPLAYED TO CURRENT AND FORMER OWNERS MEN'S STYLE SHOP, MAYFIELD, KENTUCKY, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

CANVASS OF BANKS ALTON AND VICINITY CONTINUING IN EFFORT TO LOCATE ANY ACCOUNTS POSSIBLY UTILIZED BY RAY/ RESULTS OF THESE CONTACTS AND DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS AT AREA BANKS UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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JUNE 18, 1968

CABLEGRAM

URGENT

TO LEGAT, LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

1 - Mr. Long

1 - Mr. Trotter

GEORGE BONEBRAKE, LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINER, WILL ARRIVE LONDON TWO DAYS PRIOR TO EXTRADITION HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE TWENTYSEVEN NEXT. INFORMATION CONCERNING EXACT TIME OF ARRIVAL FOLLOWS.

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NOTE: On 6/15/68 AAG Fred M. Vinson, Jr., advised the prosecutor in London requested Bonebrake to be present for extradition hearing. Legat today advised that hearing set for 6/27/68 and Bonebrake should arrive at least two days prior to that date.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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FBI

Date: 6/18/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO-MEMPHIS

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis, 6/11/68; Seattle teletype to Dallas, 6/12/68; Memphis teletype to Bureau, 6/12/68; Dallas teletype to Bureau, 6/13/68; and Bureau teletype to Dallas, 6/14/68, copies of which are enclosed for San Antonio.

Investigation at [redacted] last known employment, Arnold Meat Company, 4008 Commerce, Dallas, on 6/17/68 revealed that he is no longer employed by that company. He was believed to be working for Kroger's in their meat warehouse in Irving, Texas.

[redacted] and [redacted], Kroger's Meat Plant, advised on 6/17/68, they could locate no employment record for [redacted] and do not know or recall him.

The last arrest record for [redacted] when he was arrested by the Dallas PD on 2/18/68 for shoplifting, shows his residence as [redacted] Grosebeck, Texas.

(3) - Bureau
2 - San Antonio (44-1242)(Enc. 5)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(Info)
1 - Seattle (44-371)(Info)
2 - Dallas
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Sent _____ M Per _____

DL 44-2649

LEAD:

SAN ANTONIO

AT GROSEBECK, TEXAS. Locate and interview [redacted] per Bureau instructions.

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 5/27/68

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach dated 5/22/68.

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In reviewing James Earl Ray's past activities, it was noted that (1) he has a penchant for self-improvement courses, including correspondence courses, (2) he frequently replies to magazine advertisements and (3) he consulted two psychologists in Los Angeles for hypnotic treatments for the purpose of learning to relax, gaining self-confidence, overcoming shyness, and learning to talk to people. Therefore, it was felt there is a good possibility Ray would reply to the following advertisement if it could be brought to his attention.

SELF-HYPNOSIS

A leading psychologist has perfected a simple, positive method of relaxing, gaining confidence, overcoming shyness, and effectively communicating with others. Quick, simple, home study course. Results guaranteed or your money back. Reasonable cost. For free details with no obligation, write P. O. Box...

Although the use of such an advertisement does not appear to violate postal laws, complaints might be brought to the Postal Inspectors, either by persons answering the advertisement who receive no reply or the Better Business Bureaus or professional groups who recognize the impossibility of guaranteeing results of this type.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Liaison
1 - N. F. Stames
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
RE: MURKIN

Liaison was requested to contact the [redacted] without identifying the case involved and obtain his clearance to publish such an advertisement designed to solicit a reply from a particular fugitive.

On 5/27/68 this matter was discussed with [redacted] U.S. Post Office, Washington, D.C., who advised as follows:

[redacted] stated that the subject of hypnosis is most controversial, particularly among the medical profession, and his Department has several pending false representation cases where claims regarding hypnosis were toograndiose in offering positive results.

[redacted] after reviewing the sample advertisement set forth above, stated that as presently written, it would probably bring strong complaints from the medical profession as well as Better Business Bureaus. He suggested that the word "positive" be eliminated and the sentence "Results guaranteed or your money back" be replaced by "Money back if not completely satisfied." He stated these minor changes would make the advertisement inoffensive since no positive claims would be made and the Post Office would then be in a position to so advise anyone who lodged a complaint. [redacted] stated the advertisement, with the above-mentioned changes, would not violate postal laws and could be used by the Bureau in an effort to obtain the desired results.

[redacted] stated that when final arrangements were made to run the advertisement, he should be advised of the address where inquiries would be received. He explained that if any inquiries or complaints were made in the field to Postal Inspectors, they would submit this information to the Inspector in Charge of the District where the addressee is located. [redacted] could then insure that all inquiries concerning this particular advertisement would not receive any investigative attention by his Department.

ACTION:

For information of the General Investigative Division, Civil Rights Section.

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 11 1968
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Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
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URGENT 6-11-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 2P

MURKIN.

REBUREAU TEL CALL SIX EIGHT LAST.

FOLLOWING TELEX RECEIVED THIS DATE FROM RCMP, TORONTO:

RECORDS OF TORONTO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FAIL TO REVEAL ANY RECORD OF RAY OR KNOWN ALIASES. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR TORONTO IS DR. A. R. J. BOYD, M.D. SUBJECT COULD HAVE OBTAINED VACCINATION FROM ANY RECOGNIZED M.D. AND THEN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WOULD STAMP CERTIFICATE. THE NAME OF THE M.D. HAS TO APPEAR ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE CERTIFICATE. PLEASE ADVISE IF ANY NAME APPEARS. INQUIRIES AT NEW GOREVALLE RESTAURANT PROVE NEGATIVE. RAY PURCHASED TOP COAT AT ANDYS MEN SHOP AT APPROXIMATELY NOON ~~JUNE FIVE~~ MAY SIX LAST AND PAID FOR SAME WITH FIFTY DOLLAR CANADIAN BILL. RAY IDENTIFIED BY WIFE OF STORE OWNER.

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RCMP, TORONTO, THEN REQUESTED ANY INFO RE CONTACT BY RAY OF // NOT IN THIS CASE
CANADIAN CRIMINALS IN U.S. PRISONS WHILE INCARCERATED.

INQUIRIES ARE CONTINUING RE LAUNDRY MARKS AND OTHER MATTERS.

IN SUBSEQUENT TEL CALL RCMP, TORONTO, REQUESTED INFO (2)
AS TO EXACT LOCATION OF LAUNDRY MARKS TO ASSIST IN INVESTIGATION.
ADVISE.

END

RM FBI WASH DC

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June 19, 1968

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EX 106

[redacted]

Steward
Division of State Racing Commission
Department of State
New York, New York 10022

Dear [redacted]

I certainly did appreciate your letter of June 11th concerning our investigation of James Earl Ray. It was most thoughtful of you to write and I hope our future endeavors will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 8
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning correspondent. In 1960 he was interviewed in an impersonation case and was most cooperative with our New York Office.

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STATE OF NEW YORK
DIVISION OF STATE RACING COMMISSION
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

[redacted]
STEWARD

June 11, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Your many friends in American racing are delighted to learn of the apprehension of James Earl Ray. This is a great feather in your cap, and we are all proud of you.

With all the best,

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

(Illegible)

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.
Washington, D. C.

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6 JUN 20 1968

[redacted] UNIT

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 11, 1968

MR. TOLSON
MR. DELOACH
MR. MOHR
MR. BISHOP
MR. CASPER
MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CONRAD
MR. FELT
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. TAVEL
MR. TROTTER
MR. JONES
TELE. ROOM
MISS HOLMES
MRS. METCALF
MISS GANDY

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your many friends in American racing are delighted to learn of the apprehension of James Earl Ray. This is a great feather in your cap, and we are all proud of you.

With all the best,

Yours sincerely

[redacted]

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.
Washington, D. C.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 12, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Malley
1-Mr. McGowan
1-Mr. Long
1-Mr. Callahan
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Gale
1-Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Colonel [redacted] of the Air Force called with reference to the charges to the FBI for the transportation of Special Agents [redacted] London. The costs have been furnished to the Administrative Division, who will handle the matter with the Air Force.

The cost of the Twin-Beech DC-6A craft from Andrews Airfield to McGuire Airfield was $92 per hour, which amounts to $184. The transportation costs on military aircraft via MAT was $73 per person from United States to London.

ACTION:

For record purposes. The above information is being coordinated with Colon[redacted]n order to put his request for reimbursement in proper channels.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 6/13/68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

POINTS OF IDENTITY

Mr. Rosen's Office was advised by Legat, London, that, at the request of the Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, Fred M. Vinson, Jr., inquiry had been made with Scotland Yard officials as to number of identifying points necessary before testimony relative to a latent fingerprint identification could be presented in court. The Legat was advised by Scotland Yard officials that sixteen or more points are necessary.

As a result of discussions held in the past (last discussion January, 1965) with representatives of Scotland Yard's Fingerprint Bureau, it appears that the sixteen point rule is not based on any court decision but is an administrative policy arrived at many years ago by a commission set up for that purpose.

Under the prevailing rules of evidence in the United States, the courts do not have the discretionary power to determine how many points of identity are necessary for an identification. We are not in possession of nor know of any court decision requiring any specific number of points of identity.

Under the rules of evidence, fingerprint testimony is expert testimony and as such is opinion evidence. Therefore, anyone who qualifies in court as an expert may testify as to his opinion regarding a comparison of two prints regardless of the number of points.

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FBI fingerprint experts have testified to identifications many hundreds of times in both Federal and state courts. A number

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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of these identifications have been made on fewer than twelve points and, on occasion, to as few as seven. In our experience, no court has ever attempted to exclude or invalidate our experts' testimony on the basis of the number of points of identity appearing in the prints.

The question as to number of points had already been raised by a departmental attorney on 6/10/68, and he was advised that Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake had found fourteen identifying characteristics in the latent fingerprint on the rifle, eleven in the latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight, and ten in the latent fingerprint on the binoculars.

RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be referred to the General Investigative Division for consideration of advising the department of the above information.

ADDENDUM AR:WW 6/14/68: I called Steve Pollak and pointed out I had heard Vinson had inquired of Minnich concerning the number of identifying points necessary for testimony relative to a latent fingerprint identification before it could be presented in court. I wanted to explain our position in the matter. He said he fully understood.

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Section 59

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to memorandum Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson, 6/10/68, in which Liaison was requested to ascertain if military transportation is available to transport a restraining kit to Legal Attache, London.

Arrangements were made by Liaison Agent with the Air Force to have a restraining kit flown to London via Air Force aircraft. The restraining kit was put on board a C-141 aircraft #50266 which departed Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time, 6/14/68, due to arrive at Mildenhall, England, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, 6/14/68. The aircraft commander is Vern M. Wood.

The Office of the Legal Attache, London, was telephonically advised by cost-free facilities at 1:00 p.m. of the above and instructed to have a representative of the office meet the aircraft and obtain possession of the restraining kit.

ACTION:

None. For information.

NFS:kw/slh
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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - R. E. Long
1 - Liaison
1 - N. F. Stames

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THE COMMISSIONER

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
GENDARMERIE ROYALE DU CANADA

LE COMMISSAIRE

OTTAWA 9, CANADA

REF. NO.

68HQ-791-Q-60

14th June, 1968.

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq.,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

O MURKIN

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please accept my thanks for your letter of June 10th expressing your appreciation for the work performed by the R.C.M.P. in the case involving James Earl Ray.

The outcome of our efforts has given us great satisfaction in seeing, as it not always the case, that they have resulted in something tangible. There are times, as you know, when good work in the law enforcement field does not always produce results, and even when it does there are more times than not when such work goes unsung.

I am sure [redacted] and [redacted] will be pleased to have your letter and we will certainly convey your sentiments to the other members of the Force who were involved in this particular aspect of the investigation, as well as the appropriate officers of the Passport Section, Department of External Affairs.

If there is any particular point of satisfaction in this case I am sure I speak for my associates as well as myself when I say that we were particularly pleased that our efforts resulted in assisting you and your [redacted]rganization in a matter and at a time when it was so [redacted]ecessary to show that there is effective law enforcement [redacted]hand and effective co-operation between the police [redacted]orces of the Western world, and particularly between our two organizations.

REC 94-38861

Very sincerely yours,

12 JUN 18 1968

M. Frank Lindsay

M.F.A. Lindsay,
Commissioner.

EXP. PROC.

JUN 18 1968

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Rosen

FROM: C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 18, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

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This is investigation into the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Investigation to date has not developed any concrete evidence of Ray's being involved in a conspiracy. Likewise, no information has been developed pinpointing the exact source of funds available to the subject. In order to thoroughly resolve the question of a possible conspiracy, Memphis and Birmingham have been instructed to initiate a specialized recheck.

Since subject on 3/29/68, purchased a gun in Birmingham, Alabama, in the afternoon and returned to the store early the following morning to exchange the gun, there is a good possibility that he may have stayed in Birmingham that night. (It is noted that on 3/24/68, he had rented a room in Atlanta, Georgia, and was there again, that we know of, on 3/31/68.)

44-38861-4516

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ACTION:

SAC Gamble, Birmingham, was instructed on 6/17/68, to have Agents recheck registration cards, and other records at various motels, hotels and rooming houses in the Birmingham area in an effort to determine if subject can be identified as having been in Birmingham on 3/29/68, and further to determine if he was in contact with any other person at that time. Appropriate records, cards, etc. are to be furnished to the FBI Laboratory for handwriting comparison.

SAC Jensen, Memphis, was instructed to obtain a list of the guests of the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, of 4/3/68, and forward this to the Birmingham Office. It is noted that Ray stayed at the Rebel Motel on 4/3/68, the night before the King assassination.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

SENT BY CODED TELETYPE

1 - Foreign Liaison
1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGAT, OTTAWA

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

HURKIN

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE BUFFALO OFFICE: ROBERT JOHNSTONE, REPORTER, "TORONTO STAR," TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BUFFALO OFFICE THIS DATE INQUIRING AS TO ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE CONCERNING FUGITIVES WALTER PATRICK PEYSON AND ROBERT BOLIVAR DE PUGH BEING IN CANADA. HE STATED INQUIRY MADE ON BASIS OF STATEMENT ALLEGEDLY MADE BY U.S. ATTORNEY IN MISSOURI CLAIMING INDICATIONS WERE THAT FUGITIVES WERE IN CANADA.

NO INFORMATION IN THIS CONNECTION WAS GIVEN TO JOHNSTONE.

DURING THIS TELEPHONE CALL, JOHNSTONE ADVISED THAT "TORONTO STAR" EXPECTS TO RELEASE WITHIN THE NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS DETAILED STORY ESTABLISHING ASSOCIATION BETWEEN JAMES EARL RAY AND MINUTEMAN ORGANIZATION. ACCORDING TO JOHNSTONE THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED THAT FOR PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS TO A MONTH DURING EXPO SIXTY SEVEN RAY LIVED WITHIN ONE BLOCK OF ONE KNOWN MEMBER OF MINUTEMAN ORGANIZATION IN MONTREAL, CANADA.

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THIS MINUTEMAN, WHOSE IDENTITY JOHNSTONE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE

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1 - MEMPHIS (BY MAIL)
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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, OTTAWA
RE: MURKIN

PRESENTLY BEING INTERVIEWED BY "TORONTO STAR" REPORTER [redacted] UNDISCLOSED CITY IN THE U.S. TO WHICH HE RETURNED AFTER [redacted] STAY IN MONTREAL.

THIS INTERVIEW BEING CONDUCTED FOR PURPOSE OF SUBSTANTIATING RAY'S ASSOCIATION WITH THIS UNKNOWN MINUTEMAN AND IS BEING CONDUCTED IN PRESENCE OF MINUTEMAN'S ATTORNEY, WHO IS ALLOWING CLIENT TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS IMMEDIATELY AND INSTRUCTING HIM NOT TO ANSWER OTHER QUESTIONS UNTIL ATTORNEY HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO CONSIDER THEM. IDENTITY OF ATTORNEY NOT DISCLOSED.

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE:

NEW ORLEANS INDICES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH JULES ROCCO KIMBALL.

NEW ORLEANS BELIEVES THAT KIMBALL MAY BE IDENTICAL WITH [redacted] FILE ONE SEVEN ZERO DASH TWO SIX FOUR, BUREAU FILES ONE SEVEN ZERO DASH ONE FOUR FOUR ZERO AND ONE FIVE SEVEN DASH FOUR FOUR ZERO THREE, FBI NUMBER TWO SIX ZERO FIVE FIVE SEVEN F. [redacted] RECORD SHOWS NUMEROUS ARRESTS IN NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AT BATON ROUGE, LA., AND NEW ORLEANS, LA., FOR THEFT AND FORGERY, THE LAST BEING [redacted] BY THE NEW ORLEANS PD.

CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, OTTAWA
RE: MURKIN

THE IDENTIFICATION RECORD ALSO SHOWS ARRESTS AT MIAMI [redacted] A., AND NEW ORLEANS, LA., IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND PRIOR ARRESTS AT ALEXANDRIA, LA., AND BOSSIER CITY, LA.

IN THE MATTER CAPTIONED QUOTE UNSUB, EXPLOSION AT RESIDENCE OF VICTOR BUSSIE, EIGHT ONE FIVE SOUTH ARCADIAN THRUWAY, BATON ROUGE, LA., JULY NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, BM END QUOTE, NEW ORLEANS FILE ONE SEVEN FOUR DASH THREE SEVEN TWO, BUREAU FILE UNKNOWN, IT WAS REPORTED IN THE SYNOPSIS OF REPORT OF [redacted] DATED SEPTEMBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, AT NEW ORLEANS, THAT AT A KLAN MEETING ON JULY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, IT WAS INDICATED THAT [redacted] FLED STATE OF LOUISIANA ALLEGEDLY TO MONTREAL, CANADA.

[redacted] NEW ORLEANS ONE SEVEN ZERO FILE REVEALS THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY AGENTS OF THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE ON JULY NINETEEN, SIXTYSEVEN, REGARDING ALLEGED INFORMATION HE HAD ABOUT THE BOMBING AT THE BUSSIE RESIDENCE. THIS FILE ALSO REVEALS A PREVIOUS CONTACT ON JUNE TWENTYEIGHT, SIXTYSEVEN. NEW ORLEANS FILES CONTAIN NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT [redacted] WAS EVER CONNECTED WITH THE MINUTEMEN AND ACCORDING TO THE INFORMATION IN THE NEW ORLEANS FILES, IT IS INDICATED THAT [redacted] IS TOTALLY UNRELIABLE AND HAS A PAST HISTORY OF INSTABILITY.

JUNE 18, 1968

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO: LEGAT, PARIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

1 - Foreign Liaison
1 - Mr. Long

RE: LEGAT AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED JUNE THIRTEEN, LAST.

ADVISE RESULTS OF YOUR INDICES CHECK REGARDING SENOR JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO, AND SENOR FERNANDO EDVARDO DA SILVA PAIS MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

1 - MEMPHIS (BY MAIL)

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VIA TELETYPE
JUN 18 1968
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NOTE:

Legat, Paris furnished results of investigation conducted by authorities at Lisbon regarding subjects activities while in Lisbon from May 8 to 17, 1968. Legat, Paris recommends a letter of appreciation be forwarded from the Director to Senior Pais thanking him for excellent assistance and cooperation of Senor Passo. We are requesting Legat, Paris to furnish results of indices check regarding Pais and Passo. Bureau records being checked.

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

June [redacted] 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. [redacted] McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In accordance with your request, enclosed are the following reports which reflect investigation conducted concerning the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated April 17, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee; report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 18, 1968, at Los Angeles, California; report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 29, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana; report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated April 30, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee; report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 2, 1968, at Jackson, Mississippi; report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 13, 1968, at Newark, New Jersey.

These reports have been previously furnished to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division of your Department, and the United States Attorney at Birmingham, Alabama.

Enclosures (6)

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NOTE: See Memo A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated June 19, 1968, captioned Murkin, REL:cs.

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 19, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In a communication dated June 18, 1968, Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, attached a telegram from the U. S. Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, to the Department of State concerning the possibility of news stories in this country alleging United States authorities knew of Ray's presence in Portugal but took no steps to have him apprehended because of the weakness of the Portugal-United States extradition treaty.

No record has been located of any such news report in the files of this Bureau. This Bureau has at all times vigorously pressed this case both domestically and in foreign areas, through close cooperation with appropriate foreign authorities, in order to bring about the immediate apprehension of the subject whenever and wherever he might be located. The telegram from the American Embassy in Lisbon which was attached to the memorandum clearly states that reporters were unable to obtain anything in Lisbon other than local color.

On June 1, 1968, we learned that a Canadian passport was issued for subject in the name of Ramon George Sneyd for travel from Toronto, Canada, to London, England, on May 6, 1968. We learned that subject, on May 6, 1968, departed Toronto, Canada, and arrived in London, England, on May 7, 1968. He then departed London for Lisbon, Portugal, on May 7, 1968. It is to be noted that Ray returned from Lisbon to London, England, on May 17, 1968, and remained in London until his apprehension on June 8, 1968.

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From the above it can be seen that Ray had already completed his travels to Lisbon, Portugal from London, England, and returned before the Bureau had received any information on his travels in this regard.

Enclosure sent 6-19-68

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., advising him in line with the above. We are also advising Mr. Vinson that a report concerning the details of Ray's apprehension in England is being obtained and will be forwarded to him on receipt.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 19, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division with a copy to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Criminal Division.

The Department is being advised of the closing of the tavern operated by the subject's brother, John Larry Ray, after three carloads of Negroes were reported to be observing the tavern; that the news report of his brother receiving a telephone call from a friend in Canada is false; that his brother is not planning a trip to London, contrary to press reports; that sources in England state his brother would not be given permission to visit the subject if he did come to England; that Attorney Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., of Birmingham, Alabama, intends to apply for a passport for himself and his son for travel to England in connection with his reported representation of the subject; and that the subject appeared in London on 6-18-68, on the local charges and was given a remand until 6-27-68.

Legat, London has also received information in the strictest confidence that Ray wrote the Birmingham, Alabama, Bar Association requesting assistance and suggested his letter be forwarded through former Birmingham Mayor Hanes. This apparently refers to Arthur J. Hanes, Sr. London sources also advised that the subject refused to see two Scotland Yard officers on 6-14-68 and stated he would refuse to see FBI Agents if they asked to see him. Since the information has been furnished in confidence, it is not being given the Department.

A telephone number written in Portuguese, which was among notes found in Ray's possession when he was arrested, has been determined to be the telephone number of the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal. That Embassy has no

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Enclosure sent 6-19-68

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knowledge of Ray. A check of banking institutions in Lisbon relative to Ray has been unproductive to date.

ACTION:

For your information. In accordance with the Attorney General's request that Assistant Attorney General Pollak be kept advised of pertinent developments, there is attached a letter to Mr. Pollak. This case is continuing to receive high priority attention. A copy is being furnished Mr. Vinson in accordance with his request of June 15, 1968.

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

June 19, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

The Grapevine Tavern operated by the subject's brother, John Larry Ray in St. Louis, Missouri, has been closed since early last week, according to John Larry Ray, for the safety of his patrons after Negroes in three automobiles were reported to be observing the tavern. John Larry Ray has also advised he has been hiding from newspaper reporters. He further stated that the news report of his receipt of a telephone call from a friend in Canada is false and that he knows no one in Canada.

John Larry Ray said that press reports of his planning a trip to London and reports of his intending to obtain a lawyer from Texas for the subject are false. He stated he has not heard from the subject but has written the subject to get in touch with Carol Pepper (sister of John Larry Ray and the subject) if the subject is in need of anything.

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Sources in England have advised that if John Larry Ray travels to England he may not be given permission to land due to his criminal record. If he should be given permission to land, however, under the prison rules no one with a criminal record, even a relative, is permitted entry into the prison. As you were previously advised, John Larry Ray has a criminal record.

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John Larry Ray is also of the opinion that the subject committed robberies for income during his travels.

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Another of the subject's brothers, Jerry Ray, who formerly resided in Chicago, Illinois, is now in the St. Louis, Missouri, area and is using the name Jerry W. Ryan. It has been learned that he intends to leave for Memphis, Tennessee,

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 6/19/68, captioned, "MURKIN."

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

where he plans to obtain employment and remain there until after the trial of the subject. Both of the subject's brothers intend to contact the subject as soon as possible after his arrival in this country.

Information has been received from the Passport Office, United States Department of State, that Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., an attorney from Birmingham, Alabama, has advised that he and his son, Arthur J. Hanes, Jr., will appear at the Passport Office, Washington, D. C., on the morning of June 19, 1968, to file application for passports. They plan to depart for London from Dulles Airport at 7 p.m., June 19, 1968. Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., previously informed the Passport Office that he has been asked to serve as counsel for the subject.

On June 18, 1968, the subject appeared before the local magistrate in London concerning the charges relating to his entering Great Britain with a false passport and illegal possession of a firearm. He was given a remand until June 27, 1968. The magistrate said the extradition proceedings should take precedence over the local charges.

With respect to a telephone number written in Portuguese which was among notes found in Ray's possession when he was arrested, it has been determined this is the telephone number of the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal. Inquiry has been made at the South African Embassy. They have no knowledge of Ray. All banking institutions in Lisbon were circularized for not only any bank account or safe deposit box, but also any letter of credit or other type of transaction. There have been no positive returns to date on this.

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.,
Assistant Attorney General

6/20/68

Airtel 1 - [redacted] Long

To: SAC, Memphis

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Rerep of SA Joe C. Hester dated 6/10/68, at Memphis.

The prosecutive summary report prepared by SA Joe C. Hester at Memphis dated 6/10/68, is being disseminated to the Department. Memphis should disseminate a copy of this report to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, in view of the murder indictment outstanding against subject Ray. Memphis should also send a copy of this report to United States Attorney at Birmingham in view of the outstanding Federal process at Birmingham. Do not disseminate a copy of this prosecutive summary report to United States Attorney, Memphis.

Instructions should be specifically set forth that the reports or the contents thereof are not to be disclosed outside the receiving agency, except for prosecutive purposes.

1 - Birmingham (For Information)

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SEE Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated June 18, 1968, captioned, "MURKIN."

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56 JUN 28 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 19, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

John T. Minnich, Legat, London, advised that Agents [redacted] and [redacted] will arrive at Dulles Airport at 5:15 p. m. tonight.

The Consul General of the American Embassy, Jack Herfurt, apparently is reporting any developments telephonically to Fred Vinson of the Department.

The British Attorney General, Sir Elwin Jones, conferred with U.S. Minister Kaiser and Herfurt and told them subject Ray was most uncooperative. He referred to the request that representatives of the American Government be allowed to interrogate Ray and indicated that there was little likelihood that this could occur prior to extradition on June 27; however, if the American Government would insist on interviewing Ray this would be given consideration to the extent that perhaps after extradition is ordered, assuming it is on June 27, he would favorably consider such a request.

John Minnich, Legat, wanted to know what position to take with reference to this. I advised him to make no comment with reference to his views but to point out that this matter is in the hands of the Department of Justice and any inquiry should be directed to the Attorney General of the Department of Justice.

Minnich stated that as a matter of cooperation Sir Elwin Jones wanted background information on attorney Arthur Hanes. We have previously advised him that he was a former Mayor of Birmingham, represented members of the Klan, and had been the defendants' attorney

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

in the Liuzzo Civil Rights case. This was a matter involving the killing of Mrs. Liuzzo, who was working in the area on behalf of the civil rights movement. He said he specifically wanted to know whether he had a criminal record, date and place of birth, whether he has been issued a passport, and the passport number. I advised him that this would be checked and he would be advised.

Minnich inquired as to whether he could be furnished with the flight number and time of arrival of Fingerprint Expert George Bonebrake. Bonebrake's testimony is needed on June 27th in connection with the extradition and he plans to leave on June 25th. Flight number and time of arrival will also be furnished. It is noted the British authorities requested he be there two days prior to the hearing for a conference.

ACTION:

For your information.

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

June 19, 1968

Director, FBI REC-59 44-38861-45

1 - Mr. Gowan
1 - Mr. [redacted]ng

EX-115

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to your memorandum of June 18, 1968, concerning possibility of news stories being reported in this country alleging that United States authorities knew of James Earl Ray's presence in Portugal but took no steps to have him apprehended because of the weakness of the Portugal - United States extradition treaty.

This Bureau has at all times vigorously pressed this case both domestically and in foreign areas, through close cooperation with appropriate foreign authorities, in order to bring about the immediate apprehension of the subject whenever and wherever he might be located. The telegram from the American Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, which was attached to your memorandum, clearly states that reporters were unable to obtain anything in Lisbon other than local color.

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COMM-FBI

For your information, on June 1, 1968, we first learned that subject was possibly issued a Canadian passport using the name of Ramon George Sneyd for travel from Toronto, Canada, to London, England, and return. Subsequent investigation determined that Ray returned to London, England, from Lisbon, Portugal, on May 17, 1968, which was prior to the date we learned of the Canadian passport.

A report concerning the details of subject James Earl Ray's apprehension in England is being obtained and will be forwarded to you upon receipt.

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NOTE: See memo A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated June 19, 1968, captioned Murkin, REL:cs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

Murkin

Attached is a telegram from our embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, to the Department of State concerning the above, and the possibility of news stories in this country alleging that United States authorities knew of Ray's presence in Portugal, but took no steps to have him apprehended because of the weakness of the Portugal - United States extradition treaty.

I would appreciate a report containing the details of Ray's apprehension in England, including when we learned of his travels to London and Lisbon.

I would appreciate it if this could be expedited, for it could have a remote bearing on the extradition hearing in London.

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1 - ENCLOSURE

Confidential Attachment

1 JUN 21 1968

memo Rosen to DeLoach 6-19-68
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Ltr to Atty Gen 6-19-68
REL: CO

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad

The Attorney General

June 20, 1968

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On the completion of the extradition hearings in London, the problem of safely returning subject James Earl Ray to the United States is of great concern. In view of this, I want to bring your attention to certain matters which will arise in connection with the subject's transportation. These relate to the objective of expediting the return of Ray to the United States once the order of extradition has been finalized.

In view of the above, it is suggested consideration be given to immediately resolving certain problems which may arise.

It would appear that the use of military aircraft would be more desirable in order to afford appropriate security. Necessary arrangements will have to be made with the United States Air Force for the aircraft to be used, insuring that it is appropriately staffed and equipped for the mission involved. Arrangements should be made through the British authorities to accomplish any necessary immigration exit controls such as validating Ray's certificate of identity at the London prison where he is incarcerated.

Arrangements should be made for a medical doctor appropriately equipped to accompany the subject and the escorting officers. Arrangements should also be made in connection with his entry into the United States with necessary Immigration, Customs and United States Public Health authorities.

If military aircraft is utilized, greater control can be exercised upon arrival in the United States over the subject, as well as in departing from London. It would be most difficult to maintain such control and a high degree of security in the event he

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is transported by commercial airliner. All personnel on military aircraft can be screened. This would be impossible upon commercial aircraft. It would also be most difficult to control the departure crowds as well as the arrival crowds which would assemble in the United States as well as in London.

The escorting officers should be equipped with proper written authority to escort the prisoner to be presented to the British authorities. This authority should be in such form as is acceptable to the British in order to avoid any delays in obtaining custody of the prisoner at the time of extradition.

It is obvious that in order to insure that the subject will not in any way harm himself that the proper restraining devices must be employed. Such devices must necessarily be used to the degree necessary and according to the judgment of the transporting officers.

Upon arrival, arrangements should be made at the final destination for subject Ray to be given a thorough medical examination as proof of his safe delivery in good condition to local authorities.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

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FBI

Date: 6/17/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
(44-394)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis

KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a handprinted note written in green ink and a known handprinting sample of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI No. 584 742 F..

For the information of the Laboratory, enclosed note was received in the mail at the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, 6/11/68.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was subsequently arrested by the San Diego Police Department 6/12/68 on an outstanding warrant issued at Seattle, Washington, for grand larceny.

On 6/13/68 GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed, at which time handprinting was taken from him since circumstances seemed to indicate he had written the note himself, although he denied having written this note.

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1 - Memphis
1 - Los Angeles
4 - San Diego (2 - 44-387) (2 - 44-394)

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(10) C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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The Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting examination on enclosures and advise the San Diego Office of the results.

The Bureau is requested to return enclosed items to the SanDiego Division.

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FBI

Date: 6/9/68

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ia AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

ReLonairtel and cable 6/9/68.

Set forth below are the two charges on which subject is currently being held by New Scotland Yard, London. These charges are copied verbatim from the charge sheet entry at Cannon Row Police Station, where subject was brought from London Airport at 2:45 PM 6/8/68. He was taken into custody and charged by Detective Chief Supt. BUTLER and Detective Chief Inspector THOMPSON, New Scotland Yard. He was charged under the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, age 35, DOB 10/8/32, Toronto, Canada, Sex male:

"(1) That you did on the 8th June 1968 at London Airport, without lawful authority use for the purpose of the Alien's Order 1953, a forged passport.
Contrary to Article 25 (3) of the Alien's Order 1953.

"(2) That you, not being a person exempted from the requirements of the Firearms Act, 1937, did, on the 8th June 1968, at London Airport, have in your possession, a firearm, namely a .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver, and 5 rounds of .38 ammunition, to which Part 1 of the said Act applies, and did not hold a firearms certificate at the time.

Contrary to Section 1 of the Firearms Act. 1937."

Also set forth is a listing of the property found on his person and copied verbatim from the Charge Sheet.

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1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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Approved _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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"ON PERSON

Twelve L B of E notes.
4/6d. silver.

ONE .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver.
715 Japan Miroku Firearms Mfg. Co.

FIVE rounds of .38 ammunition.

ONE Canadian Passport No. YT 602294 in name of Ramon George SNEYD.

ONE Canadian Passport (Cancelled) No. DJ 909324 in the name of Ramon George SNEYA.

ONE Birth certificate No. MO 33785 in name of Ramon George SNEYD.

ONE Black billfold.

ONE Comb.

ONE pencil.

ONE Airline ticket B.E.A. No. 0602/9903/116- London to Brussels.

ONE Airline ticket BOAC. No. 0614/4256/8753 - London to Toronto.

ONE suitcase key on ring.

ONE yellow metal tie clip.

ONE white metal wristlet-watch on white metal bracelet.

A quantity of corres. "

In addition, there is set forth a list of property in subject's suitcase which was returned to London from Brussels, Belgium. This was the flight subject was to have taken had he not been arrested at London Airport. This property has been reviewed and all items on which Bureau investigation could be initiated have been identified and furnished the Bureau by referenced cable.

London 88-72

"ELSEWHERE

One suitcase.
One Light Brown suit.
One Light Brown Jacket
One pair blue trousers
One pair brown trousers
One pair grey trousers
One Polaroid 220 Camera
Three gents shirts.
Two pairs of underpants
Two Gents singlets
Five handkerchiefs.
Three pairs of socks.
Two towels
One blue cap
Five ties
One Hifi Deluxe radio in case.
Two pairs of sunglasses.
One Collins dictionary
One plastic Wallet
One Portuguese 50 centavos piece
Twenty-one air mail envelopes.
One bottle opener
One writing pad
One screwdriver
One pair nail clippers
Fifteen Aspros.
One can shaving foam
One safety razor
One can deodorant
One jar skin cream
One bottle shampoo
One tube hair dressing
Two tubes Toothpaste
One toothbrush
One inhaler
One bottle linement
One suede brush
One tin shoe polish
One hand mirror
Two bars soap
Ten safety pins
One book matches
Three plasters
Two metal clips
One real thread
One comb
One roll adhesive tape
One rain coat
One shirt
One vest
One tie
One pair of underpants
One pair of socks
One belt
One pair of trousers
One jacket
One baggage ticket
One envelope bearing name R. SNEYD
952 Dundas Street, Toronto.
One Barclays Bank slip in name of Sneyd
One passenger ticket No. 0471/125363 T.A.P. Airline.
One envelope containing five photographs of self.
One receipt No. 177 from Hotel Portugal.
One Kennedy travel bureau receipt No. 33273
One S.A.A. time table.
One 1967 almanac
One book on Rhodesia
One book"The Ninth Directive"
One map of London
One S.A.L. timetable.
One map of Portugal
One picture magazine
One book 'Self Hypnotism"
One book "Psycho"
One book "How to cash on your Hidden Memory Power"
Two paper backed books on hypnotism."

FBI

Date: 6-11-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN (K.M.C. Assassination)

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The indices of the Birmingham Office contain no derogatory information concerning Mr. TOWNSEND.

ENCLOSURE

(3) Bureau (enc. 2)
2-Birmingham
1 - 44-1740
1 - 66-1870 (Townsend)
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REC-40

44-38861-459

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Ltr to Townsend 6-17-68 JHG

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CORRESPONDENCE SECTION

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Special Agent in Charge

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6-11-68

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ORIGINAL-DIRECTOR

REC-D 6/12/68
FBI

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

The Pursuit And Capture Of Ray

The arrest of James Earl Ray, accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on the run for more than two months, hopefully will bring answers to questions about the assassination of the civil rights leader and put an end to quiet mutterings in some places that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had not been pressing its quest vigorously.

In addition to the general relief which comes with the apprehension of the prime suspect in the murder of Dr. King, it is doubly satisfying to know that police organizations on two continents—especially those in Canada and Great Britain—have worked with such cooperative efficiency with the FBI.

Seldom has a criminal act caused more speculation, rumors, founded and unfounded, and mass emotion as it led through a maze of rabbit trails.

The dogged investigation by the FBI leading to Ray's arrest is another meritorious chapter in that law enforcement body's history. It offers another contradiction to those who argue that the bureau has outlived its proven usefulness.

Now, it can be hoped, Ray will be extradited to this country, duly arraigned, indicted and brought to trial in an atmosphere free of any display which might prejudice the outcome.

Barring the unexpected, Ray will have his day in court. If found guilty his fate will be determined by our established courts, and no person should ever attempt to turn the course of justice from that path.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS

BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Date: 6-11-68
Edition: METRO
Author: EDITORIAL
Editor: JOHN W. BLOOMER
Title: MURKIN

Character:
or 44-1740
Classification:
Submitting Office: BIRMINGHAM

Being Investigated

44-38861-439

ENCLOSURE

FBI

Date: 6/15/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

REC 71

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Washington Field teletype to Bureau and Los Angeles dated 6/13/68 and Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 6/14/68 regarding background of FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven (7) copies of a letterhead head memorandum (LHM) for foreign dissemination regarding [redacted] One information copy being furnished Washington Field Office.

The confidential source referred to in the LHM is GRANT CHRISTOPHERSON, Investigator, California State Bar, Los Angeles, California.

1 cc of LHM CRU

ENCLOSURE

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3 - Bureau (Encls.7)(RM)
1 - Washington Field (44-703)(Encl.1)(Info.)(RM)
2 - Los Angeles
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1 cc + 2 cc LHM to Los Angeles by 2-7 6/18/68 nfl

C. Bishop

16 JUN 17 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

19 JUN 1968

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Los Angeles, California
June 15, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

[redacted]

Records of the United States Embassy, London, England revealed that [redacted] was born [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan and resides at [redacted] He has been issued United States Passport number [redacted] and registered with the United States Embassy in London, England in late [redacted] as a [redacted].

A review of the records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D. C., reveals that [redacted] in an application for passport dated [redacted] listed his permanent address as [redacted]. His relatives are listed as follows:

Father [redacted]

Mother [redacted] born in Colorado -

Wife [redacted] born in Los Angeles, California, [redacted]

The person to be notified in case of accident or emergency is his mother - [redacted] California.

Records of a confidential source in Los Angeles, California revealed that [redacted] has been a resident of the State of California since [redacted] His parents were listed as [redacted] and [redacted] He attended public schools in Los

[redacted]

UNCLASSIFIED

FREDERICK JOHN SCHWARTZ

Angeles from [redacted] when he graduated from [redacted] High School. He attended Santa Monica City College, Santa Monica, California from [redacted] the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah from [redacted] and from [redacted] attended the [redacted] He graduated from [redacted] with a Bachelor of Science degree. He attended [redacted] graduating in June, 1963, with a Bachelor of Law degree. He married [redacted] in Los Angeles, California on [redacted] From 1963 to 1964 he travelled in Europe. He graduated from [redacted] ranking 10% in a class of [redacted]

Records of the California State Bar, Los Angeles, California, revealed that [redacted] was born in Detroit, Michigan and was admitted to the California Bar on [redacted] He is presently associated with the law firm of [redacted] is a member in good standing of the California State Bar. No inquiries have been made to the California State Bar by British legal authorities regarding Schwartz's legal background.

The 1968 edition of Martindale and Hubbell Law Directory shows [redacted] in Detroit, Michigan, was admitted to the California Bar in [redacted] His preparatory education was at [redacted] where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in [redacted] and the [redacted] where he received a Bachelor of Law degree. [redacted] is shown as an associate of the law firm of [redacted] This firm is described as "general" in its practice specialties. Representative clients of the firm are listed as [redacted]

Records of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles, California, caused to be searched on June 14, 1963 revealed that [redacted] was arrested on July 8, 1967 on a traffic warrant for violation of Los Angeles Municipal Code, Section 80.13B, which is a parking violation. He forfeited bail of $5. On that arrest, [redacted] listed his occupation as [redacted] On [redacted] was arrested on an affidavit with [redacted] for violation of California Penal Code 459 (felony) when he took six pair of men's socks from [redacted]

Angeles department store. The charge was changed to violation of Section 484 Penal Code (misdemeanor) (petty theft) on [redacted] and changed later to violation of Section 594 Penal Code (malicious mischief) (misdemeanor) to which he pled guilty and was given a six month suspended sentence, six months probation and $100 fine. On [redacted] he was arrested by LAPD for violation of Section 502 (Vehicle Code) (joyriding - delinquent) and turned over to his parents. His parents on the police report are shown as [redacted]

Records Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association (RMCA), revealed [redacted] residing at [redacted] were sued for $210.94 on October 27, 1967, the amount claimed owed to an RMCA client. No disposition is given concerning this suit. Assigned for collection notices appeared in [redacted] credit file with one dated July 29, 1967 for $133.71. Another was for the amount of $145.41. The latter notice was not dated and no dispositions were given.

No arrest record was located for [redacted]

[redacted] the father of [redacted] has a record with the California Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (CII) dating back to 1951. He was arrested [redacted] for violation of California Vehicle Code dealing with maintenance of an automobile repair shop. On [redacted] he was arrested by the Santa Monica, California Police Department for driving under the influence of alcohol and fined $150 or 15 days in jail and placed on two years probation. He was arrested by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office (LASO) on [redacted] and [redacted] for drunk driving. He was arrested by the LAPD on [redacted] for drunk driving and on [redacted] for driving under the influence of alcohol. On [redacted] he was arrested by the El Monte, California Police Department for being drunk in public and was fined $21 or four days in jail. On [redacted] he was arrested by the Culver City, California Police

Department on a drunk charge. No dispositions are available other than those listed above.

RMCA records, Los Angeles, California, for [redacted] and [redacted], revealed that these persons have been known to that agency since 1948. [redacted] is listed as self employed as an [redacted] from residence. In May, 1954 the record shows he had a delinquent account of $61; in June, 1954 and July, 1954 his record shows he had a delinquent of $13 and $73 respectively. In September, 1954 he was sued for $94 by Affiliated Merchants. In November, 1962 he was sued for $4,000 by a [redacted] No dispositions are available regarding the above financial matters.

No arrest record was located at the LASO or LAPD for [redacted]

No record was located at RMCA, Los Angeles, for [redacted]

The files of the FBI, Los Angeles, were searched on June 14, 1968 concerning [redacted] and his relative listed above with negative results.

D-3 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/19/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Director dated 6/17/68.

Records Credit Bureau of Greater Kansas City, city and telephone directories, also logical informants, fail to reveal any individual by the name of BEVERLY HILL in the Kansas City area.

On 6/18/68, BUSTER HILL furnished the following information. His true name is LACLADE LINDEN HILL. He served in the Missouri State Penitentiary from 9/20/65, until 12/15/67, for burglary. He advised that he knew JAMES EARL RAY only by reputation at the prison inasmuch as he was always attempting to escape. He stated that he has never seen RAY in the Kansas City area and that the last time he ever saw RAY was at the prison during one of his escape attempts. He was taken to solitary because of this and has not been seen by HILL since that time.

HILL advised that he knows of no pertinent information regarding RAY, his activities or feelings. HILL advised that he does, at times, go to the Old Fortress Tavern in Kansas City, but has certainly never seen RAY there.

3 Bureau
2 Memphis
2 Minneapolis
2 Kansas City
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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HILL stated that he has no sister by the name of BEVERLY. He has only two sisters, one of them age 11 and the other named JOYCE.

HILL advised that he has been residing with his parents at 4408 54th Terrace, Kansas City, Missouri, telephone EM 1-1589, but is planning to move to St. Louis and does not know his St. Louis address as yet but can be located through his parents any time that the Bureau wishes to talk to him.

HILL again stated he knows of no one by the name of BEVERLY HILL and that the only person he knows by the name of BEVERLY is a BEVERLY VOGAN who may have been a prostitute and who was recently arrested in Kansas and has been sent to the Kansas State Penitentiary at Lansing, Kansas. HILL advised that he has no other information he believed would be helpful in this matter.

KAY HAMMOND, barmaid, Old Fortress Tavern, Kansas City, advised she knows of no one who patronizes the tavern or in the Kansas City area by the name of BEVERLY HILL.

LEAD:

KANSAS CITY

AT LANSING, KANSAS

Interview BEVERLY VOGAN, inmate, Kansas State Penitentiary, to determine if she has ever used the alias BEVERLY HILL or can furnish any information regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

D-16 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/11/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTN: FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

1 xerox copy given to CIA 9-21-78 with identification of FBI record through code document. PEN/lmb

Re Newark teletype to Chicago dated 6/7/68, and Newark teletype to the Bureau, Memphis and Chicago dated 6/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a form newsletter bearing the heading, "The Royal Bank of Canada Monthly Letter."

For the information of the Bureau, JERRY RAY, subject's brother, was encouraged by [redacted] to travel from Chicago, Ill., to Camden, N.J., on 6/5/68, to visit her. This was their first meeting and JERRY RAY performed his travel by plane.

RAY stayed with [redacted] where [redacted] has a room. The landlady for this room is [redacted] who resides at the same location.

On 6/7/68, [redacted] said to [redacted] and [redacted] upon his arrival on 6/5/68, JERRY RAY had with him the 5/3/68, issue of "Life" magazine, which contains a cover story re instant matter. He also had a second issue of "Life" which had New York City Mayor JOHN LINDSAY on the cover. That issue contained additional information concerning MURKIN.

ENCLOSURE (RM)

4 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
1 - Memphis (Info)
1 - Chicago (Info)
5 - Newark
(1 - 137-6829)
(1 - 137-6826)
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Special Agent in Charge

As he unpacked the magazines, JERRY RAY said [redacted] "Just between you and me, I saw my brother right after he escaped. We had a meeting place where he would meet on my days off." RAY did not say if these alleged meetings occurred after his escape from prison or after the murder of KING.

JERRY RAY also said he had visited his brother who owns a tavern in St. Louis, Missouri, after the assassination and before his first interview by the FBI. He stated that before the FBI contacted him, he saw the photograph of an individual identified as ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed. He recognized this man as being identical with his brother JAMES EARL RAY.

JERRY RAY said if he told the FBI everything he knows, "with all of their resources" they would be able to "track him down." He stated, "I do not know where he is right now. I do not think I'll ever see him alive again." He explained his brother would probably not permit himself to be captured alive. JERRY RAY added that he did not want the subject apprehended because of the additional bad publicity it would result in for the RAY family. RAY further said he does not refer to the subject since the assassination by his real name but calls him STARVO or GALT. He did not explain why he does this.

RAY also said, "I tell the FBI only enough to keep them off my back."

On 6/5/68, RAY speculated [redacted] that the subject would probably flee the country to Mexico or Canada. He also said the subject was too hot for him to be in touch with now.

On 6/6/68, [redacted] asked JERRY RAY if his brother shot KING. He replied, "This is his business. I didn't ask him. If I was in his position and had 18 years to serve and someone offered me a lot of money to kill someone I didn't like anyhow and get me out of the country, I'd do it."

Later the same day JERRY RAY commended [redacted] even if the subject confesses to committing the murder of KING, he, JERRY RAY, would not agree with him. He did not further explain this statement, [redacted] advised.

RAY said he now carries a gun from his room to his car. He keeps the gun in the trunk of his car. When he walks

to his room from his car, he removes the gun from the car's trunk and takes it with him. He said he carries the weapon for personal protection.

RAY said the subject is a supporter of Presidential Candidate GEORGE WALLACE. He said the subject once drove a man to Alabama from possibly the California area so he could vote for WALLACE. He then identified this man by his photograph which appears in the 5/3/68, issue of "Life." It is noted [redacted] said the magazine states this man's name is CHARLES STEIN. JERRY RAY, [redacted] did not say when the trip to Alabama occurred.

JERRY RAY said he was considering moving his residence again to a place where the press and possibly the FBI would be unaware of. He also said he was thinking of beginning to use the alias of JERRY RYAN. He then displayed a new Illinois driver's license in the name of JERRY RYAN. He said he recently obtained that license for his own use. He did not further explain why he might change his address and begin to use an alias. He did not say he intended to leave his present job.

On 6/7/68, [redacted] said on 6/6/68, [redacted] asked JERRY RAY if he thought his brother shot KING. RAY replied by pointing out if he were in his brother's position of having an 18 year sentence to serve once he was apprehended and someone offered him money to kill someone he did not like and thereafter be able to leave the country, he would do it. RAY further volunteered at this point the subject might have fled to Canada or Mexico. He did not say anything further about where he thought the subject was.

Then [redacted] asked JERRY RAY where the subject got the money to buy instant white Mustang with. JERRY RAY replied, "They gave him part of the money. He put the money in a safety deposit box, but when he left, he drew it all out. It broke his heart to have to leave the white Mustang."

On 6/9/68, PCI also said on 6/6/68, [redacted] recalled RAY commented the subject was paid either $100,000 or $500,000. JERRY RAY said this while [redacted] and he were discussing if the subject killed KING. According to [redacted] JERRY RAY did not further explain his comment regarding the $100,000 or $500,000 sum. Neither PCI was able to extract a direct statement from JERRY RAY that the subject killed KING.

On 6/9/68, [redacted] said [redacted] received a telephone call from JERRY RAY. He said he was calling to alert [redacted] in

the event [redacted] did not know, the subject had been arrested. He also said he did not think the RAY family would have any difficulty obtaining a lawyer to represent the subject because he was certain several good ones would want the job because of the publicity they would receive.

JERRY RAY also told [redacted] he intends to visit the subject with his brother who owns a tavern in St. Louis when the subject is returned to the United States.

[redacted] received the impression from JERRY RAY that he did not know the subject was traveling as he was just before his arrest.

JERRY RAY also said he intends to travel to St. Louis, Missouri to confer with his brother who owns a tavern there within the next week. He said he will do this so he and his brother can agree on how they should handle inquiries from the Press. He said he might consult with an attorney himself so he would not mistakenly say anything in public which might be detrimental to the subject's case.

On 6/10/68, [redacted] advised [redacted] received on 6/3/68 an airmail special delivery envelope from JERRY RAY postmarked in Wheeling, Ill., on 6/1/68. The envelope contained a money order from JERRY RAY to [redacted] in the amount of $40.00. The money order was about 8½" long by 3½" wide. The paper the money order was on was yellow in color and had a white edge. Across the bottom of the face of the money order was "PERSONAL MONEY ORDER" written in black letters. PCI said [redacted] could not recall noticing what kind of a money order it was.

[redacted] stated on 6/3/68 [redacted] cashed the money order at the First Camden National Bank and Trust Co. bank located in the 2800 block of Mt. Ephraim Ave., Camden, N.J. [redacted] accompanied [redacted] and put [redacted] name and the number of [redacted] account at that bank on the money order when it was cashed.

This money order represents one of several instances where JERRY RAY has mailed money orders or cash to [redacted] for [redacted] personal use. It is noted for the Bureau's information JERRY RAY is apparently quite fond of [redacted] and this is probably the reason he sends [redacted] money.

The money order was enclosed in a four-page form-type newsletter bearing the heading of "THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER". Beneath this heading appears the information this newsletter represents Vol. 49, No. 5,

NK 44-854
JEO:lgd

and the organization's head office is in Montreal. [redacted] newsletter is for May, 1968, and contains an article entitled "TECHNOLOGY AS A WAY OF LIFE". The article deals generally with the various aspects of technology's affect on contemporary living.

Across the front of the newsletter is written in ink, "Look inside, I am at the post office and didn't have any paper." [redacted] said this is the only message from JERRY RAY which appeared in this piece of correspondence.

[redacted] said [redacted] recalled receiving the communication containing the described newsletter after learning the subject had been in Canada prior to his apprehension. [redacted] said that JERRY RAY indicated to [redacted] during his visit he obtained and sent the money order from the Wheeling, Ill. area.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The FBI Identification Division is requested to process the enclosed newsletter for latent impressions and compare any of value which are developed with the subject's fingerprints.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

6-19-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Newark (44-834) - Enc.
Memphis (44-1987)
REC-19

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Newark airtel 6-11-68, submitting bank newsletter for examination.

Four latent fingerprints of value were developed on the newsletter. These latent fingerprints are not identical with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G or Jerry William Ray, FBI #862651A.

Newsletter enclosed to Newark.

1 - Newark (137-6828)
1 - Newark (137-6826)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)

1 - Mr. Rosen

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JUN 19 1968
COMM-FBI

GJB:mmm
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1 Xerox copy given to OPR 9-21-76

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FBI

DATE: 6/11/68

Attention: Crime Research Section

innati (157-1893)

Enclosed is a newspaper clipping captioned Police Work," taken from page 8 of the Cincinnati Times-Star dated 6/10/68.

In this article the Editor (DICK THORNBURG, act) commends the FBI, the Royal Canadian Mounted and Scotland Yard, for skillful police work.

The Bureau may desire to send a letter to DICK G, Editor, The Cincinnati Post and Times-Star, dway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

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U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FD-338 (Rev. 7-16-61)

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Superb Police Work

Only the trial can confirm whether or not the suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King is the right man.

But the international police diligence, patience and skill which led to the capture of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias Ramon George Sneyd, has to go into the books as one of the most remarkable crime searches in many years.

The FBI had been looking for Ray since April 20, after a spate of intensive detective work pin-pointed the identity of the man they wanted. Police all across the United States had been involved in the hunt, and when it seemed possible Ray might have slipped out of the United States, police forces in other countries were informed.

There are no passport requirements for Americans visiting Canada and it was fairly easy for Ray to "go north."

But the Royal Canadian Mounted Police lived up to their reputation for relentless pursuit. They combed 200,000 applications and turned up Ray's picture on request for a Canadian passport under the name of Sneyd. The FBI and the British were alerted, among others.

Britain's famed Scotland Yard made the capture as the result of typical perseverance. Ray was caught at an airport trying to leave the country.

This fellow obviously is no ordinary suspect. Whether or not he had confederates, his trail marks him as a cunning character.

In any case, we think the FBI, the Mounties and Scotland Yard deserve special commendation. And only hope that similarly skillful police co-operation will lead to the arrest of other wanton killers—the three men, for instance, who gunned down Abder Rayyan, a South Side Chicago merchant. Police could detect no motive but since Rayyan was a Jordanian immigrant, it was possible the killing was intended as revenge for the assassination of Sen. Kennedy.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Cincinnati Enquirer
Cincinnati, Ohio

8 Cincinnati Post & Times Star
Cincinnati, Ohio

The Citizen Journal
Columbus, Ohio

Columbus Dispatch
Columbus, Ohio

Dayton Daily News
Dayton, Ohio

Journal Herald
Dayton, Ohio

Date: 6/10/68
Edition: 7-Star Final
Author: Dick Thornburg
Editor: Dick Thornburg
Title: JAMES EARL RAY
TOP TEN FUGITIVE

Character or: 157-1893
Classification: Cincinnati
Submitting Office:

☐ Being Investigated

44-38861

ENCLOSURE

CARLTON JERRY
COUNTY JUDGE

MRS. J. D. BEAUCHAMP
PROBATION OFFICER

MRS. SAUNDRA A. HOLDER
DEPUTY PROBATION OFFICER

UNION COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

PHONE UNION 3-5159
EL DORADO, ARKANSAS

June 12, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: Re: Martin Luther King

I have been interested in the account of your investigation of the above negro's death written by Paul Scott and published in the Shreveport, La. Shreveport Times. There are many questions that have not been answered.

In fact there are some about King that have not been answered during his lifetime. For instance if he represented non-violence, why did violence always break out when he arrived at a place? If he were called to preach and was so ordained, why did he not try to lead people to Christ and salvation instead of leading them into disobedience of civil law?

I do hope that if you find that he had communistic ties and evidence that he was the fraud that I believe him to be that you will give the information to all news media so that some of the worshipers can be shown that their idol had clay feet. I am so sick of the way the preachers and others speak of him as though he were God that I can hardly read anything about him. My own pastor made such a to-do about his death that many of the congregation would have left the church except we hated to be rude.

Maybe this is an unusual request that you can't grant, but I would get a lot of satisfaction out of knowing that I am partially right at least about him and I would so like for some of the admirers to be shown exactly what he stood for. I would not take away from anybody any esteem they earn or deserve but I just can't feel that Martin Luther King is one of that kind.

Sincerely,
Mrs. J. D. Beauchamp
Mrs. J. D. Beauchamp, P. O.
Union County Juvenile Court

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Mrs. J. D. Beauchamp
Probation Officer
Union County Juvenile Court
El Dorado, Arkansas 71730

Dear Mrs. Beauchamp:

Your letter of June 12th has been received. While I would like to be of assistance to you, information concerning possible communist affiliations of Martin Luther King, whether substantiated or not, cannot be released because of a Department of Justice order regarding all matters of a confidential nature. I regret I cannot be of help in this instance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles show that in 1950 Mrs. Beauchamp furnished information to our Little Rock Office concerning juvenile delinquency in Union County to be used in the General Crime Survey.

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June 19, 1968

REC 19 [illegible]

Mrs. Frank Veach
Salt Point Road
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601

Dear Mrs. Veach: Elizabeth

It was indeed kind of you to write on June 12th, and I want to express my appreciation for your kind comments regarding the activities of this Bureau. It is my hope that our endeavors will continue to merit your support.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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JUN 19 1968
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NOTE: Bureau files contain nothing identifiable regarding Mrs. Veach.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 12, 1968

MR. DELOACH
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MR. TRAMP
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MR. CALLAHAN
MR. CONRAD
MR. FELT
MR. GALE
MR. ROSEN
MR. SULLIVAN
MR. TAVEL
MR. TROTTER
MR. JONES
TELE. ROOM
MISS HOLMES
MRS. METCALF
MISS GANDY

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I would like to commend you in the tracing down and ultimate arresting of James Ray. This is proof to the American Peoples that you and your Dept are doing a splendid job. Again, Congratulations.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Veach

Mrs. Frank Veach
Salt Point Rd.
Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601

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June 12, 1968

Dear Mr. Rose,

I would like to commend you in the tracing down and ultimate arresting of James Ray. This is great to the American people that you and your dept are doing a splendid job. Again, Congratulations.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Vack

Mrs. Elizabeth Vack
Post Office Box
Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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June 14, 1968

Honorable Dick Thornburg
Editor
The Cincinnati Post and Times-Star
800 Broadway
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Mr. Thornburg:

The article entitled "Superb Police Work" which appeared in the June 10th edition of your newspaper has been brought to my attention by Mr. Harry J. Morgan of our Cincinnati Office.

It is gratifying to know that the work of this Bureau in the case involving James Earl Ray has merited your approval. I appreciate your high regard not only for the work of the FBI but also for the other law enforcement agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Mr. Thornburg is on the Special Correspondents List. The article is complimentary of the work of the Bureau as well as the role of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Scotland Yard in the James Earl Ray investigation.

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Honorable S. Vincent Townsend
Vice President and Assistant to
the Publisher
The Birmingham News
Post Office Box 2553
Birmingham, Alabama 35202

Dear Mr. Townsend:

Special Agent in Charge Gamble has furnished me a copy of the editorial entitled "The Pursuit and Capture of Ray" which appeared in the June 11th edition of your newspaper.

It is most reassuring to know that the work of this Bureau in the case involving James Earl Ray has merited your approval. I appreciate your high regard not only for the work of the FBI but also for the other law enforcement agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
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NOTE: Mr. Townsend is on the Special Correspondents List. The article is very complimentary of the work of the Bureau as well as the role of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Scotland Yard in the James Earl Ray case.

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Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CALVIN DAY, Domestic Operations Division, Passport Office, United States Department of State, advised [redacted] on 6/17/68, that Mr. ARTHUR J. HANES, Sr., called him [redacted] from Birmingham, Ala., at 11:30 am, 6/17/68, to advise that Mr. HANES and son ARTHUR J. HANES, Jr., will come to Washington D.C. to get passports. They will appear at the Passport Office on morning of 6/19/68, to file application and the passports will be issued immediately. They plan to depart for London from Dulles airport at 7:00 pm, 6/19/68.

It is noted that Mr. HANES has previously informed Mr. DAY that he has been asked to serve as counsel for JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. DAY also recalled that in previous conversation Mr. HANES mentioned having received a letter from RAYMON GEORGE SNEYD from London recently.

For information of Bureau, Memphis, and Birmingham.

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1 - WFO (44-703)

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 18, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 6:00 a. m. this date, the Legal Attache's Office London telephonically contacted extra duty supervisor Kenneth A. Lofgren. Bureau supervisor Wilbur Martindale, on special assignment in London, advised that with respect to the telephone number written in Portuguese per London airtel 6/14/68, it has been determined this is the telephone number of the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal. Inquiry has been made at the South African Embassy. They have no knowledge of Ray. All banking institutions in Lisbon were circularized last week for not only any bank account or safe deposit box, but also any letter of credit or any other type of transaction. There have been no positive returns, so at this time it looks like that investigation will be negative.

According to Martindale, when Ray arrived in Britain from Canada, he had a round-trip ticket which he exchanged in London for a ticket to Lisbon and in that transaction, he got a voucher in the approximate amount of $14. A stop had been placed earlier in Toronto with BOAC on that voucher. Since that voucher was found in Ray's possession when arrested, that stop can now be removed. Being handled.

Legat, Minnich advised that Ray appeared before the local magistrate today, 6/18/68, on the local charges outstanding against him. Those charges related to his entering Great Britain with false passport and illegal possession of a firearm. The hearing was continued until 6/27/68 and the magistrate said the extradition proceedings should take precedent over the local charges. Minnich stated the continuance on local charges coincides with the deferment of the extradition hearing. Accordingly, on 6/27/68 it is possible the local case will be further remanded until the extradition proceedings are finally resolved. When that occurs the local charges will then be dropped.

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Legat Minnich stated he understood that George Bonebrake, Identification Division, will appear at the extradition hearing and his presence is desired two days prior to the hearing date. Minnich desires that this be confirmed by the Bureau by appropriate communications to Legat London along with request for room reservation, etc.

Fred M. Vinson, Jr., advised on 6/15/68 that in talking with the British prosecutor, Vinson was advised that they would like to have Bonebrake in London two days before the hearing. Vinson indicated he would advise on 6/18/68. Bonebrake has previously been alerted to the possibility of his having to appear at the extradition hearing.

Minnich further advised a cable will be sent to the Bureau today containing his recommendation as to whether or not Special Agents Wilbur Martindale, George Zeiss, and Kenneth L. Bounds should remain on the scene or should return to headquarters.

ACTION:

For information.

All aspects are being closely followed and you will be kept advised of developments.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 18, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. Nat Lewin, Second Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division of the Department, called at approximately 4:00 p. m. and advised the Department had a package of papers they desired to make arrangements to have delivered to London on June 14, 1968, at 8:00 p. m. The flight would be TWA Flight #704 leaving from Dulles Airport, and this flight arrives at London, England, at 8:05 London time at Heathrow Airport on June 15, 1968.

Arrangements were made with Supervisor [redacted] at Washington Field Office for this package to be picked up at the office of Mr. Mark Felman, Assistant Legal Advisor, Room 5423, Main State Department Building, in Washington, D. C., at 6:00 p. m. Instructions were given to Washington Field Office as soon as the identity of the pilot is ascertained, the Agent should contact our Duty Agent in Division 6, who will in turn advise our Legal Attache Minnich in London, England.

In addition, Mr. Lewin advised that as soon as we made firm arrangements for delivery of this package and would be in touch with our Legal Attache, he would like Mr. Jack Herfurt, the General Counsel of American Embassy in London, England, notified by Mr. Minnich. Mr. Lewin advised that he would furnish the FBI with a copy of every document transmitted to London, England.

Our Legal Attache Minnich was telephonically advised at 7:45 p. m. on June 14, 1968, by Duty Agent SA [redacted] that a package would arrive by pilot at 8:05 a. m. London time, June 15, 1968, and he should notify Mr. Herfurt immediately as to the package arriving. Mr. Minnich stated that he would handle the entire matter.

ACTION:

For your information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To recommend that the prosecutive summary report be disseminated to the Department, United States Attorney at Birmingham, and Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, (Memphis) Tennessee.

BACKGROUND:

Reports were prepared by the field setting forth results of the investigation in this case and eight separate reports were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Birmingham and the Department. The reports were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Birmingham in view of the fact that the United States Attorney there authorized Federal prosecution. No copies of the reports were disseminated to the United States Attorney at Memphis. The reports that were disseminated contained, among numerous items, a listing of items of evidence recovered and the results of the FBI Laboratory examinations of such items. These reports, as well as the prosecutive summary report, contain no information of a confidential nature and have been prepared suitable for dissemination.

On May 7, 1968, an indictment charging subject James Earl Ray with murder, was returned by the authorities in Shelby County, Tennessee. In light of this and due to the fact that they will no doubt prosecute Ray on charges of murder, a copy of our prosecutive summary report as prepared by Memphis should be transmitted to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who will be handling the State prosecution. When copies of this report are disseminated, the receiving persons will be issued instructions that the report or the contents thereof should not be disclosed outside the receiving agencies, except for prosecutive purposes.

Enclosures

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It is recommended that the prosecutive summary report be disseminated to the Department, United States Attorney at Birmingham, and Mr. Canale. (Copy attached for inspection.)

2. If approved, the attached airtel should be sent to SAC Memphis authorizing him to disseminate the report. Copies will be furnished to Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson.

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FBI

Date 6/25/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/18/68, DELBERT HEEDERIK, Laboratory Aide, Radio Isotope Section, Wood Veterans Hospital, Wood, Wisconsin, furnished the following information concerning instant case:

HEEDERIK, a recovered alcoholic, with a record of numerous arrests for drunkenness and disorderly conduct by the Milwaukee Police Department, advised that approximately 5/27/67, he was staying at the Holders Hotel in Gulfport, Mississippi. He stated that he occupied an upstairs front room on the southeast corner of the Hotel, and that the room directly west of him was occupied by an individual he described as a muscle man for the Klan. He also stated that an individual known to him as RICH (LNU) occupied the room west of the Klansman's room. He stated that while staying at the Hotel, he was employed at Oberlies Radio and TV Company as a repair technician.

HEEDERIK stated that on approximately 5/27/67, he invited a man known to him only as RICH (LNU), and who was reportedly to be a guitar player, into his room for a glass of beer. He stated that while he and RICH were drinking beer, they noticed a large black automobile, which appeared to be an executive limousine, drive up in

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front of the Holders Hotel. They saw a man get [redacted] of the car and heard him running up the stairs of the [redacted] toward HEEDERIK's room. HEEDERIK stated that at about this time RICH put a headlock on HEEDERIK and whispered, "Make it look real." At about this point, the man who was in the black automobile entered HEEDERIK's room and said, "RICH, leave him alone." HEEDERIK stated that at this point RICH and the unidentified man from the automobile left the room together, and he, HEEDERIK, has never seen either of them since. HEEDERIK stated that recent photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in which RAY was wearing glasses as on Canadian passport photo have caused him to believe the man in the black automobile was, in fact, JAMES EARL RAY. HEEDERIK offered the following descriptions:

1) RICH LNU

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	175 lbs.
Complexion	Ruddy
Hair	Sparse, light brown-reddish; combed straight back
Eyes	Blue
Age	Approximately 29 years old

2) Man in black automobile

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'9"
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Dark
Glasses	Hornrimmed
Age	30 years old

HEEDERIK stated he never reported the above-described incident to anyone in Gulfport, Mississippi, and unless he had seen the photographs of RAY in the paper, he would not have reported it at all.

DELBERT HEEDERIK is described as follows:

[redacted]

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	7/12/15
Place of Birth	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Misc.	Chronic alcoholic between 1958 and present; presently practicing member of Alcoholics Anonymous and considered a recovered alcoholic

HEEDERIK also stated that being involved in radio and television work as he was, he had a special radio antenna and equipment in his automobile. He also used to spend many hours sitting by the window of the hotel with binoculars just watching the general public. HEEDERIK said that for these reasons he was probably considered a suspicious character, and for that reason believed that RICH (LNU) was an FBI Agent or some other type of Agent who was assigned to surveil him.

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JACKSON DIVISION

At Gulfport, Mississippi

Will at Holders Hotel, attempt to determine occupants of above-described rooms during pertinent period and evaluate significance of above information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/1[illegible]

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel dated 5/31/68 setting forth leads to contact obscene pen-pal clubs for any record of the subject having been a member of these clubs.

The four clubs listed for the Dallas area - Horizons Correspondence Club, Sterling Action Club, Amis Club, and the F and T Club - have all been investigated by the Office of the Postal Inspector, Dallas, Texas and have been found to now be out of existence. No mailing lists were contained in the Postal Inspector's files and none are known to exist for these clubs.

In view of the subject's apprehension, no further investigation regarding these pen-pal clubs is being conducted UACB.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 6/19/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of photograph of laundry mark in the neckband of subject's shirt, and two copies of photograph of a different laundry mark appearing on a pair of shorts.

Scotland Yard is continuing intensive investigation to account for the subject's whereabouts in London between May 17 and 28, 1968. It is noted that at the time of his arrest his only identification papers were in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD and his Canadian passport does not show any exit from England after his arrival 5/17/68. To have left England he would have needed a passport and the passport would have been stamped at the time of his departure, and again at the time of his return, as well as at the time of his arrival and departure from any other country he visited.

[redacted] Scotland Yard, has advised in confidence that he interviewed [redacted] has been a leader in mercenary forces for a number of years and is considered to be an established liaison man and go-between for the hiring of mercenaries. [redacted] stated that he had reason to believe RAY had contacted the Biafra Mission in Lisbon and made application to go to Biafra as a mercenary, but that Biafra does not want any outsiders to enter the country at this time.

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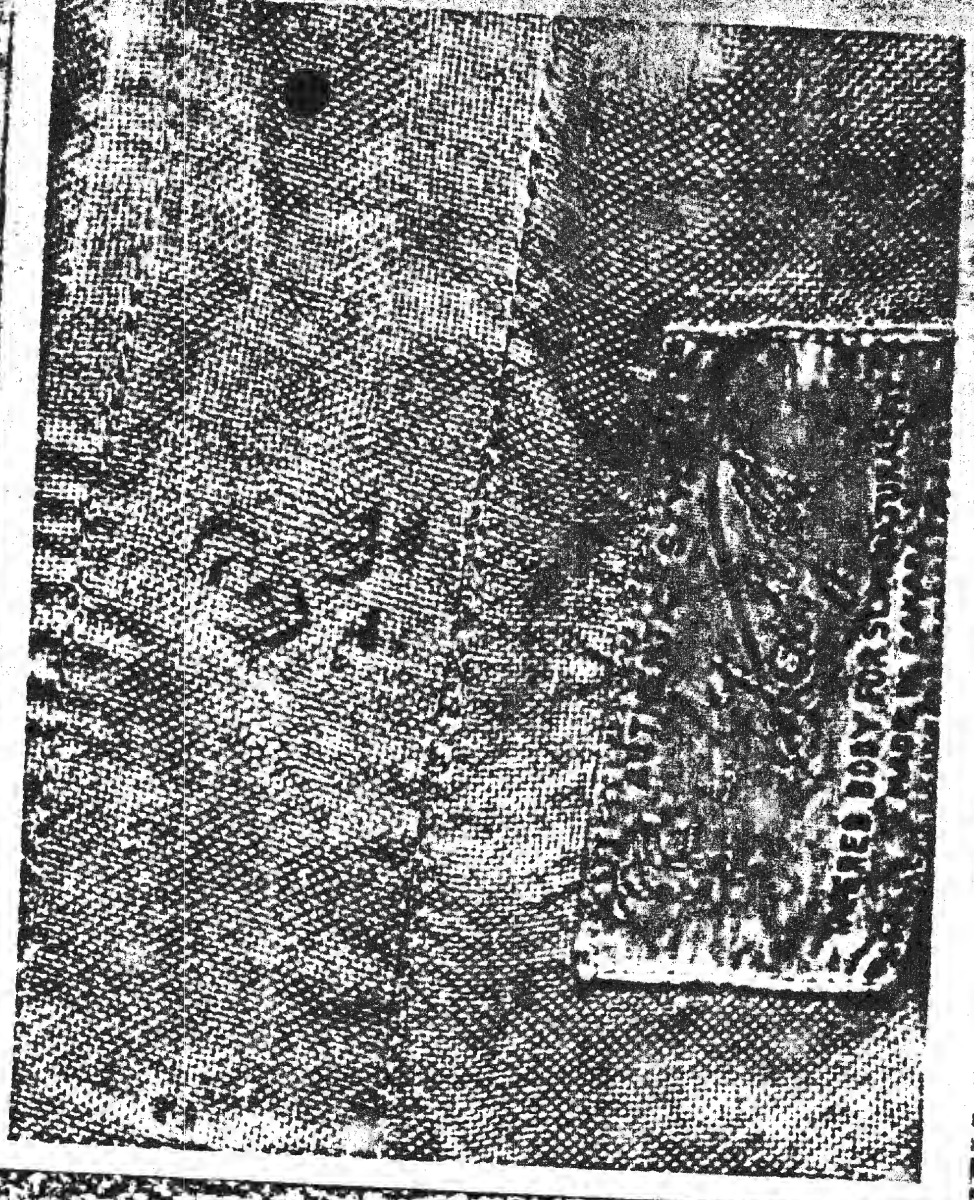
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The transistor radio in subject's possession at the time of his arrest is labeled on the outside "Deluxe Hi Fi" and "Merc-Radio." On the inside of the plastic cover which removes to provide access to the batteries, there is attached a paper bearing a schematic diagram of the set, and on this paper are two stamped numbers, "Model HT-6043" and Model HT-6082." No other pertinent information could be found on the outside or inside of the radio. The radio was equipped with an Ever-Ready 9 volt battery, Model PP3.

As the Bureau has been advised, ads have been placed in London newspapers on behalf of the Washington Post to solicit information from the public regarding RAY's activities between May 17 and 28, 1968. Scotland Yard had previously considered a public appeal for such information and attempted to arrange such publicity on 6/18/68, but permission was denied by the Home Office.

Scotland Yard has done a tremendous amount of work in attempting to completely trace RAY's movements and is continuing to expend a great deal of manpower. This is being closely followed with the Yard and the Bureau will be kept currently advised of pertinent developments.





FBI

Date 6/20/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

re Telephone Calls

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau dated 5/20/68 and Bureau teletype dated 4/25/68 to El Paso, Houston, and San Antonio, advising each office should determine from the Telephone Company the long distance calls placed at each public telephone on Highway 90 and Interstate 10 over which subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and CHARLES STEIN allegedly travelled 12/15-17/67 from Los Angeles, California to New Orleans, Louisiana and return route.

Subject allegedly made eight long distance telephone calls while in Texas.

Set forth below are the telephone calls placed from within the San Antonio Division for the period of 12/15-17/67 and the subscriber to the telephone number called within the Los Angeles Division.

DATE	CALLING NUMBER	CALLED NUMBER	LISTED TO
12/15/67	223-8266	213-231-5482	PRINCE DIXON, 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles, California
12/17/67	988-7491	213-429-9378	MURRAY J. KLATER, 9378 Roxanne Avenue, Long Beach, California.

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1 - Memphis (Info)
1 - San Antonio (Info)
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Special Agent in Charge

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			(Disconnected 2/17/68, no final billing address).
12/17/67	223-7271	213-663-3675	FELIX ROBINSON, 651 North Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, California.
12/16/67	379-9092	714-540-7240 (changed 12/21/67 to telephone No. 835-5127)	ROBERT E. CARPENTER, 1221 South Main Street, Santa Ana, California

Numerous efforts have been made to contact PRINCE DIXON at 4303 Morgan Avenue, Los Angeles, California, with negative results. Contact with neighbors of DIXON revealed he continues to reside at the above address but none of the neighbors know his place of employment. DIXON, according to neighbors, is a Negro male.

On 6/12/68, Mrs. EDWARD DWYER, 221 Fanwood, Long Beach, California, advised that the former resident MURRAY J. CLATER , 3332 Roxanne Avenue, Long Beach, California, moved and presently resides at 448 Via Herbosa, Novato, California, telephone number 883-4192.

According to Mrs. DWYER, the CLATERs left the Roxanne residence during December, 1967.

Previous communication has been submitted to San Francisco asking that CLATER be interviewed concerning any information he might have regarding JAMES EARL RAY.

On 6/12/68, FELIX ROBINSON, 651 North Commonwealth Avenue, Los Angeles, California, was interviewed, at which time he advised that he could not recall having received any telephone calls from anyone within the San Antonio area but possibly the individual who resides with him at the above address, GUS MC KEAN, received the telephone call as he is orignally from the San Antonio area.

On 6/12/68, GUS MC KEAN was interviewed at his place of employment, Five Torches Restaurant, 11344 Crenshaw Boulevard, Inglewood, California. MC KEAN advised he could not specifically recall a telephone call to his telephone number 663-3675 on 12/17/68, but it was very probable the call was from his sister, MARY WILLIAMS, or his brother, JOHN MC KEAN, who both reside in San Antonio. He related his brother and sister call him at least two or three times a month. He was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised he could not recall having ever seen the individual depicted in the photographs nor did the name JAMES EARL RAY or ERIC STARVO GALT mean anything to him, expect from reading about him in the newspaper and hearing the name on television.

Mrs. CLORELENE M. CARPENTER, 1221 South Main Street, Santa Ana, California, advised on 6/12/68 that in December, 1967, she and her family resided at 518 West Edinger Street, Santa Ana, California, and had telephone number 714-540-7240. She stated that they moved to this address about March, 1968, and have telephone number 835-5127.

Mrs. CARPENTER recalled about in December, 1967, her close friend, Mrs. KATIE DANIELS, went to Texas to visit her parents for Christmas. She stated the only call she received from Texas in December, 1967 was a call from Mrs. DANIELS.

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA: Will continue efforts to locate and interview PRINCE DIXON concerning the telephone call placed to his telephone from the San Antonio area on 12/15/67.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REBUCAB JUNE NINETEEN LAST.

IF REPORTS RECEIVED FROM SCOTLAND YARD MAY BE DISSEMINATED TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THERE IS NO NECESSITY TO REPHRASE SUCH INFORMATION INTO LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM. AIRTEL TRANSMITTING SCOTLAND YARD REPORT SHOULD STATE SPECIFICALLY WHETHER OR NOT SAME MAY BE DISSEMINATED AND IF NOT, WHY NOT. INASMUCH AS IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO TRANSMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT THE ACTUAL REPORTS PREPARED BY SCOTLAND YARD.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review) 44-38861-4649

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NOTE: By airtel of 6/14/68, Legat London had furnished reports received from Scotland Yard and stated such could not be disseminated to the Department. By cable of 6/19/68, the question was raised with the Legat and Legat has advised that the Scotland Yard reports previously furnished by airtel of 6/14/68, could be disseminated to the Department. If reports can be disseminated to the Department, it is not necessary for Legat to rephrase such reports and submit LHM.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: [redacted]/68

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (44-493) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: Memphis)

RICHARD TOMKINSON, 97 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, New York, President of the Delaware Corporation, a small vending machine company, advised SA [redacted] that he has an acquaintance named NELSON SCHAUB of Saranac Lake, N.Y. SCHAUB, according to TOMKINSON, is a coin dealer, recently convicted of smuggling gold into the United States, who is always looking for a chance to make big money. SCHAUB told TOMKINSON that he had an idea which might make a lot of money for both of them. SCHAUB said that the United States Government was offering a reward of $100,000.00 for JAMES EARL RAY, killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. SCHAUB was aware that there was a far right group in Lake Placid, N.Y., which included many prominent local people. This group included doctors and lawyers. It had recently sponsored a speech at the Lake Placid Arena by a former member of the "Green Berets", the Army Special Services Force. That speech and the talks of those who introduced and thanked the speaker, was very critical of United States policy in Vietnam.

SCHAUB had heard some people in Lake Placid discuss the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING and he felt they were not unhappy at KING's death and said they felt he had probably had his appearance changed and was out of the country.

He told TOMKINSON that if the United States Government would investigate this group which he believed to be a John Birch Society group, the Government might obtain information regarding the KING killing and SCHAUB and TOMKINSON could share in the reward money.

The Albany Office indices indicate that NELSON RAYMOND SCHAUB is a former PCI operated by SA [redacted] while SCHAUB operated a coin exchange at Plattsburgh, N.Y. This case was closed when SCHAUB was arrested by the U. S. Treasury Department and convicted of gold smuggling in 1966. SA [redacted] determined that SCHAUB has since been involved in a $30,000 swindle in the Tupper Lake, N.Y. area; is the subject of outstanding warrants for bad checks in the

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Saranac Lake, New York area, and is heavily in debt.

Local and New York State Police in the Saranac Lake and Plattsburgh areas characterize [redacted] as a "con-man", of absolute unreliability.

[redacted] was located and interviewed by SA [redacted] on 6/7/68, at which time he stated that he had absolutely no reason to suspect anyone or any group in the Lake Placid, N.Y. - Saranac Lake, N.Y. area of involvement in the King killing, but feels that such a group might be responsible for KING's death.

In view of SCHAUB's poor character, and history of unreliability, no further action is being taken.

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FBI

Date: 6/20/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
(Att: SUPV. RICHARD E. LONG, DIV. SIX)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReNYtel to Bureau, 6/18/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are an original and five copies of an LHM setting forth review of NYO indices for [redacted] and [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau, the following files were in support of the information contained in the LHM:

[redacted] - NYO - 105490488
Bureau reference - Bulet to NY, 8/28/67
"[redacted] IS-NORTH VIETNAM"

[redacted] - NYO - 140-9402
Bufile 140-19266
NYO 65-15348
Bufile 65-58236, re report SA [redacted] at NY, 3/14/51, page 44.

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1 Copy of LHM sent to Legat, London
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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York

June 20, 1968

[redacted]

A review of indices of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed that one [redacted] date of birth November 1, 1929, at Tortola, British West Indies, had voiced the opinion that Ho Chi Minh of North Vietnam was doing a good job in connection with the war and was minding his own business and not making inquiries concerning happenings taking place in the United States.

[redacted] was then employed as a mail and file clerk at the Brooklyn Army Terminal and used the name [redacted] As a result of irrational actions while at work in 1964, he was examined at the United States Public Health Service and it was concluded that he was the subject of "Schizaphrenic Reaction", which was no reason for separation if the employing agency would tolerate his behavior.

In 1965, he was escorted to the Kings County Hospital in handcuffs for examination following the writing of an irrational letter to a General Montgomery. It was concluded at the Kings County Hospital that there was no evidence of physical or psychotic abnormalities on the part of [redacted]

[redacted] was listed as living at [redacted] He was married and had a six year old son in 1965. He was married seven years in 1965, and his wife's name was [redacted]

A review of indices discloses that [redacted] date of birth [redacted] was the subject of a Security of Government Employees investigation in 1958, following his submission of an application for a job as a

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ENCLOSURE

[redacted]

Keith Edward Roberts;
John Joseph Capello

substitute clerk at the United States Post Office. The Civil Service Commission requested an investigation on the basis that he signed a Communist Party nominating petition in 1949. [redacted] was the son-in-law of [redacted] who was the former maid of [redacted]

[redacted] is married to [redacted] and in 1958, resided at [redacted] and had three children at that time. He is listed as having served in the United States Army from [redacted] to [redacted] holding service number [redacted]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. D. J. BRENNAN, JR.

DATE: 6/20/68

FROM : R. E. HAYNES

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 6/18/68, Mr. William Morgan, Personnel Office, Defense Communications Agency (DCA), telephone: Code 11, Extension 41052, advised that a [redacted] of DCA advised him that she saw a person whom she believes may have been James Earl Ray at Dulles International Airport on May 5, 1968.

Morgan described [redacted] as a responsible individual, and he wanted to pass this information on in the event it might have some significance to the Bureau's investigation of this case. In the event an interview of [redacted] is desired by the Bureau, she may be contacted through Mr. Morgan.

ACTION:

For the information of the Civil Rights Section.

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1-Mr. McGowan
1-Liaison
1-Mr. Haynes

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1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

TO: SAC, Kansas City

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Unless already completed, Kansas City, at Missouri State Prison, will interview the warden to ascertain whether any information has ever come to his attention concerning the existence of a Cooley Organization.

It is possible sources available to the warden including persons assigned in various capacities to the Missouri State Prison furnished information to the warden which may have been obtained by them in connection with their contacts with various inmates of the prison.

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NOTE: Through interviews of former prison inmates of the subject, we received information on rumors that a Cooley Organization exists at Missouri State Prison and this is an underground type of operation which furnishes assistance of an illegal nature to convicts both inside and outside the prison. We are still endeavoring to account for the subject's source of funds and to date we have not learned of his sources of funds, nor have we been able to ascertain any concrete information regarding the Cooley Organization. Kansas City, if not already done, is being requested to interview the warden concerning the existence of a Cooley Organization which may assist in tracing subject's source of funds.

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FBI NEW YORK

9-45 PM URGENT 6-21-68 WPK

TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI AND MEMPHIS (PLAINTEXT)

FROM NEW YORK 44-1609 2P

MURKIN

RENYTELCALL TO BUREAU SIX TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT.
ROBERT SIMON, CBS-NEWS, NY, NY, TELEPHONICALLY

FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AT EIGHT PM THIS DATE-

MR. SIMON STATED AT SIX TWENTY AM, SIX TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED BY CBS-NEWS FROM HAMILTON, OHIO. THE CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS COLE AND STATED "I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME I BROKE THE NEWS. I WAS WITH JAMES EARL RAY ON JANUARY FIFTH, SIXTY EIGHT AT WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA. WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER COLE JUST REPEATED SAME STATEMENT.

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COLE BEFORE HANGING UP FURNISHED HIS PHONE NUMBER AS AREA CODE FIVE ONE THREE - EIGHT NINE FIVE - NINE EIGHT SEVEN EIGHT.

SIMON ADVISED CBS DETERMINED THIS WAS A GOOD NUMBER FOR HAMILTON, OHIO AND THE ADDRESS WAS ONE THREE SEVEN NORTH SECOND STREET, HAMILTON, OHIO.

CBS TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED COLE AFTERNOON SIX TWENTY ONE, SIXTY EIGHT AND HE ADMITTED MAKING PRIOR CALL. COLE ADMITTED TO CBS THAT HE HAD BEEN DRINKING AT TIME PREVIOUS CALL MADE. COLE STATED HE WAS HITCH HIKING IN THE VICINITY OF WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA, ON ONE FIVE SIXTY EIGHT WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP BY A TRUCK. COLE STATES HE BELIEVES THE DRIVER OF THIS TRUCK WAS IDENTICAL WITH JAMES EARL RAY. COLE FURTHER STATED THE DRIVER HAD A GUN AND WHEN A CAR LOAD OF NEGROES ATTEMPTED TO PASS THE TRUCK , THE DRIVER BECAME

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UPSET AND TOOK THE GUN OUT. SIMON SAID COLE CAN DESCRIBE THE GUN.

MR. SIMON SAID CBS-NEWS WAS TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION ON ABOVE INFORMATION AND FURNISHED SAME TO THIS BUREAU FOR ANY ACTION DEEMED ADVISABLE.

CINCINNATI

AT HAMILTON, OHIO. ONE) WILL LOCATE AND THOROUGHLY INTERVIEW COLE, ONE THREE SEVEN NORTH SECOND STREET, OBTAIN FULL FACTS REGARDING INCIDENT OF JANUARY FIVE, SIXTY EIGHT AT WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA.

TWO) CONDUCT LOCAL BACKGROUND CHECKS RE COLE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38961)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTY LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C TO DATE UNABLE TO VERIFY RESIDENCE HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON AT FOURTH STREET ALTON ABOUT TIME OF BR AT BANK OF ALTON. INFORMANT CONTINUING INQUIRY INSTANT MATTER.

HAZEL DREW, MOTHER OF CAROLYN WYATT, STATES CAROLYN NOT IN ALTON AT THIS TIME. DUE TO RETURN EARLY NEXT WEEK. WILL BE INTERVIEWED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

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TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

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RE MEMPHIS RADIOGRAM TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES JUNE TWENTYONE LAST.

JOSEPH M. MARKS HAS CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE MARCH TWENTY, FIFTY-FOUR. LOS ANGELES INDICES CONTAIN NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO HIM.

HE CLAIMS TO BE LICENSED PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND HAS ALSO BEEN EMPLOYED AS REALTOR IN THE APPLE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA AREA.

IN GENERAL, MARKS HAS ENGAGED IN LEGAL BATTLE FOR PERIOD OF YEARS WITH THOMAS P. AND ANNA MARIE ROSE AND THEIR ASSOCIATES OVER PROPERTIES AND OTHER CIVIL MATTERS. MARKS HAS CLAIMED THAT HE HAS NOT RECEIVED SATISFACTION IN STATE COURTS IN THESE MATTERS AND MANY OF HIS CONTACTS WITH THIS OFFICE HAVE RELATED TO THESE THINGS. AS THEY HAVE BEEN MATTERS OVER WHICH THIS BUREAU HAS NO JURISDICTION, NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN IN THESE AFFAIRS BY THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

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ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, MARKS HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED PERSONALLY BY BUREAU AGENTS. IN GENERAL, HE RELATES THESE MATTERS IN A RAMBLING AND INCOHERENT MANNER. HE HAS BECOME ABUSIVE, DEMANDING AND HAS GIVEN EVIDENCE OF BEING UNSTABLE. OTHER INDIVIDUALS INTERVIEWED ABOUT HIM HAVE DESCRIBED HIM VARIOUSLY AS A "NUT" AND A MENTAL CASE.

HE HAS ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND HAS, AT VARIOUS TIMES, CONTACTED THE U. S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA ABOUT THESE SAME MATTERS.

ON OCTOBER SEVEN, SIXTY-FOUR, HE WAS ARRESTED BY THE SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA POLICE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT OF FELONY COMPLAINTS FILED AGAINST HIM BY MR. AND MRS. ROSE (SUPRA). ON NOVEMBER THIRTEEN, SIXTY-FOUR, HE WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT WHICH TIME HE CLAIMED HIS CIVIL RIGHTS HAD BEEN VIOLATED REPEATEDLY AS A RESULT OF THIS ARREST BY THE SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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IN THE ABOVE MATTER, AS WELL AS IN OTHER STATE AND LOCAL PROCEEDINGS IN PAST YEARS, MARKS HAS CAUSED SUBPOENAS TO BE ISSUED FOR VARIOUS SPECIAL AGENTS OF THIS OFFICE AND ALSO OF TWO SPECIAL AGENTS IN CHARGE OF THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU RELATIVE TO JOSEPH M. MARKS. CERTAIN OF THIS INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED OCTOBER FIFTEEN, SIXTYFOUR, CAPTIONED, "UNSUB; UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SANTA MONICA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; JOSEPH MORRIS MARKS DASH VICTIM DASH CIVIL RIGHTS" (LOS ANGELES FOUR FOUR DASH ONE ZERO THREE ZERO DASH FOUR). IN ADDITION, THIS COMMUNICATION IDENTIFIES FOR THE BUREAU SEVERAL OTHER LOS ANGELES COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BUREAU, ALL CONTAINING ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATING TO MARKS.

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE ON JUNE TWENTYTWO INSTANT TO INTERVIEW MARKS AT HIS BUSINESS ADDRESS, ONE EIGHT TWO ONE ZERO SHERMAN WAY, RESEDA, CALIFORNIA, AND ALSO AT RESIDENCE ONE EIGHT FOUR TWO FOUR COLLINS STREET, TARZANA, CALIFORNIA. THESE EFFORTS WERE NEGATIVE.

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MARKS' LANDLADY STATED THAT MARKS CLAIMS TO BE AN INVESTIGATOR FOR VARIOUS LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. SHE STATED THAT SHE CONSIDERS MARKS TO BE MENTALLY DISTURBED.

CONTINUING ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MARKS. BUREAU AND MEMPHIS WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP.1)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYONE, LAST.

HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON ARRESTED DURING PAST WEEKEND IN POSSESSION OF STOLEN CUB CADET TRACTOR. INCARCERATED MACOUPIN COUNTY JAIL. WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C REPORTS NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ON INQUIRIES BUT CONTINUING EFFORTS.

CAROLYN WYATT HAS NOT RETURNED ALTON TO DATE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) ATLANTA (44-2386) BIRMINGHAM, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

NEWARK, NEW YORK & PHILADELPHIA

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65) 2P

MURKIN

RE SAN FRANCISCO AIRTEL JUNE THREE LAST.

AIRTEL NOT FURNISHED NEWARK, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA.

RE: BRUCE IRWIN GOVERN, AKA.

ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL, AKA ROBERT LAWRENCE, FBI NUMBER EIGHT NINE TWO DASH ONE FOUR FOUR A, INTERVIEWED SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY JAIL JUNE FOUR, LAST, STATED HE HAD WRITTEN FOUR PAGE LETTER ADDRESSED TO BRUCE SET OUT IN RE AIRTEL. RUSSELL STATED THIS LETTER WAS A COMPLETE FABRICATION OF HIS IMAGINATION AND HE GAVE LETTER TO GOVERN WHO WAS A "HIPPIE," SEEMED TO BE ALL DOPED UP, AND WAS USING "SOMETHING" EVEN WHILE CONFINED TO SAN FRANCISCO JAIL.

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RE: ROBERT LAWRENCE RUSSELL.

RUSSELL STATED HE HAD MET A JIMMY GALT IN NEW ORLEANS, LA., IN LATE APRIL OR EARLY MAY, SIXTYSEVEN. HE OBSERVED THE MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE

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SUNGLASSES IN SHORT SLEEVE SHIRT DID NOT RESEMBLE THE MAN HE MET IN NEW ORLEANS. HD ADVISED THE PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY IN A BUSINESS SUIT RESEMBLED THE MAN HE MET IN NEW ORLEANS.

DURING THE ENTIRE INTERVIEW OF RUSSELL, HE APPEARED VAGUE, RAMBLING, INDECISIVE, INCOMPLETE, AND WHEN ASKED TO REPEAT VARIED HIS STORY SUFFICIENTLY SO AS TO WARRANT SKEPTICISM AS TO THE HONESTY AND ACCURACY OF HIS STATEMENTS.

SAN FRANCISCO CONTEMPLATES REINTERVIEW OF RUSSELL AFTER INFORMATION IS RECEIVED FROM OTHER OFFICES WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS TO HAVE SOME AWARENESS OF HIS CREDIBILITY.

THE IDENT DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO FURNISH SAN FRANCISCO WITH A CURRENT IDENT RECORD FOR RUSSELL.

NEW YORK, NEWARK, AND PHILADELPHIA ARE REQUESTED TO FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH ANY INFORMATION THEY HAVE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THIS OFFICE TO MAKE A DETERMINATION OF RUSSELL'S RELIABILITY AND CREDIBILITY.

SUTEL.

JAMES EARL RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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SLB CC MR. TROTTER

FBI WASH DC

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By [illegible] Time 3:16 pm

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 12, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An item has been appearing in the Toronto, Canada, newspapers as to a mysterious "Fat Man" who delivered an envelope to subject James Earl Ray while Ray was residing at 962 Dundas Avenue, West Toronto, during latter part of April and early part of May, 1968.

The mysterious "Fat Man" who identified himself as [redacted] of Toronto, contacted [redacted] Toronto PD, (National Academy) with his wife and explained that in May of this year he had used a public telephone booth in the vicinity of Dundas Avenue and found an envelope which was addressed to Sneyd. He, thereafter, took this envelope to the address on Dundas Avenue and gave it to Sneyd in the presence of Sneyd's landlady. According to [redacted] the envelope contained a Toronto postmark, no return address and he had the impression it contained some kind of application for a job. The landlady at Dundas Avenue viewed [redacted] and identified him as the "Fat Man" to whom she previously referred to in newspaper articles.

Officers of the Toronto Police Department and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are satisfied that [redacted], who has been employed as a salesman for a paint company in Toronto for the past eight years, is a reputable citizen and has no knowledge of or involvement with subject as Sneyd.

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Two Department of Justice employees with the U. S. Bureau of Prisons contacted our Memphis Office and advised that they havebeen in Memphis for two days on instructions of the Attorney General counseling with local authorities concerning the security measures which may be needed in the event James Earl Ray is returned to Memphis. They stated they are in Memphis in an advisory capacity and desired to be helpful, and their purpose in contacting our office was to advise they were in the city and they would appreciate any suggestions our office may have in connection with handling of Ray. Our Memphis Office will make absolutely

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Memo to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

no comments regarding the handling of security of Ray if and when he is returned to Memphis.

Tennessee State Attorney General Phil M. Canale contacted our Agent in charge in Memphis and advised he is not in agreement wit Department Attorney John Rosenberg in regard to making efforts to obtain affidavits from Ralph M. Carpenter. Carpenter is an employee at the company who sold binoculars to the subject and who is currently confined to a psychiatric hospital in Memphis. Canale was of the opinion that any extensive interviews with Carpenter may well lead to publicity regarding his incarceration and could have detrimental effect on the future of the case. Departmental Attorney Rosenberg contacted our Memphis Office and he advised that at the present time no interview will be attempted with witness Carpenter.

We have ascertained that the raincoat in possession of subject when he was arrested by London authorities in London, England, on June 8, 1968, was purchased at "Andy's Mens Shop" in Toronto, Canada on May 6, 1968, and he paid for it with a $50 Canadian bill. The wife of the store owner has identified subject as purchaser of this coat.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

1:05 PM

June 28, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. BISHOP
MR. SULLIVAN

While talking to Attorney General Ramsey Clark on another matter, he asked how the James Earl Ray investigation looked now. I said I thought it was more or less stymied in legal technicalities in Great Britain as it has to go through a long process on extradition. I commented that, of course, the lawyer who has gone over to represent Ray is a former FBI Agent; that he is no good and was the attorney in the Mrs. Viola Liuzzo case, but, of course, we got convictions in that, but this lawyer has always been strongly pro-Klan. I said he was Mayor of Birmingham, Alabama, at one time and at that time he was a strong supporter of "Bull" Connor and I thought it significant that Ray should get a fellow who has certainly a strong smell of the Klan about him. I said he denies that he is a Klansman or that he ever attended any of their meetings and he claims he does not know how Ray came to ask for him as his lawyer. I said that Ray claims he read about him in the newspaper when he was in the penitentiary in Missouri. The Attorney General said he does not see how Ray would remember that. I agreed and told the Attorney General that the lawyer and his son, who is a partner, went over to England and we alerted our London Office to alert the British as to his background so they would know with whom they are dealing.

The Attorney General asked how long ago the fellow was with the Bureau and I stated it must have been before the war. The Attorney General then asked how long he was with the Bureau and I told him about three years and that he then went into the practice of law and got into politics in Birmingham and, as I had said, he was a very strong supporter of "Bull" Connor in the use of police dogs, et cetera, in civil rights matters. I said he was the lawyer in the Liuzzo case and won in the local court and then it went into the Federal court on civil rights and he lost. I said he has made many public statements against Martin Luther King when King was living and he has strong animosity against King and against Kennedy. I said it was significant that he is the attorney selected by Ray to represent him in the trial in this country. I said

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he does not intend to ask for a change of venue if he is to be tried in Memphis. The Attorney General asked if we were getting any evidence that Ray had somebody helping him and supporting him and I told him none whatsoever. I said we were checking various lines as to Ray and Sirhan Sirhan in the Robert F. Kennedy case as to the mysterious woman in the pantry of the Ambassador Hotel and so far they have all fallen through. I said the girl in the Sirhan case has refused to take a lie detector test, but I thought the police were going to give her one although so far she has refused to take one. The Attorney General asked if this were the woman in the polka dot dress and I told him it was the one who claimed she saw the woman in the polka dot dress. The Attorney General said he had read the report on her and got the feeling she was unbalanced. I commented that she was seeking publicity.

I continued that we are also checking as to who was with Sirhan Sirhan at the rifle range when he was practicing with the revolver as well as persons with him when he bought the ammunition. I stated in these instances they were men.

I stated that in Ray's case, we have not found a single angle that would indicate a conspiracy. I said the only significant thing is the money he had and which he spent freely in paying bills and I thought that could have been obtained from a bank robbery. The Attorney General said that if we could show he robbed the bank at Alton, it would be helpful. I said we are working on that because he was paying his bills with $50 bills up to his arrest. I said on the other hand he stayed at flop houses and never stayed at a first-class hotel but at the same time he spent, I thought, $1200 or more in buying guns and the car, which I thought was $1500, and then he took dancing lessons, bartender lessons, and lessons in picking locks, and that is why I think security is so exceedingly important not only in England but on the way back to this country and when he gets here.

The Attorney General commented that he hoped my men can bring him back and asked if that were satisfactory. I told him it was and that I would be strongly of the opinion, unless there is a compelling reason to the contrary, that he ought to be brought back by military plane; that I could not see any difference between a military plane, a Cunard liner, or Pan American; and on the Military plane we would have our Agents and have Ray confined with

leg irons and handcuffs. I said he is a dangerous individual and is not a damn fool; that he is desperate and will make any effort to escape that he can. I said I thought he should be landed at the Naval airport in Memphis and not the regular airport. The Attorney General asked if we should have a representative of the Memphis Police Department on board or not, and I said I would not think so. I said I would think we would be responsible for taking him from the British and arrange with Frank Holloman to have the Memphis Police at the airport in Memphis on arrival, but to do it almost on an "eyes only" basis so there will be no leak as to where or when he is coming in because we will be plagued by the press, as they are trying everything they can in England to get a line on when he is being moved. I said I noted the lawyer says he expects to be advised exactly when and where he will depart. The Attorney General commented that he will know when he gets in.

I said there is a military airport in London and I thought that is where the military plane should land if it goes from this country with absolute silence on the part of the Commanding General as to its departure; that the first knowledge in this country would come when he is delivered to the Memphis Police with sufficient time to get him into jail. I said the plane should arrive so as not to allow them to go through the city in the daytime but to arrive around 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning. The Attorney General said he was sure that was exactly right. I said otherwise there will be efforts to kill him if there is a conspiracy and if there is no conspiracy, the supporters of Dr. King will do everything in their power to kill him. I said the same thing is true in the case of Sirhan Sirhan in Los Angeles because the feeling on behalf of the Kennedy followers is so strong that they will have to take great precautions to see he is not killed. I said it would be a horrible thing as it would be charged it was done by the Federal Government or something like that and for that reason it must be very carefully handled both as to transportation of Ray from London and incarceration, if he is ever extradited as I think it is going to drag on for five or six weeks. I said what I am afraid of is that there is going to develop in this country criticism on the part of the British in getting this fellow back here. I said people have asked how soon he will be brought back and I have told them it is up to the British as it is not our responsibility as we have done everything so that he has legal representation.

The Attorney General stated that Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson, Jr., will be going back over to England Monday night as the Home Secretary and our Ambassador asked that he come back. He said that we have urged in every way that it be speeded up because of the strong feeling in this country about it.

The Attorney General asked then if I thought a military plane is better than leasing a commercial plane and I said I did because when you lease a commercial plane, you would have a crew, unless you put a military crew on it, but there would be no purpose putting a military crew on a commercial plane. I said I could not see any legal difficulty as the method of getting him back does not make much difference as to the legality of the thing or the image of it. The Attorney General commented that he had been thinking the other way. I said he is a dangerous man and has proven himself to be very clever as he landed for various parts of the world as I thought he was headed for Brussels to join the mercenaries and he had plans to go to Rhodesia and he was in Lisbon where he laid around for about a week and came back to London. I said the London Police have never been able to pick up what he was doing for the balance of the time. I said he is a slippery, shrewd individual and he is most contemptuous in manner and action with the prison authorities over there. I said another thing about the British is that they are not tight on security as they do not search a person unless he is convicted and they do not search anybody visiting someone in jail, but that is the old British procedure. The Attorney General commented that it is absolutely wrong. I said I thought any person visiting a prisoner ought to be searched. The Attorney General said he thought my men talked them into doing that. I said they finally did, but they always talk about traditions over there. The Attorney General commented that they were about as strict as anybody on those.

I said I thought we have a very serious problem in moving this fellow and we ought to do it with very carefully laid out plans and take him into the Naval airport in Memphis and arrange to turn him over to Holloman and then announce he is in the custody of the Memphis Police. The Attorney General said he hoped my men were working on that so we will be ready and I told him we were.

I told the Attorney General that the men who were in London were back here, as one man's father had a serious heart attack. I said one is Special Agent Zeiss, whom he may remember, and the Attorney General said he did, that he was a close friend of his father's and his son knows him, too. I said he will be on the plane and so would John T. Minnich. The Attorney General commented this would be ideal.

The Attorney General asked how we thought Ray got the three names he used. I said this again shows his astuteness as all three are living people residing in Canada who never knew him and never heard of him. I said on the other hand, Ray spent last year, when he was wandering around the country, a great portion of the time in Canada and I thought he was planning this thing and seeking a double identity like Sneyd, Galt, and Bridgeman and checking out those names so if there were any check made on his application for a birth certificate, they could ascertain such a person existed. I said this shows his shrewdness. I said I think we are dealing with a man who is not an ordinary criminal in the usual sense, but a man capable of doing any kind of a sly act. The Attorney General said he was exceptionally clever.

I said Sirhan Sirhan is a different individual as he is a fanatic and killed Robert Kennedy because he spoke in favor of Israel and this fellow being an Arab became intensely bitter against Kennedy and felt he should be killed, which he did, but he is a fanatic and Ray is not a fanatic in that sense. I said I think Ray is a racist and detested Negroes and Martin Luther King and there is indication that prior to the Memphis situation, he had information about King speaking in other towns and then picked out Memphis. I said I think he acted entirely alone, but we are not closing our minds that others might be associated with him and we have to run down every lead.

I said we are getting more crank letters and letters about other people who are going to be killed who are in high office, such as Senator Edward Kennedy, et cetera. I said one does not realize how many nuts are loose in this country until we have a case like this. The Attorney General said it brings them out. I said we have to be careful of all of them; that we take about three away a week who come to my office who complain about persecution and sometimes they are armed and we send them to the hospital and then they are sent to St. Elizabeth's and in two or three months they are back on the streets. The Attorney General said we are going to have to find new ways to deal with that problem as it is not effective now. I said it

is a problem for the psychiatrists but they are apparently doing little to cure them, but they are mentally unbalanced. The Attorney General said it is a public safety problem now. I said I do not favor the view that the country is depraved and all that. I said I think we have a great block of fine people in this country; that there may be some depraved citizens, but it is not a depraved society. The Attorney General said he thought there was too much emphasis today in the press that society is sick; that it is the fashionable thing to do.

I said I hoped the new Commission the President has appointed will keep a balanced viewpoint as to that because the other Commission went far astray in regard to white racism. I said there is racism but not as predominantly as the Kerner Commission found it to be. The Attorney General said he had never found it so. I said as an example take the meeting yesterday (Solidarity Day); that more than 50% of those who attended were white and it was not predominantly Negro. The Attorney General said that was surprising to him and he felt better to see it that way. I said this shows that white racism is not as predominant as we have been led to believe. I said I hope the Eisenhower Commission when they get around to their findings view it with an unemotional attitude. The Attorney General said there are some good people on the Commission. I said it seems it should be done without emotionalism or crying fire. I said I get annoyed with the editorials about our sick society as I do not believe there is such a thing in this country although there are some sick citizens. The Attorney General said that if I could make this point in the Law Enforcement Bulletin on the Director's page, he thought it would be helpful. I said I have been working on that just recently; that the idea was given to me by McGill of the Atlanta Constitution. I said he had a fine editorial about the attacks on the FBI because we had not found the King murderer after two months and the cracks that we were not trying to find him and then he quoted several verses of the Bible which portrayed Christ as not interested in the poor, but it showed again that there is always an effort to tear down and destroy. I commented that I thought there was a tendency to debunk our Patriots in history. I said it was that sort of thing that I thought drove President Johnson from running for a second term and the Attorney General agreed.

I mentioned the Students for a Democratic Society as a minority group dominating and the Attorney General said it was a tiny group. I said it is a bad group and it played a big part yesterday at this meeting as they attended but it was just like the Columbia University thing. I said that was staged by only about thirty individuals who closed the university which has thousands of students. The Attorney General said they are a pretty clever and effective group and have to be watched carefully. I said they are more effective than out and out communists. The Attorney General said they are doing more harm. I said they are moving into every area they can and we have been watching them closely and we have some good informants. The Attorney General said he thought that is really vital because they are a dangerous group.

The Attorney General expressed his appreciation and said he would keep me posted on this registration of guns.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 11:45 AM
DATE 6-21-68
BY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 21, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Malley
1-Mr. McGowan
1-Mr. Long
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Bishop
1-Mr. Gale
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Sullivan
1-Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Assistant Attorney General Vinson called with reference to the above-entitled matter involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. He said he has been in touch with British lawyers, believes they will further stipulate as to the identity of subject Ray; however, this has not been firmed up to the point that he is in a position to advise the Bureau that Latent Fingerprint Examiner George Bonebrake will not be needed in London to testify. Vinson said he is going to make one more pass at this matter with the British and will either be in touch with the Bureau today or tomorrow concerning whether Bonebrake is needed.

He said inasmuch as the Department and the Bureau are going to be involved in devising some plans for the travel of Ray from London to the United States, he had been instructed by the Attorney General to get some background on the prison security in Tennessee and thought he had this pretty well lined up inasmuch as some men had been in Tennessee for several days looking over the security there.

Insofar as transporting the subject is concerned, he said that is going to be primarily one for the FBI and he wanted to know whether we could get together on Monday to talk over such things as the most desirable time to leave London, the possibility of private airfield, and other matters which would allow Ray to be taken from London quietly because he felt the British press were even more aggressive than the press here in the States.

I inquired as to whether he had taken any steps with reference to the suggestions concerning the use of military aircraft and the other matters which were set forth in the memorandum that was sent to the Attorney General yesterday. He said he had seen something on it. I told him a copy was designated for him. He said the alternative would be to hire a commercial aircraft but, of course, this presented some problems.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

I advised him we would like to know the Department's decision with reference to the matters raised yesterday.

ACTION:

It is suggested we find out what Vinson has in mind on Monday. As he indicated, he wanted me to see him on this and then it can be determined what steps need be taken. Obviously, if we are going to use military aircraft our problems can be greatly reduced and we, of course, will have much more control over the situation than if we went by commercial aircraft.

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We do not want to use commercial aircraft.

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2-Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Shroder 5710,
Mr. Long 2260)
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Mortimer
1-Lab File

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, San Diego (44-387)
(44-394)

Date: June 21, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis
KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680619073 JK

Examination requested by: San Diego

Reference: Airtel 6/17/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished on the latent fingerprint examination and return of Q375 and K485.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (56-156) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, San Diego (44-387)
(44-394)

Date: June [illegible], 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680619073 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR
KENSALT

Specimens received 6/19/68

Q375 Sheet of paper bearing a hand printed note which begins "If the F.B.I. wonts Ray.s buddy go to...," and ending "...in Big Stone Gap Virginia by the F. B. I."

K485 Sheet of paper bearing the known hand printing of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the hand printing on Q375 was prepared by GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, K485.

The submitted material was searched in the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Copies have been added to this file for future reference.

Q375 and K485 have been photographed and are being returned to San Diego separately.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
(44-394)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis

KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a handprinted note written in green ink and a known handprinting sample of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI No. 584 742 F..

For the information of the Laboratory, enclosed note was received in the mail at the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, 6/11/68.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was subsequently arrested by the San Diego Police Department 6/12/68 on an outstanding warrant issued at Seattle, Washington, for grand larceny.

On 6/13/68 GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed, at which time handprinting was taken from him since circumstances seemed to indicate he had written the note himself, although he denied having written this note.

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1 - Memphis
1 - Los Angeles
4 - San Diego (2 - 44-387) (2 - 44-394)

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The Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting examination on enclosures and advise the San Diego Office of the results.

The Bureau is requested to return enclosed items to the SanDiego Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) Date: June 18, 1968

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SAC, Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab No. D-680614107 JK

Examination requested by: Legat, London

Reference: Airtel 6/9/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Because of the nature of the documents submitted, these were not treated for latent fingerprints. Should such an examination be desired, these items should be forwarded to the Bureau, attention Latent Fingerprint Section.

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of incoming communication from Legat, London.

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Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, copy of incoming communication)

2 - Legat, London (88-72) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Legat, Paris Enclosures (5) (Q369-Q372, Lab report)

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NOTE: The decision to forego treatment of these documents for latents was co-ordinated with General Investigative Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: June 18, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680614107 JM

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 6/14/68

Q369 Form A-O-Application for Canadian Passport, in the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, stamped "Cancelled," Affidavit signed "Ramon George Sneyd" and attached carbon copy of a letter to the Canadian Passport Division dated 5/17/68

Q370 Card entitled "Policia Internacional E De Defesa Do Estado Entrada De Estrangeiros," signed RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

Q371 International Embarkation/Disembarkation Card, in the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYA

Q372 International Embarkation/Disembarkation Card, in the name RAMON GEORGE SMEYD

Result of examination:

Excluding the hand printing on Q370 and considering the signature on this item together with the other specimens described above, it was concluded that the questioned handwriting, hand printing and "Sneyd" signatures on Q369 through Q372 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Specimens Q369 through Q372 are forwarded with a copy of this report to Legat, Paris. Photographs were made.

inaccordance with yesterday's request.

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IMMEDIATE 6-18-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 69

MURKIN. ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [illegible]

RE MY TELEPHONE CALL SUPERVISOR LOFGREN ADVISING OF COURT PROCEEDINGS AND THAT I WOULD CABLE RECOMMENDATIONS RE [redacted]

[redacted]

EXTRADITION HEARING NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE TWO SEVEN NEXT PLUS MANDATORY FIFTEEN DAY APPEAL PERIOD FROM DATE ORDERED EXTRADITED; IF HABEAS CORPUS APPLIED FOR ON LAST DATE THIS PERIOD, CASE WOULD GO TO QUEEN'S BENCH COURT WITH POSSIBLE FOUR TO FIVE DAYS THERE AND THEN TO HOME SECRETARY WITH POSSIBLE FIVE DAYS BEFORE HE SIGNS ORDER FOR POSSIBLE TOTAL OF AT LEAST TWENTY FIVE DAYS FROM JUNE TWO SEVEN OR TWO EIGHT BEFORE SUBJECT CAN BE RETURNED U.S. IF HE DOES NOT APPLY FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS, LETTING FIFTEEN DAY APPEAL PERIOD EXPIRE, THIS COULD BE REDUCED TO TWENTY DAYS AFTER JUNE TWO SEVEN OR TWO EIGHT.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

BASED FOREGOING I RECOMMEND [redacted] RETURN JUNE NINETEEN. AUTHORIZATION CANNOT BE OBTAINED HERE FOR RETURN VIA MILITARY CRAFT, THIS MUST BE OBTAINED WASHINGTON. IF BUREAU DOES NOT DESIRE RETURN VIA MILITARY, I PROPOSE TO ISSUE OFFICE GTR TO EACH ECONOMY RETURN DATE OPEN AS ROUND TRIP CONSIDERABLY CHEAPER. IF COMMERCIAL, RESERVATIONS OBTAINED ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT ONE ZERO SEVEN DEPARTING LONDON TWO THIRTY PM ARRIVING DULLES FIVE FIFTEEN PM JUNE NINETEEN.

REMYAIRTEL JUNE FOURTEEN SENT IN SEALED ENVELOPE TO ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN. IF [redacted] RETURN JUNE NINETEEN STRONGLY RECOMMEND EITHER OR BOTH CONFER WITH OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE SAFE SECURE RETURN OF SUBJECT. ALSO EITHER OR BOTH BE SENT MEMPHIS TO CONFER WITH OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE THERE.

ALSO RECOMMEND THEY RETURN LONDON TWO OR THREE DAYS PRIOR SUBJECTS ACTUAL RETURN SO THEY WILL HAVE TIME TO RECUPERATE FROM "JET LAG" TIME, BE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY ALERT AND TO ASSIST IN FINAL PLANNING HERE.

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[redacted] DOING EXCELLENT JOB ON PAPER WORK. THERE ARE STILL UNDEVELOPED LEADS TO BE COVERED AND SCOTLAND YARD PLANS TO MAKE PRESS APPEAL TO PUBLIC RE WHEREABOUTS SUBJECT MAY SEVENTEEN TO TWO EIGHT LAST. THIS WILL GENERATE MORE PAPER WORK. IMPERATIVE I DEVOTE SOME TIME TO OTHER WORK OF OFFICE WHICH HAS ACCUMULATED.

BASED ON FOREGOING RECOMMEND FOR PRESENT [redacted] REMAIN HERE AND I WILL REVIEW AND SUBMIT FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS RE HIM ON JUNE TWO FIVE NEXT. SUCAB.

RECEIVED: 9:23 AM LRC

CC-MR. ROSEN

3RD CC MR. BRENNAN

[redacted] indicated [redacted] considerable data [redacted] security and recommend [redacted]

Agents [redacted] were sent over to assist in the transportation of the subject, to be returned by the United States on 9/15/45. This is testified and if approved Minick will be advised. They will return in ample time to perform any duties required depending upon developments in London. Recommendations concerning security measures re transportation of subject, in the event this duty delegated to FBI, will be discussed with Agents upon their return. Contingencies will be thoroughly explored and recommendations submitted dependent upon responsibilities delegated to the FBI.

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2 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI 44-38861-

MURKIN

REBUCAT LONDON MESSAGE JUNE EIGHTEEN, INSTANT.

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE OFFICE GTR'S FOR AGENTS [redacted] FOR ECONOMY RETURN, DATE OPEN. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR [redacted] TO RETURN ON PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT ONE ZERO SEVEN, DEPARTING LONDON TWO-THIRTY PM, AND ARRIVING DULLES FIVE-FIFTEEN PM, JUNE NINETEEN, SIXTYEIGHT. AUTHORIZATION IS ALSO GRANTED FOR SPECIAL AGENT [redacted] TO REMAIN IN LONDON. SUBMIT FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING [redacted] ON JUNE TWENTYFIVE, NEXT.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS (AIRMAIL)

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NOTE: Legat London in his communication dated 6/18/68, advised extradition hearing concerning Ray now scheduled for June 27, 1968, and it is possible that it will be at least 25 days from June 27 before subject can be returned to the United States, because of British laws. Legat London has recommended that [redacted] return to the U. S. on June 19, 1968 and a round-trip GTR to be issued. Legat also recommends that [redacted] remain in London and he will submit further recommendations concerning [redacted] on June 25, 1968. Authorization being given to Legat London to have [redacted] return on June 19, 1968, and authorization being given for [redacted] to remain in London. Legat London also being instructed to submit further recommendations concerning [redacted] on June 25, 1968.

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Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Mallet
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, requested that he be furnished available copies of reports previously sent to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, concerning results of our investigation in this case.

We previously furnished Mr. Pollak of the Department as well as United States Attorney in Birmingham, Alabama, copies of eight individual reports. Of these eight reports furnished, we have extra copies of six of these and we are sending these six reports to Mr. Vinson in accordance with his request.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a letter to Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr. transmitting the six reports.

Enclosure sent 6-19-68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

FROM : W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

FINGERPRINT TESTIMONY AT EXTRADITION HEARING

As you are aware, the testimony of the latent fingerprint examiner who effected the identifications with the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, has been requested in connection with the extradition hearing for Ray in London on June 27, 1968.

Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake is scheduled to arrive London at 8:05 A.M., on June 24, 1968. The attorneys in London have requested that Bonebrake be available for conferences two days prior to the hearing, and, inasmuch as all flights to London on June 24, 1968, are filled, it is necessary for the examiner to take a flight leaving Washington, D. C., the evening of June 23, 1968. Legat, London, advised by cablegram today.

Bonebrake is taking the following listed items as possible aids to his testimony:

- Charted enlargements illustrating the identification of latent fingerprints on the rifle, telescopic sight for the rifle, and the binoculars
- Photographs and negatives of all latent fingerprints identified with Ray
- Two original fingerprint cards and copies made from the microfilm of all fingerprint cards from the record of Ray, FBI #405942G
- Original notes of the examiner
- Necessary copies of these items

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ADVISE DATE AND METHOD OF TRANSMITTAL THAT REPORT IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION TO DEPARTMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO BUREAU REFLECTING INVESTIGATION BY NEW SCOTLAND YARD CONCERNING SUBJECT'S APPREHENSION AND HIS ACTIVITIES IN LONDON, INCLUDING HIS DEPARTURE TO LISBON AND RETURN TO LONDON, ENGLAND. IF NOT ALREADY SUBMITTED ADVISE TODAY ON AVAILABLE RESULTS AND FOLLOW PROMPTLY WITH SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS.

1 - Foreign Liaison

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NOTE: We are requesting the Legal Attache in London to furnish us a date the report was submitted concerning investigation in England.

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5 - Mr. Long

TO: AMEMBASSY LONDON

FROM: DIRECTOR FBI

MERKIN.

ARTHUR JACKSON HANES, SR., BORN OCTOBER NINETEEN, EIGHTEEN SIXTEEN, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WAS ISSUED PASSPORT JUNE NINETEEN, INSTANT, NUMBER J SIX EIGHT FOUR SEVEN THREE SIX FOR INTENDED TRAVEL TO ENGLAND, SCOTLAND AND IRELAND FOR FIVE DAYS FOR BUSINESS AND TO SEE CLIENT. PASSPORT NUMBER J SIX EIGHT FOUR SEVEN THREE SEVEN ISSUED SAME DATE AND FOR SAME TRAVEL FOR ARTHUR JACKSON HANES, JR., BORN APRIL EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY TWO, EL PASO, TEXAS. NO CRIMINAL RECORD LOCATED IDENT DIVISION.

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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VIA TELETYPE
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

9 JUN 25 1968 TELETYPE UNIT

Memorandum

[redacted]

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Lofgren
1 - Movement Section

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At 4:15 a. m. today, Legat London, John Minnich telephonically advised extra duty supervisor Kenneth A. Lofgren that Special Agents [redacted] who are on special assignment in London will be returning to headquarters on Pan American, Flight 107, leaving London 2:30 p. m. today and scheduled to arrive at Dulles International Airport 5:15 p. m. today.

Legat Minnich requested that an Agent, preferably from Washington Field Office (WFO) meet [redacted] at the airport, who can expedite their reentry, and who can promptly deliver an envelope with official papers to Mr. Rosen. Also it is desired for [redacted] to be advised so they can meet their husbands at the airport. Legat was informed this would be done.

Accordingly, Special Agent Lofgren telephonically informed [redacted] of the above and both stated they will meet their husbands at the airport.

RECOMMENDATION:

That WFO be contacted to handle the above assignment at the airport.

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Special Agent [redacted] Washington Field Office was advised of the travel data on Special Agents [redacted] and he will handle.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Bishop
Mr. McGowan
Mr. Mohr

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Lofgren

At 4:55 A.M., today, Bureau Supervisor W. L. Martindale, on Special Assignment Legal Attache's Office, London, telephonically advised Extra-Duty Supervisor Kenneth F. Lofgren in response to Bureau Cable 88, which requested Legat, London, to submit a report suitable for dissemination to the Department, as follows:

Martindale pointed out that Legat, London airtel to the Bureau of June 14, 1968, enclosed pertinent Scotland Yard reports, and advised that their reports could be disseminated to the Department in confidence, but to no one else. With these Scotland Yard reports, and information hand-carried to the Bureau by Special Agent [redacted] on June 19, 1968, Martindale stated the Bureau is up to date on all developments.

Martindale advised that due to the acute stenographic situation in Legat, London Office, an LHM will not be prepared and submitted as requested in re cable on the information in the previous reports from the Yard. As additional positive information is received from Scotland Yard, that data will be forwarded the Bureau by LHM's.

Martindale states this procedure will be followed unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

ACTION:

It is noted that Legat, London in his airtel of June 14, 1968, transmitting certain reports from New Scotland Yard, stated that they were furnished in confidence

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[redacted] to [redacted] Memorandum
RE: [redacted]

by the Yard and were not to be disseminated outside the Bureau. In light of this, the Legat, London, was instructed by Bureau cable June 19, 1968, to submit information in form suitable for dissemination to the Department. In view of the lifting of the restriction previously imposed, we will now disseminate those reports from the Yard advising the Department that they are not to be disseminated outside the Department.

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

URGENT.

BASIS SUMMARY.

ST. LOUIS TEL TO BUREAU MAY SIXTEEN, LAST, REFLECTING INTERVIEW WITH JAMES LOAMA OWENS; KANSAS CITY TEL MAY TWENTY, LAST, REFLECTING INTERVIEW WITH JAMES WALLACE; AND MEMPHIS TEL JUNE EIGHTEEN, LAST, REQUESTING ST. LOUIS FURNISH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH FEDERAL INMATE JAMES H. CARPENTER.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD NOTE THAT JAMES H. CARPENTER AND JAMES WALLACE BOTH INDICATE THEY SAW SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS DURING SUMMER OF ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. WALLACE INDICATES SUBJECT WAS SEEN BY HIM IN COMPANY OF JAMES LOAMA OWENS. OWENS HAS DENIED TO ST. LOUIS AGENTS THAT HE SAW SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS SUMMER OF ONE NINE SIX SEVEN.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD CHECK RECORDS AT THE JEFFERSON GRAVOIS BANK, ST. LOUIS, TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT OWENS OR SUBJECT MIGHT HAVE HAD ANY DEALINGS THAT BANK DURING ONE NINE SIX SEVEN. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ST. LOUIS MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH SUBJECT'S PRESENCE IN ST. LOUIS AND TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT AND OWENS MAY

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HAVE PULLED A BANK ROBBERY OR LARGE ROBBERY WHICH WOULD EXPLAIN SUBJECT HAVING FUNDS USED LATER FOR TRAVEL AND EXPENSES.

ADVISE ST. LOUIS AND KANSAS CITY.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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FBI WASH DC

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Tele. Room
Holmes
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[redacted]

By [redacted]

While the nation mourned the death of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy at the hands of an assassin, the FBI entered the unspectacular stages of the [redacted] Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., entered its fifth week with no sign of success.

While the FBI will make no comment on the case, a Justice Department official conceded what many associates have said for nearly the entire time — that Dr. King's assassin may never be found and may be dead.

While the FBI continued to press a world-wide manhunt for the suspect, James Earl Ray, the [redacted] official said:

"The chances of capturing Ray have diminished with time because time dims recollections and obscures evidence. And it is not unlikely, despite a host of evidence, that Ray was killed by someone who may have conspired with him against Dr. King."

The statement of the official, who would not permit use of his name, conflicts sharply with Attorney General Ramsey Clark's earlier public pronouncements that he believed Ray was alive and would be caught.

Dr. King was struck by a sniper's bullet as he stood talking on a Memphis motel balcony April 4 — nine weeks ago last Thursday. The FBI traced Ray to Atlanta where agents were told he was seen the day after the murder. There the trail ends.

A library [redacted] Ray in Atlanta, Ray managed to board a plane unnoticed and flew to Miami where he boarded another plane that took him out of the country. Officials of virtually all free world nations have been alerted to watch for him. A meticulous FBI check of airlines serving Atlanta turned up nothing.

The FBI, deluged with tips about Ray in the weeks immediately following Dr. King's death, still gets hundreds every week, but not as many as before.

"All it needs," said a more optimistic official, "is one — the right one. And it could come any hour of any day."

The Chief Spy

The Washington Post
Times Herald
The Washington Daily News 5
The Evening Star (Washington)
The Sunday Star (Washington)
Daily News (New York)
Sunday News (New York)
New York Post
The New York Times
The Sun (Baltimore)
The Worker
The New Leader
The Wall Street Journal
The National Observer
People's World
Date JUN 8 1968

The Daily News must hope none read this!

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SENT FROM D.C.

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File

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
U. S. N.
Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

June 4, 1942

Subject: James Ray

Dear Sir:

I am sending this on to you, for, I feel you may find information in this file, that should help find this man.

: Look around at Garfield states thru out mid-west, here he would feel off guard and looking for a peace of mind, he could be with a women around 45-50 years of age, so for looking for him, look for two people, you'll find him this way faster.

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Yours truly

Mr. James H. Wood

CERTIFIED
No. 830747
MAIL

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Based upon stops placed by New Scotland Yard as a result of information furnished by the FBI, James Earl Ray was arrested at the London International Airport, London, England, today, 6/8/68, at 11:15 a. m. London time (6:15 a. m. Washington, D. C., time).

Ray was traveling under a Canadian passport issued in the name of Ramon George Sneyd. At the time of his arrest he had two Canadian passports under this name. One had been issued at Ottawa on 4/24/68 and the other had been issued by the Canadian Embassy at Lisbon, Portugal, on 5/16/68. Ray obtained a second passport by claiming that his original passport had been destroyed.

Ray at the time of the arrest was carrying in his hip pocket a fully loaded revolver. He is being detained by English authorities for carrying a concealed weapon and for entering the country with illegal documentation (the passport). Ray is to be arraigned in court in London on Monday, 6/10/68, at 10:30 a. m. London time. Ray cannot be interviewed by FBI personnel before his arraignment. Subsequent to the arraignment he can be interviewed only if he consents to submitting to such an interview.

The Legal Attache in London has advised that Ray's identity has been confirmed through fingerprints. REC 31 - 176 4/610

The White House, the Department of State, Secret Service and officials of the Department of Justice were appropriately advised of the apprehension of Ray. Also, Public Safety Director, Frank Holloman, of Memphis, Tennessee, was personally informed that Ray had been

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apprehended and was in custody in London, England. The Canadian Embassy in Washington, D. C., and Royal Canadian Mounted Police Liaison Officer Pantry were advised. It was pointed out to the Department of State and officials of the Department that extradition proceedings would have to be initiated. It is our understanding that the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement charge as well as the Civil Rights - Conspiracy charge are not extraditable offenses. The murder charge which is outstanding against Ray based on the indictment in Tennessee is an avenue for extradition.

The Crime Records Division issued a national press release on this case at 11:36 a. m., after it had been cleared with both the Deputy Attorney General and with Cliff Sessions, the Department of Justice Information Officer. Prior to that the release had been read to and approved by the Legat in London and the SACs at Atlanta, Memphis and Birmingham. The latter SACs were advised it could be released to the local press at 11:55 a. m. Extremely wide press coverage has been given to the press release, both on radio, television and in newspapers. Attached is a copy of the press release as well as the story as it appeared in the 6/8/68 issue of the Washington "Evening Star."

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments in this matter.

OVER

ADDENDUM ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR

The Attorney General asked me to come to his office at approximately 2:20 p. m. In his office were his wife, Assistant Attorney General Vinson, Assistant Attorney General Pollack, his Executive Assistant Neil Lindenbaum and the Deputy Attorney General, Warren Christopher.

The Attorney General first congratulated the FBI and stated that this was the greatest news he had ever heard. He next went into a long song and dance on the absolute necessity of security and the avoidance of evasion of civil rights of the subject, James Earl Ray. The Attorney General asked me questions concerning the quality of our Agent personnel in London and I told him we had absolute faith and confidence in these men, otherwise we would not have assigned them there. He stated he thought we should send additional men to London to assist in this case. I told him I thought this was both foolish and unnecessary. He asked me about Legal Attache Minnich's background and I provided this information for him. He asked me if the FBI had a representative in the same cell block with the subject. I told him we did not and that furthermore, inasmuch as this man was under British custody, we could not even talk to the prisoner unless he, the prisoner, agreed to interrogation. The Attorney General asked if we had a man next to the cell block. I told him we did not and that he must realize that this man was under British custody and, therefore, not the responsibility of American authorities. The Attorney General stated he would feel better if he knew the exact provisions under which security the prisoner was being maintained. I made no comment.

The Attorney General asked me if I thought it was necessary to send a Departmental representative to London. I told him I thought this was completely unnecessary if the representative would be going for the purpose of attempting to look into FBI activities. The Attorney General stated this representative would be going for the purpose of expediting legal activities in connection with the extradition of the subject. He added that the Departmental representative would also check with the British authorities to make certain there was ample security. Furthermore, to make certain that the prisoner's civil rights were being protected.

The Attorney General asked me whom I thought should be responsible for bringing the prisoner back to the United States. I told him I previously discussed this with the Director and that the Director was agreeable to the FBI escorting the prisoner back to the United States. He asked how many men would do this. I told him we would utilize three very capable men. He stated he thought we needed more. I told him I disagreed and that three men

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would be sufficient, particularly [illegible] The Attorney General asked [illegible] commercial transportation should be utilized. [illegible] military transportation would probably be better and further [illegible] plane should land at a military base, possibly near Memphis, Tennessee, so that maximum security could be afforded. The Attorney General agreed. He then called Governor Buford Ellington in Tennessee and specifically asked him to expedite extradition proceedings by immediately making a request to the President of the United States so that the White House in turn could forward this request to the British Home Secretary. The Attorney General also told Governor Ellington that he would personally feel better if Federal officers (meaning the FBI) would escort the prisoner back to the United States. Governor Ellington agreed to all terms and stated that he would comply with the wishes of the Federal Government in this matter.

The Attorney General next turned to the Deputy Attorney General and asked him if he thought a Departmental representative should be sent to England. The Deputy Attorney General replied, "Without question." The Attorney General next asked the entire group whom they thought should be sent. He ventured the personal opinion that it should either be Vinson or Pollack. There was no comment. The Attorney General then stated that Vinson should go and should leave tonight, June 8, 1968. He asked that Vinson be placed in touch with our Legal Attache. I told the Attorney General that sending Vinson was his own business, however, I would like to make absolutely certain that Vinson did nothing to upset the very excellent relationship between the FBI and Scotland Yard. I stated that Vinson under no circumstances should attempt to push Scotland Yard around by insisting on different types of security. The Attorney General repeated that Vinson would be there primarily for the purpose of expediting legal activities. The Attorney General then told Lindenbaum to have several Bureau of Prisons officials go to Memphis early Monday, June 10, 1968, for the purpose of taking a look at the county jail in Memphis so that proper security could be afforded the prisoner once he was turned over to the state authorities. (This, of course, is none of the Attorney General's business inasmuch as once the prisoner is turned over to the state he is strictly the state's responsibility.)

Upon leaving, the Attorney General told me that he would like to sit down with me within the next several days and completely go over this case. I told him that we had already provided him with reports in the matter and that these reports, plus the press release of today, covered all necessary details. He made no comment other than to commend the FBI once again and to say that hard work paid off.

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[redacted] be assigned this responsibility. [redacted] is approximately 6 feet 4 inches tall, is in excellent physical shape, is a firearms instructor and is currently assigned to the General Investigative Division here at FBI Headquarters. He has an excellent background. In the event the Director approves this recommendation, we will have [redacted] obtain a passport and the necessary medical shots so that he can proceed to London, England, upon instructions.

I am advising Legal Attache Minnich this afternoon, June 8, 1968, that while he should confer with Assistant Attorney General Vinson he should not be "bossed around" by Vinson or allow Vinson to upset any delicate relations that we have with law enforcement authorities in England.

6/8/68

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
JUNE 8, 1968

Attorney General Ramsey Clark today announced that James Earl Ray, an escaped convict being sought in connection with the fatal shooting of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, 1968, has been located in London, England.

FBI Director John Edgar Hoover said that Ray, who has used the name of Eric Starvo Galt and other alias, was detained by officers of New Scotland Yard at 11:15 a.m., London time, this morning. Ray was traveling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd and had two Canadian passports in that name in his possession. One passport had been issued at Ottawa on April 24, 1968, and the other had been issued May 16, 1968, at Lisbon, Portugal, by the Canadian embassy in that city. Mr. Hoover advised that Ray was located based on information furnished by the FBI to New Scotland Yard. At the time of his detention, Ray was passing through British immigration offices and was planning to take a flight to Brussels, Belgium.

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Mr. Hoover said (illegible) Ray is now [illegible]

London's Cannon Row Police Station under maximum security conditions.

Mr. Hoover further advised that Ray was armed with a fully loaded pistol which was found in his hip pocket. He was wearing glasses and was dressed in a light colored raincoat, a sports jacket and gray trousers.

Director Hoover advised that Ray's arrest was the direct result of intensive investigation by the FBI pursued in all fifty states--as well as in Canada, Mexico, Portugal, England and other countries. In particular, Mr. Hoover signaled out the outstanding cooperation received from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and from England's New Scotland Yard.

FBI Director Hoover pointed out that Ray was detained in England based on his use of fraudulent documentation--a passport--and also on the fact he was carrying a concealed weapon. A 1st degree murder indictment was returned by the Shelby County Grand Jury in Memphis, Tennessee, on May 7, 1968, charging Ray and necessary extradition proceedings will be initiated shortly.

According to Mr. Hoover, Ray was added to the FBI's list of "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" on April 20, 1968.

Mr. Hoover stated that the 40-year-old [illegible] escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. He was received at the institution on March 17, 1960, to serve a 20-year sentence following conviction in St. Louis for armed robbery and for operating a motor vehicle without permission of the owner. In April, 1967, he was reported missing from the State Penitentiary; and on July 26, 1967, based on information indicating Ray had fled from Missouri, an FBI complaint was filed at Jefferson City charging him with unlawful flight to avoid confinement for armed robbery.

On April 17, 1968, the FBI filed a complaint at Birmingham, Alabama, charging him, under the name of Eric Starvo Galt, with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. King in violation of Title 18, Section 241, of the United States Code.

This FBI complaint charges that:

"On or about March 29, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, ...Eric Starvo Galt and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King, Jr.,...in the free exercise or enjoyment of a right secured to him by the Constitution or

[illegible] of the United States, namely, the right to [illegible] travel from state to state. In furtherance of this conspiracy, Eric Starvo Galt did, on or about March 30, 1968, purchase a rifle at Birmingham, Alabama..."

Immediately after the fatal shooting, a 30.06 rifle with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis which overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where Dr. King was staying. Mr. Hoover said FBI Agents determined that the rifle had been purchased on March 30, 1968, from a gun dealer in Birmingham and that the telescopic sight was also purchased from this dealer.

On April 19, 1968, Mr. Hoover announced that a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints uncovered in the Dr. King case against the fingerprints of the over 53,000 persons for whom "Wanted Notices" had been posted in the files of the FBI's Identification Division led to the determination that Galt and Ray were identical.

FBI Agents also identified him as the owner of an abandoned 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was

located in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968. As Eric Galt, he had purchased the Mustang from a private citizen in Birmingham on August 30, 1967. From that date until it was abandoned in early April, 1968, the car was driven more than 19,000 miles.

Mr. Hoover said that the fugitive's travels in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis and Atlanta, as well as to Mexico. He visited Mexico in October and November, 1967. He made a trip to Canada earlier in 1967 before purchasing the Mustang.

According to the FBI Director, while in Montreal, Canada, in the Summer of 1967, Ray enrolled as Eric Galt for a correspondence course in locksmithing offered by a school in New Jersey. He also took a course in bartending in Los Angeles early this year, graduating on March 2, 1968. In addition, he also took dance lessons in Long Beach, California, from December, 1967, to February, 1968.

Mr. Hoover said that a summary of the FBI's investigation in this case, together with the findings of the FBI Laboratory and the results of fingerprint examinations by the Identification Division, will be made available to Tennessee authorities.

Accused Slaye
Of King Seized a
London Airport

By JEREMIAH O'LEARY
Star Staff Writer

James Earl Ray, accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was arrested today in London.

The 40-year-old fugitive was seized by Scotland Yard operatives at 11:15 a.m. (7:15 EDT) as he disembarked from an airliner en route from Lisbon, Portugal, to Brussels, Belgium, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced.

The FBI, which has sought Ray since King's death April 4 in Memphis, Tenn., said Ray had a snub-nosed, fully loaded revolver in his hip pocket when British police made the arrest. Ray was arrested on the basis of information furnished Scotland Yard by the FBI.

An announcement by Scotland Yard said Ray was charged with possessing a forged passport and possessing a firearm without a certificate.

Ray was wearing a light raincoat, sports jacket and gray trousers.

He was traveling with a Canadian passport listing him as Ramon George Sneyd. The FBI said he obtained the Canadian passport April 24 in Ottawa, Canada, where he apparently fled after King's assassination.

The arrest was announced as King's widow was attending funeral services for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in New York.



JAMES EARL RAY

Hoover said Ray had be traced by the FBI to Canada a that he had flown to London May 7 with a round-trip ticke In London, Ray had cashed the unused part of the ticket i exchange for a ticket to Lisbo and a voucher for the differenc of $14.60.

Last night, Ray boarded an airliner in the Portuguese capital, checked his luggage through to Brussels and stopped in London only as part of a refueling stop.

The FBI, already aware of the false identity he had assumed, had alerted Scotland Yard to watch for anyone using the name Ramon George Sneyd.

The arrest came when Scotland Yard detectives checked the passenger list of the Lisbon to Brussels airplane at Heath Row International Airport in London.

The FBI said Ray's extradition to the United States will be sought on the basis of the murder charge filed against him by the State of Tennessee rather than the federal fugitive and civ-

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Suspect Is Captured In Slaying of King

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ll rights warrants outstanding against him.

According to information reaching here, Ray refused to admit his identity but he was identified quickly by British police from fingerprints taken after his arrest. Ray is being held in London's Canon Row police station under maximum guard.

Washington officials said they understood he would be arraigned on the British charges against him on Monday and that extradition proceedings would be started as soon as possible.

Hoover said the arrest was the result of close cooperation between the FBI, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Scotland Yard. The FBI had lost Ray's trail in the first several weeks after the murder of Dr. King, but picked up his scent again after routine checks of all passports issued in the United States and Canada.

Ray had applied for and obtained the Canadian passport under the name of Sneyd, using the name of one Paul Bridgeman of Toronto as a reference.

Hoover said no Paul Bridgeman had been located in Toronto, but that was the name of one of Ray's fellow prisoners in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo. Ray himself apparently used the name Paul Bridgeman during his stay in Toronto before flying to London on May 7.

He had continued his old habits of living in cheap boarding houses and frequenting bars during his stay in Canada, FBI agents learned. The pursuit of Ray intensified in mid-May when the FBI learned that he had gone to the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon to apply for a second passport under the name of Sneyd, saying that the first one had been spoiled.

Ray had been the object of an intensive, worldwide manhunt since King's death, even before the FBI knew the true identity of the man they sought. The accused sniper had left a confused network of false identities behind him from the day in April 1967 when he escaped from the Missouri prison until his arrest today.

The first alias he used was Eric Starvo Galt, under which name he traveled to Canada in the summer of 1967 and bought the white Mustang that linked him with the King slaying.

When the suspect bought the presumed murder weapon, a Remington Gamemaster 30.06 pump gun, in Birmingham, Ala., on March 30, 1968, he used the name of Harvey Lowmyer. And when he registered in the Memphis flophouse several hours before Dr. King was fatally wounded on the balcony of the nearby Lorraine Motel on April 4, he was calling himself John Willard, the FBI said.

It was not until the white Mustang was located in Atlanta, Ga., parked near the state capital building, on April 11, that the name of Galt entered the investigation. FBI agents already knew that an Eric S. Galt had registered at the Rebel Motel in Memphis the night before King's murder but had not been able to connect him with the crime.

Registration of the car in Alabama gave investigators the name of Galt but a week went by before the FBI determined that this, too, was a false identity.

The FBI found that a man using the name Galt had traveled to Canada, Mexico, the Los Angeles area and New Orleans in a 19,000-mile journey from September, 1967 until early April, 1968. FBI agents located photographs of "Galt" at a bartending school in Los Angeles, in possession of a Mexican prostitute in Puerto Vallarta, and at the home of a Los Angeles girl to whom the suspect had written a lonely-hearts letter.

But it was not until April 18 that the FBI determined that the fugitive's real name was James Earl Ray.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 6/10/68

FROM : T. E. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

As a result of quick-breaking developments in the location of James Earl Ray in London on Saturday morning, 6/8/68, agents and stenographers were expeditiously assembled. Facts were gathered from the voluminous investigative results of the investigation in this country and Canada and telephonically from the Legat in London. A comprehensive press release was prepared which had to be typed quickly and accurately and a number of copies made. Fast, personal notification to a large number of reporters representing the press, radio and TV was made.

Over 50 such reporters personally appeared at my office and were given the release at 11:35 a.m., 6/8/68. Inquiries from these representatives were handled and contacts from numerous other press representatives both in person and by telephone were handled by me and the staff of Agents during the entire remainder of the day.

The Agents that assisted in this matter are: [redacted]

The stenographers are: [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

That a letter be furnished to this Division with copies for the personnel files of the Agent and stenographic personnel listed above commending them for the outstanding manner in which this most important matter was expeditiously and efficiently handled.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Callahan

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Appropriate letter attached.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

GEORGE F. McCANLESS
ATTORNEY GENERAL & REPORTER

OFFICE OF THE
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June 11th, 1968

His Excellency Buford Ellington
Governor of Tennessee
Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

Re: EXTRADITION OF JAMES EARL RAY, ALIASES ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, HARVEY LOWMEYER, HARVEY LOWMYER AND GEORGE RAMON SNEYD

FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

Dear Governor Ellington:-

This letter is to advise you that I have examin the enclosed Petition in quadruplicate, made by the District Attorney Gene for Shelby County, the Honorable Phil M.Canale, Jr., for the issuance of a application for the extradition of the above named fugitive. This fugiti is charged by Indictment in the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee with the crime of Murder. In my opinion, these papers are in order and in proper form.

This fugitive has been apprehended and is in custody in London, England. If you decide to make application for the issuance of a Requisition for the international extradition of this fugiti by the President of the United States of America, your application should forwarded to the Secretary of State of the United States of America, the Honorable Dean Rusk, Department of State, Washington, D.C. This applicati should be in triplicate.

Sheriff William N.Morris, Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee, will be in charge of the custody of the fugitive shou he be returned. The Honorable Phil M.Canale, Jr., the District Attorney General for Shelby County, referred to above, will be in charge of the prosecution of this fugitive.

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With personal regards, I am

MCT-3 15 JUN 18 1968

Very truly yours,

Albert D. Noe

ALBERT D. NOE, IV
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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cc Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Identification,
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Harold Shapiro,
Chief- Administrative Regulations Section
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Mr. Mark b. Feldman
Assistant Legal Advisor for Security and Consular Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Sheriff William N. Morris
Sheriff, Shelby County,
Tennessee

Mr. John Rosenberg
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Honorable Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General,
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. Ramsey Clark
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

6/13/68

PLAINTEXT
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TELETYPE — URGENT
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886) AND SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

FROM: SAC, MPD (44-703)

HUSKIN

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TODAY.

BUREAU REQUESTED PASSPORT CHECK OF [redacted]

BORN [redacted] AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDING [redacted], UNITED STATES PASSPORT NUMBER [redacted], WHO REGISTERED WITH AMERICAN EMBASSY LONDON LATE [redacted] IN APPLICATION OCTOBER [redacted] FURNISHED PERMANENT RESIDENT AS [redacted] FATHER, [redacted] BORN COLORADO NINETEEN SEVENTEEN; MOTHER, [redacted] BORN DETROIT, MICHIGAN NINETEEN NINETEEN; WIFE, [redacted]

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3 - Teletype Unit
2 - MPD

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BOMB LOS ANGELES [redacted] : PERSON TO BE

NOTIFIED LISTED AS [redacted]

MARTINDALE-HUBBELL LAW DIRECTORY REFLECTS [redacted]

ASSOCIATED WITH FIRM OF [redacted]

LOS ANGELES CONDUCT CREDIT, CRIMINAL AND INDICES CHECKS

AND ANY OTHER LOGICAL SOURCE. SUTEL RESULTS FOLLOWED BY LHM

SUITABLE FOR FOREIGN DISSEMINATION. CAPTION LHM [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

LEGAT, SANTO DOMINGO (44-2) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted]

ReButel, 6-8-68.

On 6-10-68, stops placed with the Dominican National Police (DNP) and Dominican National Department of Investigations (DNI) were removed.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

3-Bureau
(1-Liaison Section)
1-Santo Domingo

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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WASH DC TELETYPE

TBI MEMPHIS

345PM URGENT 6-18-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

IT IS SUGGESTED FOR THE BUREAU'S CONSIDERATION THAT LEGAT BERNE BE REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT RAY HAD BANK ACCOUNT OR SAFE DEPOSIT BOX IN SWITZERLAND UNDER TRUE NAME OR ALIASES.

BUFFALO AND DETROIT ARE REQUESTED TO AGAIN CONTACT POLICE SOURCES FOR ANY INDICATION OF ROBBERIES INVOLVING MORE THAN TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN WHICH SUBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED DURING PERIOD APRIL TWENTY THREE NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN TO JULY EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE ADVISED BY TELETYPE MAY TWELVE LAST THAT FORMER MSP INMATE JAMES H. CARPENTER SAW SUBJECT BETWEEN MAY TEN AND SEVENTEEN SIXTY SEVEN AT ST. LOUIS. MEMPHIS HAS NOT RECEIVED IRF REFLECTING FULLY INTERVIEW WITH CARPENTER AND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS ALLEGATION.

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ST. LOUIS PLEASE FURNISH SAME.

ST. LOUIS SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT MEMPHIS FEELS INFORMATION FURNISHED THUS FAR BY JERRY RAY HAS BEEN WORTHLESS AND MEMPHIS DOES NOT INTEND TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH JERRY RAY IF HE CHANGES RESIDENCE TO MEMPHIS, TENN. MEMPHIS BELIEVES MORE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH NEWARK [redacted] THAN BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH JERRY RAY. P.

END.

GPB

FBI WASH DC

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Airmail copies sent to interested offices

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 10, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Legal Attache's Office in London advised this morning that Ray, who is officially known as Sneyd in Britain, appeared before the local magistrate for about nine minutes this morning on the local charges outstanding against him. Those charges related to his entering Great Britain with false passport and illegal possession of a firearm. The magistrate gave him a remand until 6/27/68. The magistrate said the extradition proceedings should take precedent over the local charges. The defense counsel then referred to Section 3 of their Criminal Justice Act under which they can keep restrictions on the press regarding the proceedings. Defense counsel said he did not think this section applied to extradition proceedings so in order to make it perfectly clear, he did not want any restrictions imposed on press coverage.

The British Solicitor acting on behalf of the States of Tennessee and Missouri directed to the court the warrants outstanding against Sneyd for the murder in Tennessee and his conviction for robbery in Missouri.

The defense counsel then made reference to an article which appeared in the June 10, 1968, "London Times" headlined "United States Justice Department Chief interviews King Case Man."

Defense counsel for Sneyd said he was anxious to make it clear on behalf of Sneyd that Sneyd had not been interviewed by Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., or any other United States Government official. Defense counsel said he also had the permission of Chief Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police Department, Thomas Butler,

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that Butler confirmed the fact that Sneyd has not been interviewed. Butler confirmed the fact, however, that Vinson did visit Canon Row Police Station when Sneyd was held there. Further hearing on the extradition proceedings were also set for 6/27/68.

Legat Minnich summarized the above by saying that Sneyd's being remanded on the local charges coincides with the deferment of the extradition hearing. Accordingly, on 6/27/68, it is possible the local case will be further remanded until the extradition proceedings are finally resolved. When that occurs, the local charges will then be dropped.

Legat Minnich stated he understood that George Bonebrake, * Identification Division expert, will appear at the extradition hearing and his presence is desired two days prior to the hearing date.

The act of the British courts has been included in the early morning radio newscast.

ACTION:

For information. This matter continues to be closely followed and you will be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

CLAIM

*Request has not yet been received for Bonebrake.

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AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (100-2082) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO - ME)

Remyairtel to Bureau 6/13/68 and mycab to Bureau 6/18/68.

Enclosed are eight copies of an LHM containing additional results of investigation conducted by the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (PIDE - Portuguese International and State Security Police), Lisbon, Portugal.

PIDE has obtained the manifest for Portuguese Airlines Flight 450 from Lisbon to London on 5/17/68 and we will forward it to London when received.

PIDE is continuing inquiry of banks in Lisbon area and interview of Portuguese Airlines personnel in contact with subject and will advise.

5 - Bureau (Encs. - 8)
(1 - Liaison Section)
(1 - Memphis, 44-1987, Info.)
1 - Legat, London (Info.) (Encs. 1) (sent direct)
1 - Paris
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(Sent directly to Bureau via APO air mail.)

AIRTEL

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

June 18, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

At the time of subject's arrest in London, England, on June 8, 1968, he was found to be in possession of a South African Airways flight schedule showing flights from Lisbon, Portugal, to Luanda, Angola, Salisbury, Rhodesia, and Johannesburg, South Africa. A notation, which appeared to be Lisbon telephone number 535041, was found on the cover.

[redacted] Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (PIDE - Portuguese International and State Security Police), Lisbon, was requested to conduct inquiry to identify the subscriber to that telephone number and conduct interview to determine connection with RAY.

[redacted] advised on June 17, 1968, that the above telephone number is assigned to the South African Embassy, Lisbon. Inquiry there revealed that subject is unknown to personnel in that Embassy, his photograph was not recognized, and there was no record of any inquiry by him.

[redacted] advised that all banks in the Lisbon area have been circularized with the true name and aliases of the subject to determine if he had opened an account, rented a safe-deposit box, or handled any transfer of funds or other transaction there. No positive information has been received by PIDE as yet. [redacted] advised that no response from the banks will indicate that no record was found.

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ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) [redacted] 6/6/68

SAC, EL PASO (157-186) (RUC)

SUBJECT: KUNKIN
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ReBuTel to all offices, 6/5/68.

By letter dated 6/10/55, all stops regarding the subject were cancelled.

No further investigation is being conducted by the El Paso Office.

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2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-El Paso

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Airtel

To: SAC's, New York (44-1609) - Enc. (3)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 4625

MURKIN

Re New York airtel 6-13-68, submitting an envelope and accompanying letter, Q373 and Q374.

No latent impressions of value developed on the envelope and letter, which are enclosed to New York.

Laboratory report separate.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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Date 6/13/68

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AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATT: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS
(OO: MEMPHIS)

44-38861-4625

RE THREAT AGAINST LIFE OF JAMES EARL RAY.

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"Federal Bureau of Investigation "June 10, 68

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Marshals or FBI personnel. They anticipate a large protective force but will not be stopped and expect to lose several in the attempt but there will be martyrs. They have anticipated his surprise return and have placed watchers at every conceivable airport including Air Force landing areas.

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[illegible] SPRINGFIELD

ACCPN URGENT 6/19/68 MAL TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST, BOSTON AIRTEL TO BUREAU JUNE THIRTEEN LAST, AND ST. LOUIS AIRTEL TO SI JUNE THIRTEEN LAST.

BOSTON ADVISES CONTACT WITH SAVAGE ARMS, INC., DISCLOSED THERE IS NO WAY TO TRACE WEAPON SIMILAR TO ONE RECOVERED AFTER BANK OF ALTON ROBBERY.

ST. LOUIS ADVISED JOHN EUGENE GAVRON HAS REPEATEDLY DENIED ANY CONTACT WITH JAMES EARL RAY SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ESCAPE FROM MSP, BUT ST. LOUIS CONTEMPLATES REINTERVIEW OF GAVRON IN VIEW RAY'S APPREHENSION.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY HE DEVELOPED INFORMATION RICHARD COVINGTON, SUSPECT IN BANK OF ALTON ROBBERY, HARBORED UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL AT HIS RESIDENCE ON FOURTH STREET, ALTON, FOR APPROXIMATELY SEVEN DAYS JULY, SIXTYSEVEN; LATER ALLEGED TO HAVE [illegible] TO BURN CLOTHING

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AND DISPOSE OF UNIDENTIFEID WEAPON. INFORMANT INSTRUCTED TO FOLLOW UP INFORMATION VIGOROUSLY AND REPORT RESULTS PROMPTLY.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RE UR TEL CALL SIX NINETEEN.

GEORGE J. BONEBRAKE, LATENT PRINT EXAMINER THIS CASE, ARRIVING LONDON EIGHT ZERO FIVE AM ON SIX TWENTYFOUR VIA TWA FLIGHT NUMBER SEVEN ZERO FOUR.

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for-service)
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Richard E. Long Room 2260 JB

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☑

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Bishop

Mr. Bosch

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: ~~KING~~ RAY

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is attached a letterhead memorandum dated June 18, 1968, for the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Pollak of the Civil Rights Division and Assistant Attorney General Vinson of the Criminal Division, setting forth results of the investigation conducted in Portugal concerning James Earl Ray.

The investigation was conducted by the Portuguese International and State Security Police and was made available to our Legal Attache, Paris. The memorandum shows that Ray arrived in Lisbon, Portugal, on May 8, 1968, and departed Lisbon en route to London on May 17, 1968; that he was issued a new passport by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon since the original passport allegedly misspelled the last name he was using as Sneya rather than Sneyd; that he displayed a Canadian birth certificate in the name of Ramon George Sneyd; that he frequented bars or night clubs where he could pick up girls and was in the habit of staying out late at night and sleeping late during the day; and that inquiry had been made at the Rhodesian Mission in Lisbon but that employees there failed to recognize the subject's photograph, and there was no record of any inquiry having been made by him. Investigation previously revealed that Ray had exhibited interest in going to Rhodesia. During the inquiries in Portugal, particular attention was given to attempting to determine if subject was alone or was accompanied by other individuals. It was ascertained he was alone in all instances except those described above.

ACTION:

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The attached letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, ~~Assistant~~ Attorney General Pollak and Assistant Attorney General Vinson.

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 17, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

The following investigation was conducted at Lisbon, Portugal, on June 8-12, 1968:

[redacted]

Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (PIDE - Portuguese International and State Security Police), Lisbon, on June 8, 1968, furnished the following documents:

1. Entry card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYA when he arrived at Lisbon Airport at 1:15 AM, May 8, 1968, via British European Airways Flight 074. The entry card showed that he was born on October 8, 1932, in Toronto, Canada; employed by an "auto agency"; a resident of 962 Dundas Street, Toronto; carrying Canadian Passport #DJ-909324, issued in Ottawa, Canada, on April 24, 1968.

2. Exit card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD when he departed from Lisbon en route to London, England, on May 17, 1968, at 11:00 AM, on Portuguese Airlines Flight 450. This exit card indicated he was in possession of Canadian Passport #YT-602294, issued by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon on May 16, 1968.

   The exit card indicated that SNEYD had been questioned by the passport inspector as to the fact that his Canadian passport issued in Lisbon on May 16, 1968, did not reflect his entry into Portugal. He then produced his original Canadian passport issued April 24, 1968, in Ottawa, which reflected his entry into Portugal on May 8, 1968. This was noted by the passport inspector on the exit card.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency. It and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

[redacted] JAMES EARL RAY

Registration card for RAMON GEORGE SNEYA at the Hotel Portugal, Lisbon, dated May 8, 1968.

[redacted] advised that a careful check of entry and exit records between May 8 and 17, 1968, failed to disclose that the subject, under the name of SNEYD, had departed or re-entered Portugal between those dates. Likewise, a careful check of records since May 17, 1968, failed to reflect that he returned to Portugal at any time following his departure.

[redacted] Inspector at Lisbon Airport, Lisbon, was interviewed on June 8, 1968, at the Lisbon Airport and advised that he recalled the incident when the subject departed Lisbon on May 17, 1968, since it was necessary for him to question the subject regarding his new passport and the fact that it did not reflect his entry into Portugal. He recalls that SNEYD then produced his original passport issued April 24, 1968, at Ottawa and explained that a new passport had been issued by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon on May 16, 1968, since the original passport contained a misspelling of his name as SNEYA rather than SNEYD.

[redacted] stated that he was satisfied with the subject's explanation and noted that his original passport had been properly cancelled by the Canadian Embassy, but he had been advised to retain it since it reflected his entry into Portugal. [redacted] recognized a photograph of the subject from his original passport application at Ottawa.

[redacted] of the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, was contacted and interviewed. He furnished the application executed by SNEYD on May 16, 1968, for a replacement passport. He stated that SNEYD had come to the Embassy explaining that his original passport issued April 24, 1968, at Ottawa, Canada, had a misspelling of his name as SNEYA rather than SNEYD and that this had caused confusion. He requested advice as to how this could be rectified. Mr. MORANTZ decided to issue a replacement passport gratis in the name of SNEYD.

[redacted] stated that the subject produced a copy of an original birth certificate showing his birth as October

JAMES EARL RAY

[redacted] 1931, at Toronto, Canada. The original passport application executed by SNEYD reflected his date and place of birth as October 8, 1931, at Toronto, Canada, and gave his residence as 962 Dundas Street, Toronto, Canada. It indicated that a replacement passport, FYT-602294, was being issued in Lisbon to replace the original passport, FDJ-909324, issued in Ottawa on April 24, 1968, since the original passport contained a typographical error which had caused some confusion in the past. There was attached to the passport application an affidavit executed by SNEYD to the effect that there was no guarantor in Lisbon who could vouch for his identity, since he was there alone on vacation as a tourist. He did not give any local residence.

[redacted] advised that he did not engage in a lengthy conversation with the subject but interviewed him briefly and authorized the issuance of a new passport since he was convinced by the presentation of the birth certificate as to the subject's identity as a Canadian citizen. He stated that the passport application had been handled by [redacted] a Consular Assistant in his office.

[redacted], who was vacationing at a distant location in Portugal, was interviewed by telephone from Lisbon on June 5, 1968. She stated that when she assisted SNEYD in executing his passport application, he said he was staying in Lisbon only one or two days and debated whether to bother to change his passport because he "did not want to spend all of his time waiting around the Embassy." A new passport was issued the day after he first came in. It is noted that the passport photograph does not identify the photographer. Mrs. LOPES stated she may have referred RAY to Foto Lusitania to have the photographs taken, but she could not definitely recall whether or not she had done so.

[redacted] advised that subject displayed a Canadian birth certificate in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. He needed a great deal of help in filling out the application, leading [redacted] to believe he did not have a good education. She also advised that he had a rather unusual accent for a Canadian. She cancelled the passport issued at Ottawa by stamping it cancelled on each page and clipping one inch from each of the inside pages.

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[redacted] advised that Foto Lusitania, Rua Mayer, Lisbon, had been contacted on June 11, 1968. They recognized the photograph of the subject and recalled that he had been referred there by the Canadian Embassy on May 16, 1968, for passport photographs. They took his photograph and he purchased several copies (six is the usual number). They considered this a normal routine transaction and nothing out of the ordinary was noted.

Mr. GENTIL LUIS SOARES, Hotel Portugal, 4 Rua Jose das Regras, Lisbon, advised on June 9, 1968, that the subject registered under the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYA on May 8, 1968, and departed on May 17, 1968. This is a small, inexpensive hotel. The registration book maintained by the hotel reflects the dates of his arrival and departure and indicates his occupancy of the room during that entire period. The registration book reflects (probably taken from his passport) that his nationality is Canadian and he is 38 years of age.

Mr. SOARES advised that it was his impression that the subject resided there as a tourist. He was not particularly friendly with any other clients of the hotel. He slept late during the day and stayed out late at night. Mr. SOARES advised that it was his impression that the subject was spending his time in bars or nightclubs where he could pick up girls, since on at least two occasions he attempted to bring girls into his room and when the hotel refused to permit him to do so, he departed with the girls and stayed out for the entire night. Mr. SOARES stated that he did not know the identity of the girls whom SNEYD brought to the hotel.

Mr. SOARES advised that at the time of his departure on May 17, 1968, he paid cash for the last three days, having previously been billed for his first week of occupancy. He recognized the subject's passport photograph taken at the time of the issuance of his original passport in Canada and stated that subject did not wear the glasses constantly during his stay at the hotel.

[redacted] advised that on the night of June 9, 1968, [redacted] of the PIDE visited numerous nightclubs and bars of the type which the subject may have frequented, in an effort to obtain further specific

[redacted] EARL RAY

information as to his contacts, associates and activities, Inspector [redacted] visited the following bars and nightclubs:

Texas Bar
Arizona Bar
Niagara Bar
California Bar
Europa Bar
Atlantico Bar
Bolero Bar
Maxime's Nightclub
Gale Bar and Nightclub
Fontoria Nightclub
Tagide Nightclub
Nina Nightclub

Inspector [redacted] interviewed approximately 60 individuals, including doormen, managers, bartenders, bar girls and prostitutes. He displayed the subject's photograph in all instances to determine if the subject was known and, if so, the extent of the contacts. Inspector [redacted] advised that subject had visited the Texas Bar on two occasions alone and had purchased beer on each occasion. He had not remained for more than an hour. The same was true at the Niagara Bar. There were various individuals in the other bars contacted who vaguely thought they recognized his photograph but could furnish no specific information.

At the Bolero Bar, the proprietor indicated that the subject had come there on two occasions at approximately midnight and had remained there until 2:00 or 3:00 AM drinking beer. He was alone and quiet and attracted no special attention.

At Maxime's Nightclub, GLORIA SAUSA RIBEIRO, a prostitute, advised that she had met the subject when he had visited there one night. She spent several hours with him in the nightclub and then went out and spent the night with him. She advised that she does not speak English and he did not speak Portuguese and, therefore, they spoke "only the international language of love." She declined to say where she had spent the night with him, but did advise that he insisted on presenting her with gifts rather than paying her in cash since this made the transaction less commercial. He, therefore, presented her with a dress and stockings in payment for her services. She has not seen nor heard from the subject

again. She could not recall specifically the date when she met him and could furnish no further pertinent information. She reiterated that the conversation was very limited.

At the Gale Bar, MARIA JOSE GUTERRES recognized the subject's photograph and stated that he had visited this bar on two occasions and had bought her drinks on each occasion. She likewise speaks practically no English and, therefore, the conversation was very limited. On each occasion, he spent one or two hours drinking beer and departed alone. No further pertinent information was available from this source.

At the Fontoria Nightclub, the subject was vaguely known by various employees. One Spanish girl, not further identified, stated that the subject had purchased her beer during a visit when he stayed there for one or two hours. No further specific information was available from this source.

It was noted that at the time of the subject's arrest in London, England, he had in his possession a timetable of South African Airways on which Salisbury, Rhodesia, was checked.

[redacted] advised on June 11, 1968, that the South African Airways office in Lisbon had been contacted. One employee, not further identified, vaguely recognized the photograph of the subject as a person who may have made inquiry, but he was not certain as to this. He stated that numerous persons enter the South African Airways office and that no particular note is made of the transaction unless something unusual occurs. He may have inquired for a timetable, but the employee does not specifically recall this. There is no record of any travel having been purchased by SNEYD at this office.

Sr. PASSO also advised that inquiry had been conducted at the Rhodesian Mission in Lisbon. Employees there failed to recognize the subject's photograph and there was no record of any inquiry having been made by him.

Since the British press indicated that an inquiry had been received at the Biafra office in Lisbon from an individual who requested information as to going to Biafra as a white mercenary, [redacted] was requested to make inquiry

at the Biafra office.

[redacted] advised that the Biafra office, which is located at 18 Avenida Torre de Belem, Lisbon, does not ordinarily receive inquiries from prospective white mercenaries. He stated that the purpose of this establishment is probably to purchase arms throughout Europe and to handle their transit through Lisbon en route to Biafra. He stated that inquiry there had failed to reflect that the subject had made any inquiries there.

It was also noted that the British press had indicated that the subject had made some inquiries in London of a British reporter regarding the possibility of going to Angola, a Portuguese possession in Africa, as a white mercenary.

Inquiry was made of [redacted] regarding this possibility. He advised that there are no white mercenaries fighting in Angola. He also advised that no foreigner is allowed to enter Angola without the specific permission of the Portuguese authorities.

Since information was received indicating that the subject had converted South African money into British money in London, inquiry was conducted in Lisbon to determine if he had purchased South African currency at the Lisbon Airport.

Mr. CARLOS CAMEIRO, Manager, Banco Lisboa Acores, Lisbon Airport, failed to recognize a photograph of the subject. He also displayed the photograph to several employees of the bank, who likewise failed to recognize the photograph. They explained that they handle numerous exchange transactions and they do not necessarily note an individual's appearance.

In all of the above inquiries particular attention was given to attempting to determine if the subject was alone or was accompanied by other individuals. It was ascertained that he was alone in all instances, except those described above.

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IMMEDIATE 6-20-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 72

HERKIN.

LEGAT PRESS SOURCES ADVISED ARTHUR J. MANES HELD PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT THREE PM TODAY.

SOURCES ADVISE HE WAS UNIMPRESSIVE, STATED HE RECEIVED LETTER FROM RAY, HE HAS NOT SEEN HIM, AND WHEN ASKED IF HE EXPECTED TO, REPLIED "I RATHER DOUBT IT."

HE WAS ASKED WHO WAS PAYING FOR HIS TRIP AND HE DECLINED TO ANSWER.

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cc-Mr. Bowen

3RD OF MR. BRENNAN

79 JUN 26 1968

Date 6/20/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

BURKIN

ReBuAirtel 6-4-68.

SAC, in accordance with Bureau instructions, did make contact with [redacted] Internal Revenue Service at Memphis. [redacted] advised that Federal Reserve Bank Form TCR-1 is used on a very limited basis by banks in the Memphis area. He advised that use of this form was rather common during the war years but there is nothing compulsory about the form and as a result banks are very reluctant to use same. No form had been filed by any bank in the Memphis area for the period from March 15 through April 30 which contained any information of pertinence to this case.

ARMED & DANGEROUS.

(3) BUREAU
1 NEW ORLEANS (AM)(157-10673)
1 ATLANTA (44-2386)(AM)
1 BIRMINGHAM (AM)(44-1740)
1 LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(AM)
1 MEMPHIS

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FBI WASH DC

TELETYPE

FM SPRINGFIELD

6:11 PM 6/20/68 URGENT CEN

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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Hoover

PERSONAL.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE NINETEEN LAST.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C ADVISED TODAY THAT WOMAN WHO SAW UNKNOWN MAN AT APARTMENT OF HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON IS CAROLYN WYATT. WYATT HAS BEEN VICTIM OF WSTA CASE INVESTIGATED BY SI DIVISION. EFFORTS TO LOCATE WYATT TO DATE UNSUCCESSFUL.

COVINGTON DESCRIBED WMA, FIVE FEET EIGHT INCHES, ONE SIX ZERO POUNDS, BROWN HAIR AND BLUE EYES, AGE THIRTY. COVINGTON MEETS DESCRIPTION OF SHOTGUN MAN IN ROBBERY, BANK OF ALTON.

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INVESTIGATION CONTINUING INTO THIS ASPECT AND SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR DASH C WORKING FULL TIME TO DEVELOP INFORMATION WHICH

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FBI WASH DC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. C. Sullivan

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

One question in our investigation of Ray is how and when he was able to obtain the background information concerning Galt, Bridgman and Sneyd which enabled him to assume their identities after his escape from prison and after the murder. All three were residents of Toronto and reside in close proximity to one another. It is difficult to understand why Ray would flee to the very city in Canada where all three of these individuals reside, if in fact, he knew that these three individuals were then residing in Toronto. One answer would be that he did not know this and, if not, it would follow that he did not select these identities and he either purchased this background information or someone else obtained this information for him. If the latter is the case, it would indicate a possible existence of a conspiracy in this case.

Background information for false identities is generally available in the criminal underworld and it would be assumed that there is some criminal in the Toronto area who prepares such information for sale to the underworld and to Americans fleeing to Canada to evade the draft, legal process, etc.

In view of the above, the following suggestion is offered for consideration. Consider making inquiry of Buffalo Office to determine if any of Buffalo's top-level criminal informants in La Cosa Nostra and other criminal syndicates know of the identity or existence of any individual in the United States or Canada, particularly Toronto, who

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1 - ~~Mr. C. D. DeLoach~~
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan
1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
1 - Mr. T. J. Emery
1 - Mr. R. E. Long
1 - Mr. G. M. Quinn

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prepares such documentation for the underworld. Buffalo could also be requested to review its selective service and deserter cases wherein subjects have sought refuge in Canada under assumed names in order to determine if any of the subjects in those cases have ever reported the existence of an individual who prepares background information for assumed identities.

If we could establish the existence of such an individual and locate him, he should be interviewed to determine if he prepared the background information used by Ray and, if so, the identity of the individual to whom he furnished such information.

Airtel

To: SAC's, San Diego (44-387) - Enclosures (2)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

QUARLES

Re San Diego airtel 6/17/68, submitting a hand printed note, Q375.

No latent impressions of value developed on the note, which is enclosed to San Diego, together with known hand printing, K688.

Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Los Angeles
1 - San Diego (44-354)

1 - Buffalo (62-587)
1 - Mr. Rosen

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
(44-394)

MURKIN
CO: Memphis

KIRKALT
CO: Los Angeles

Re San Diego teletype dated 6/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a handprinted note written in green ink and a known handprinting sample of GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, FBI No. 584 742 F..

For the information of the Laboratory, enclosed note was received in the mail at the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, 6/11/68.

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was subsequently arrested by the San Diego Police Department 6/12/68 on an outstanding warrant issued at Seattle, Washington, for grand larceny.

On 6/13/68 GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER was interviewed, at which time handprinting was taken from him since circumstances seemed to indicate he had written the note himself, although he denied having written this note.

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1 - Memphis
1 - Los Angeles
4 - San Diego (2 - 44-387) (2 - 44-394)

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[redacted]

The Laboratory is requested to conduct handwriting examination on enclosures and advise the San Diego Office of the results.

The Bureau is requested to return enclosed items to the SanDiego Division.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : W. C. Rose

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 18, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bailey
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached memorandum is being furnished to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division with a copy to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., of the Criminal Division.

The Department is being advised of the receipt of passport documents of the subject furnished by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, and documents furnished by Portuguese authorities. These documents indicate that the subject applied for and received a new passport from the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon since the passport issued by the Canadian Passport Office in Ottawa on 4-22-68 carried his name as Ramon George Snyes instead of Sneyd.

These documents are being examined by the FBI Laboratory and handwriting comparisons are being made.

ACTION:

For your information. In accordance with the Attorney General's request that Assistant Attorney General Pollak be kept advised of pertinent developments, there is attached a letter to Mr. Pollak. This case is continuing to receive high priority attention. A copy is being furnished Mr. Vinson in accordance with his request of June 15, 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/13/68

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (44-657) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re San Antonio airtel to Bureau, 5/21/68.

The current Northern Virginia Directory of the Chesapeake and Potomac (C&P) Telephone Co., reflects the subscriber of telephone number 356-4286 as the Peter Piper School, 1351 Scotts Run Road, McLean, Va.

On 6/4/68, Mrs. WILLA P. ECKELS, 1351 Scotts Run Road, McLean, Va., advised that her telephone number is 356-4286. She stated, to the best of her knowledge, telephone calls received at her number on 12/16/67, from Texas, were made by Lt. JOHNATHAN SEARFOSS, stationed at Lackland Air Force Base.

Mrs. ECKELS advised that Lt. SEARFOSS is engaged to her daughter, KAREN ECKELS.

Mrs. ECKELS advised that she had no knowledge of JAMES RAY. She further stated that she knows no one else in Texas, other than Lt. SEARFOSS.

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2 - Richmond

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

[redacted]

June 12, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Congratulations upon your activities in apprehending James Earl Ray.

Your action proves the necessity and advantage of a strong Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Yours very truly,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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INTERCORRESPONDENCE

June 10, 1966

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Mr. [redacted]

[redacted]

Eureka, California 95501

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I have received your letter of June 12th and want to thank you for your sentiments regarding this Bureau. Your support is very much appreciated, and it is my hope that the activities of this Bureau will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain nothing derogatory and no prior correspondence with [redacted] He is mentioned as being on the California [redacted]

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June 21, 1968

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL-REGISTERED

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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The Birmingham office is in receipt of a letter from AUBRY DEE CHANDLER, Scottsboro, Alabama, the original of which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies of same are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

CHANDLER was contacted on June 18, 1968, at Scottsboro, Alabama, and furnished a pamphlet concerning which he had written to the Birmingham office. The original of this pamphlet is an application with the Palmer Writers School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies thereof are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

It is noted that the typewritten name ERIC S. WAUGH, which appears above the name CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Petroleum, New Orleans, Louisiana, may have been typed by a different typewriter than MARTIN's address.

From a layman's comparison of the handprinting on the pamphlet [illegible] Parts A, C, and D,

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together with background information furnished by WAUGH, the possibility exists that same may have been written by subject RAY, based upon photographic specimens of his handprinting furnished the Birmingham office by the Bureau, by Routing Slip dated June 17, 1968. This, together with the fact it is known that RAY was visiting in New Orleans on March 22, 1968, which was the date indicated the Palmer Writers School pamphlet was executed, plus RAY's known propensity for correspondence courses, makes it desirable that investigation be conducted at New Orleans, as set forth below.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a handprinting comparison of the executed portions of the Palmer Writers School pamphlet filled in by ERIC A. WAUGH, with known handprinting specimens of subject RAY and that Birmingham, New Orleans, and Memphis be advised of the results.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

1. Will conduct investigation at Apartment No. 3, (upstairs) 2928 Tulane Avenue, and determine occupant on the date of March 22, 1968. Determine whether subject RAY may possibly have rented the apartment temporarily or may have been visiting the normal occupants thereof.

2. Will interview CHARLES MARTIN, Inspectors of Patroleum, P.O. Box 19465, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70119, regarding the pamphlet of the Palmer Writers School, and

determine whether he was acquainted with the ERIC A. HAUGH, whose name appears above that of MARTIN, as desiring to be enrolled in the Palmer Writers School. Will determine from MARTIN whether he is acquainted with anyone by the name of ERIC A. HAUGH or whether he might recognize photographs of subject RAY. (New Orleans refer to its previous report regarding RAY's presence in New Orleans on the date in question).

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed are 12 items which have been made available on a confidential basis by [redacted] This information is not to be disseminated outside of the Department of Justice. The items include:

Report of Detective [redacted] dated June 12, 1968, relative to the subject, James Earl Ray.

Copies of documents used by [redacted] to support the report.

Certificate of vaccination of Ramon George Sneyd.

Copy of registration at New Earls Court Hotel, London, showing registration of Ramon G. Sneyd on May 28, 1968. The subject has used that name while in England.

Statement of Ian Colvin, columnist, "The Daily Telegraph," London.

A page of notes apparently in Ray's handwriting which he had in his possession when arrested. For your information "FLE 4342" is the telephone number of "The Daily Telegraph."

Statement of Anne Elizabeth Thomas.

Statement of Janet Elizabeth Massau.

Memorandum of Kennedy Travel Bureau for Mr. R. Sneyd giving details of his flight from Toronto to London and a copy of his ticket envelope. Those items were in the subject's luggage.

Currency exchange voucher of Lloyds Bank Limited.

A document captioned "Silencers."

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NOTE: See memorandum, Rosen to DeLoach, dated 6-21-68, captioned, "MURKIN," FJH:jlh.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

The Attorney General

Classified advertisements found in the subject's wallet at the time of his arrest.

On page eight, item 38, of the report to Detective [redacted] dated June 13, 1968, it is stated, "The United States authorities have already made tentative arrangements for this officer to travel to this country, if this step is considered necessary." The statement refers to Ramon George Sneyd, a police officer serving in Toronto, Canada. This Bureau has not, and is not, making any such arrangements, and [redacted] has been so informed.

Enclosures (12)

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (12)

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General - Enclosures (12)

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General - Enclosures (12)

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached communication from the Legal Attache, London is a preliminary communication concerning arrangements for security and transportation of subject. This is somewhat all encompassing in trying to cover all eventualities as some things will probably not involve the Bureau. However, these comments were offered in the event others become involved in any part of the transportation.

These observations and recommendations will be reviewed in detail with Agents Bounds and Zeiss upon their return to this country pending the outcome of the extradition proceedings and recommendations submitted.

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FBI

Date: June 14, 1968

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Rohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN
(SECURITY PRECAUTIONS -
OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
RE TRANSPORTATION OF SUBJECT)

Agent personnel this office make the following observations and recommendations to insure complete security and the safe transportation of JAMES EARL RAY from Englan d to point of destination in the U.S.:

AIRCRAFT

When Asst. Attorney General VINSON was here, he left me with the definite impression he preferred a chartered commercial aircraft and his opinion appeared to be based on the possibility that a poor public image would be created by use of a military craft.

We definitely prefer and recommend a military craft for obvious security reasons.

Arrangements to be made in the U.S. by the individual or organization having this responsibility we recommend should be as follows:

1. Make necessary arrangements with U.S. Air Force officials for the aircraft to be used in transporting subject to point of destination; security of the craft and fuel supply to be used for flight from London to destination. Insure there are no U.S. Air Force regulations preventing the use of restraining devices aboard the craft. Insure that the crew flying the craft into England, whether it be from the U.S. or the European Continent, is perfectly capable of making a turn-around flight within hours. If not, provide an alternate crew. Arrangements

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should insure that the return flight should be non-stop from point of origin in England to destination - Tennessee.

2. Effect arrangements for a medical doctor with all equipment he deems necessary to his profession to be on board the aircraft and to accompany the aircraft on its return flight. It should be understood the doctor is to be available only if needed and he should not be considered part of the escort. In this regard, his name should not be put on the extradition paper requiring names of escorting officers.

3. Make appropriate arrangements for Immigration, Customs and U.S. Public Health clearances at point of destination into the U.S. Advise where this is to be done. In this regard, a Certificate of Identity will be issued to RAY by the Consular Section, American Embassy, London. However, in order for his entry to be a legal one into the U.S., he must be cleared by the foregoing agencies.

4. Advise by name the persons RAY is to be released to and where the official release is to be made.

5. We recommend absolute and complete blackout on any news releases concerning arrival in U.S. until RAY is turned over to appropriate local authority. In this regard, it is appreciated that the Bureau may not have the final decision as to what press releases are made; however, we suggest that press coverage could be achieved through a lottery of press representatives and the desired solution would be to limit press and photographic coverage to one reporter and one photographer each, these individuals to be checked out security-wise and not be told the actual destination of the aircraft but merely to be available for a 24-hour period and then taken under police escort to the destination with no opportunity to communicate with any outside individuals.

6. Concerning official release of RAY to local authorities, the local officers who are to assume custody should be accompanied by a Bureau representative to whom they are known. It is suggested that lapel pins for escorting and receiving officials be used for identification purposes and that this office be furnished a supply of these pins or else a description of them.

7. Equipment needed in London which can either be sent or put on the craft to be used, provided the craft leaves from the U.S. to England, is as follows:

Two .38 revolvers with right-hand holsters, and ammunition.

One restraining kit with locks and keys.

If there are no restrictions, send body armour - Spooner vest - of a size that would fit subject's physical description. This to be used at any point from jail in London to aircraft at field, and from destination to jail in Tennessee.

8. At point of destination, authorities concerned should consider transporting RAY in a closed van with escorts front and rear. Suggest a bullet-proof type vehicle be used, such as Brinks armored vehicle or similar type.

9. Suggest we be permitted to make arrangements for the return flight to touch down at destination in the early morning hours (1 A.M. to 5 A.M.) provided this can be worked out with Air Traffic Control. A touchdown at this time would avoid a lot of local traffic and maintain much tighter security.

10. Suggest that in all planning an alternate field be designated in England in the event fog or other conditions prevent the craft from setting down at the designated field. Similar arrangements should be made at point of destination.

11. Suggest code words be used for flight, for fields to be used and for alternate back-up plan. In connection with any alternate plan, if it involves any other FBI Field Offices, they should be alerted.

12. In the absence of complete investigative knowledge of this matter, personnel now in this office are not aware as to whether there is any sound reason to believe the assassination involves a conspiracy by right-wing forces, a hostile intelligence service, etc. Consequently, for consideration, it is suggested if there is any evidence to indicate an attempt could be made against the craft when returning from England to the U.S. by any other aircraft in the air, give consideration to a fighter escort.

13. To insure that the Bureau is kept advised of the progress of the flight, arrangements will be effected in London to-

block off a telephone line from the field used to this office and as soon as the craft is airborne, this office will be advised and will immediately advise the Bureau. It is suggested that the Bureau ascertain the location of the Communications set-up that will monitor communications from the aircraft and place an agent at this point to monitor the communications re progress of the craft and to report this information to the Bureau or any other pertinent authority who should receive same.

14. The foregoing are recommended on the basis that a military craft and military air fields at both points will be utilized. However, if the craft is a chartered commercial craft, it is recommended that arrangements be made for the craft to arrive at a military field in England and to land at a military field at destination, again for obvious security reasons. To bring a commercial craft into Heathrow (London) Airport would create almost unsurmountable security problems, primarily due to the fact that we would be dealing with foreign civilian authorities who under these circumstances would undoubtedly generate miles of red tape which could not be overcome in a hurry.

15. If chartered commercial craft is used, arrangements similar to those suggested for the military craft should be put into effect and in addition, the crew should be carefully checked for security reasons. The craft should be thoroughly searched and checked and in this regard it should be determined that even though a chartered commercial craft, perhaps under the circumstances it could be manned by a military crew.

16. Any crew used, whether commercial or military, should not be told the reason for the flight or the destination until the craft is in the air.

17. The security of the craft used, if departing from the U.S. or the European Continent, should be insured in all aspects. At destination here two of the agent personnel now in this office will be awaiting its arrival, liaison will have been set up with the Commanding Officer and all security arrangements, such as putting the craft under a complete military security guard, checking of fuel, food, etc., will be arranged and the Commanding Officer will be requested to put a complete clamp-down on the reason for the craft's arrival and any information concerning its departure.

18. A complete set of clothing, including shorts, tee shirts, pants (no metal buttons), shirts, shoes, socks, handkerchiefs and possibly a windbreaker type jacket will be purchased for RAY and when he is turned over to escorting officers at the aircraft, immediately upon being taken aboard, he will be afforded a strip-search and the new clothing given to him.

19. Food aboard the aircraft enroute to destination will be of a type that will not require the use of utensils, paper cups will be used and if the military cannot effect arrangements, escorting officers will do so, for the purchase of the food, water and soft drinks, at a place where its ultimate use could not possibly be ascertained.

20. As has existed since inception of this matter, close liaison will be maintained with Scotland Yard to insure security for transporting RAY from place of incarceration to the aircraft. In this regard, it is the responsibility of the British Government; however, we are in a position to make suggestions.

21. A complete log will be maintained regarding the operation from the time subject is delivered over to escorting officers until he is turned over to proper authorities at point of destination.

22. I strongly recommend that we be kept fully and completely advised of all arrangements being made in the U.S. so that we can make plans to dovetail into such arrangements.

The foregoing should not be considered complete or final in any way as continuous thought is being given to this matter, realizing the national importance of safely transporting RAY back to the U.S. Any observations or suggestions that the Bureau may have will be sincerely appreciated.

The extradition papers that I picked up at the airport did not contain on the form provided the names of the escorting officers. I recommend that the Bureau, through liaison, expeditiously have the names of the escorting officers provided to the Embassy. It is my understanding at this date that the escorting officers will be: GEORGE ZEISS, KENNETH BOUNDS, W. L. MARTINDALE, JOHN T. MINNICH and that I am to have the responsibility for the escort party. If I do not understand this correctly, I would appreciate the Bureau's advice.

All information pertaining to security arrangements being effected and all planning pertaining to aircraft movement and transportation of subject at point of origin, point of destination, should be limited in distribution to only those officials in the U.S. and local government who need to know. It is suggested some consideration may be given to maintaining a list of individuals who are furnished information concerning these plans. In this regard, in order to restrict distribution, I will send all communications from London to Assistant Director ROSEN in a sealed envelope marked "Personal and Confidential", via diplomatic pouch. Consequently, where copies of communications are normally sent to the Liaison Section at the Bureau, no such copies will be disseminated on this planning.

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FBI

Date: 6/18/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN
(SECURITY PRECAUTIONS -
OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
RE TRANSPORTATION OF SUBJECT)

Remyairtel 6/14/68.

Additional observations and recommendations to insure complete security and the safe transportation of JAMES EARL RAY from England to point of destination in the U.S. are set forth as follows:

(1) A check is being made through New Scotland Yard to determine what exit controls RAY will have to go through on departing England. If it is necessary for his Certificate of Identity to be stamped by a British Immigration official, this will probably be accomplished right at the prison.

(2) Concerning aircraft, if a chartered commercial craft is used and if the identity of the company from which chartered leaks to the press, this company could possibly be subjected to a series of anonymous bomb threats for transporting RAY.

(3) It is estimated that a non-stop flight from England to some destination near Memphis, Tennessee may take ten hours, depending upon headwinds. Considering time difference of six hours between London time and Tennessee time. If we left England at 12 Midnight, which is a most desirable time here, we would be estimated to arrive at destination about 4 A.M., which would appear to be a desirable time there. Suggest this be checked with proper military or airlines people as to any possible difficulties involved in these times.

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(4) Suggest that SAs ZEISS and BOUNDS be given sufficient time at the Bureau to prepare a comprehensive check list of.

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things to be done here and at point of destination. This would be an all-encompassing list with the time each item is to be done, when done and the individual doing it.

(5) The restraining kit has arrived and is in Legat Office and if ZEISS and BOUNDS depart London June 19 next, they will leave two guns with Legat and bring two guns with them on return.

(6) It would appear that one of the most important decisions to be made would pertain to the attitude to be displayed to RAY by the escorting agents. In other words, should he be appropriately warned of all his rights and thereafter an attempt made to interview him? In answering this question it should be borne in mind that he will be under restraint, which will probably consist of handcuffs, leg irons and lead chains. If after appropriately warned of his rights he shows an inclination to engage in petty conversation of any type, should the escorting agents engage him in such conversation or should absolute silence be maintained by escorting agents with regard to RAY during the entire trip? If he is to be warned of his rights, etc., appropriate forms should be given to ZEISS and BOUNDS upon their return trip.

(7) Whether military or commercial craft is used, it is suggested that the door to the toilet facilities be removed and that all mirrors or glassware and sharp appurtenances be removed.

(8) Four flashlights with new batteries and bulbs should be furnished for emergency lighting use within the aircraft in the event the lighting equipment fails.

(9) Suggest consideration be given for arrangements to be made at final destination for RAY to be stripped, photographed and medically examined as proof that he was delivered to local authorities in good condition.

(10) It is contemplated that all property in his possession at the time of his apprehension will be turned over to this office by New Scotland Yard. It is contemplated this property will be taken aboard the aircraft and instead of being left at Memphis, escorting agents will take the property to Washington, D.C. for any further laboratory examinations desired.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 15, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Fred Vinson called to advise me that he had just spoken with the prosecutor in London and that he was most pleased with the evidence which had been submitted by the Department. He said he had all that he needed. Vinson parenthetically told me that he had all that he needed and then some. He was referring to the affidavits which have been submitted based upon the investigation which we have conducted in the United States.

He said that with reference to George Bonebrake, the latent fingerprint examiner who made the identification in this case, he, in talking with the prosecutor, was advised that they would like to have Bonebrake in London two days before the hearing in order that the prosecutor may have a chance to confer with him. The extradition is set for the 21st; however, Vinson feels that the hearing will be set over until the 27th. He advised me that he would let me know on Tuesday concerning Bonebrake. We have previously alerted Bonebrake to the possibility that he might be needed. The above information is also being furnished to him.

ACTION: For your information.

AR:erg
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June 17, 1968

1 - Mr. Mc Govan
1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared with Mr. Graham Day)
1 - Mr. Long

Airtel

To: Legat Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Legat London airtel to the Bureau dated 6/5/68.

Enclosed are two copies of a BOAC Passenger Manifest for Flight BA 600 departing Toronto for London 5/6/68.

Legat Ottawa may desire to have the RCMP locate and interview passengers on this flight.

Armed and Dangerous.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Memphis (Enclosure)

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FBI

Date: 6/17/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau's information is one copy of a communication from the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon to the U.S. Embassy in London dated 6/14/68.

ENCLOSURE

2 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - Paris (Enc. 1)(direct)
1 - London
WLM:vw
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 60

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 20, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

The extradition hearing in the matter involving the subject James Earl Ray is set for June 27. If successful there is a mandatory waiting period of 15 days within which the defendant has a right to file an appeal. After this is resolved, then there usually is a 5-day waiting period until the Home Office signs the papers making the order of extradition official and it can be expected there may be delays for several days after this for the order to be returned and so forth.

Once the above is resolved, the question of who will transport the prisoner and return him to the United States has not been resolved. It is recalled the FBI sent two Agents to London on short notice for the purpose of being available to return the prisoner to the United States. with the assistance of the Legat and another Agent in London. These four would be available and could adequately handle the prisoner for such a return. It should be recognized that their presence in London was required on short notice in contemplation of a deportation proceedings. Such did not take place and in the meantime the Department through its insistence was successful in seeking a removal on the basis of an extradition proceeding. This is presently in the mill.

DOES THE FBI HAVE AUTHORITY TO TRANSPORT RAY

There is a real question as to whether the FBI has any authority whatsoever to return Ray to the United States following a successful extradition hearing. The request for extradition is based upon two charges: (1) that Ray is wanted for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, and (2) that he is an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. If either or both of these charges are supported, there is nothing that has been indicated to us by the Department which would suggest that we are to remove the subject.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

It is also doubted whether the Department has any authority to designate the transporting authorities. This, of course, would depend on the authorities demanding his return. As we understand it, the United States Government merely acts as a transmission belt through accepted diplomatic channels and uses the Department of Justice as the vehicle through which any request for extradition is brought about on behalf of the demanding authorities which in this case is the State of Tennessee and the State of Missouri.

We have no request from either of the above jurisdictions to bring Ray back to the United States on their behalf.

The responsibility for extradition is a great one and there is no doubt the FBI can effectively handle it. Nevertheless, there are these questions which must be resolved from a jurisdiction standpoint before Ray is returned. There is ample time to resolve these matters and it would appear to be desirable that these matters be resolved at this time well in advance so that appropriate steps may be taken by the transporting agency, whoever that may be.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

It is recommended that these matters be taken up with the Department and confirmed thereafter in writing so that the Bureau will know without equivocation and in writing our responsibility, if any, for the returning of Ray.

I have already asked [illegible] to send [illegible] a U.S. attorney to [illegible] handles Ray's transfer to U.S.

Although we have been advised by the Attorney General that the Governor of Tennessee would desire to have the FBI bring the prisoner back, this comment was made by the Attorney General prior to a decision that Ray would not be deported but would be handled by extradition proceedings. It would be desirable to have this matter resolved at this time by the Attorney General in order that the Bureau would be able to move quickly in the event we can extradite him upon orders of the British Court.

11-38561

June 17, 1968

Chief Superintendent J. G. C. Downey
Director "C" Division
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

My dear Chief Superintendent:

I should like to express my appreciation, and that of my associates, for the invaluable assistance given by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the investigation involving James Earl Ray. The efforts of the members of your Command played a most important part in bringing this investigation to a successful conclusion.

Please see that you convey our sentiments to all those who performed so superbly in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Ottawa (44-4)
1 - Buffalo (44-376) - Reurlet 6-11-68.
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

NOTE: Letter as above recommended by SAC Buffalo, 6-11-68, and concurred in by addendum of the General Investigative Division, 6-12-68.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) 6/11/68

SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

For the information of the Bureau in considering any expression of appreciation to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) for their contribution to the identification, location and apprehension of subject JAMES EARL RAY, the following personnel of O Division, RCMP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, supervised and/or participated in the investigation at Toronto, Ontario, Canada:

[redacted]

Sergeant [redacted]

Sergeant [redacted]

Corporal [redacted]

Constable [redacted]

It is the recommendation of the Buffalo Office that the efforts of the above individuals be recognized.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

(3) - Bureau
(1 - Legat, Ottawa)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info.)
1 - Buffalo
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PAGE TWO...

ORIGINAL FILED IN 44-38861-2403

ADDENDUM GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION JGK:cs 6/12/68

JBJ

It is recommended that a general letter be directed to Chief Superintendent [redacted] expressing appreciation for the efforts of personnel of O Division, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Toronto, Canada.

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FBI

Date: 6/13/68

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AIRTEL
(Priority)

REC 26

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReButelephone call 6/13/67, concerning Legat, London teletype 6/13/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 6 copies and to LA 2 copies of an LHM dated as above and captioned [redacted] Also enclosed for the Bureau are two photos of [redacted]

This memorandum represents investigation at the Passport Office, Department of State by [redacted]

LEAD

LOS ANGELES

Will conduct credit and criminal investigation concerning [redacted]

[redacted]

3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2) (44-1574) (AM)
1 - WFO

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No dissemination to LA and LX-116 requested in LHM 6/15/68 & LX-116 continue case. Info NFT

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AIRTEL 6/15/68 for REC 26

25 JUN 26 1968

E. E. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

66 JUL 3 1968

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

June 13, 1968

[redacted]

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by a Special Agent of the FBI on June 13, 1968, disclosed that [redacted] was last issued Passport [redacted] at Los Angeles, California, [redacted] for proposed business travel of unstated duration to Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, and Spain. In his application dated October 23, 1967, at Los Angeles, he stated his intention to depart from Los Angeles by unnamed airline about October, 1967, not by organized tour. He stated that he expected to take another trip abroad within the year. According to a notice published in the Federal Register on March 16, 1967, this passport was valid for three years' travel to all countries except Cuba, North Korea, Mainland China, and North Vietnam.

This individual stated that he was born on [redacted] at [redacted] The file shows that he was previously issued Passport [redacted] on [redacted] but the previous portion of his file was not available for review at this time. He gave his permanent residence as [redacted] Los Angeles, California, and arranged to pickup his passport in Los Angeles. He listed his father as [redacted] born in [redacted] in [redacted] and his mother as [redacted] born in [redacted] Michigan, [redacted]

He stated he was last married on February [redacted] to [redacted] who was born in [redacted] marriage not terminated. In the event of accident, he requested that [redacted] his mother be notified at [redacted] Los Angeles. He left a telephone contact number of [redacted]

The following description appeared in his file:

Height:	5 feet 8 inches
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Attorney

44-38861-4166

1* ENCLOSURE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TELETYPE

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FBI WASH DC

FBI KAN CITY

010 AM URGENT 6/7/68 PHM

TO DIRECTOR, AND MEMPHIS

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 1P

BURKIN

RE OMAHA TEL JUNE FIVE LAST.

[redacted] WHO WAS NAMED AS POSSIBLY BEING IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT RAY BY KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROLMAN LOCATED EL DORADO, KANS., JUNE SIX LAST AND ELIMINATED THROUGH FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION AS BEING IDENTICAL WITH RAY. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF [redacted] BEING CONDUCTED.

AM COPY OMAHA.

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FBI WASH DC

6 JUN 25 1968

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VIA TELETYPE

JUN 17 1968

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STATE 003

URGENT 6-17-68 EXR

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 64

MURKIN.

FOLLOWING RECEIVED IN ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE AND ANY LEAK WOULD EMBARRASS BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND JEOPARDIZE LEGAT SOURCE.

[redacted] RAY WESTERN UNION JUNE ELEVEN [redacted]

RAY WROTE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA BAR ASSOCIATION [redacted]

[redacted]

RAY RECEIVED LETTER DATED [redacted] RETURN ADDRESS [redacted] BROOKLYN [redacted]

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SOURCE FURNISHED OTHER INFO IN CONFIDENCE AS FOLLOWS:

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SUBJECT RECEIVED ONE FULL MEDICAL EXAM AT BRIXTON AND ONE SINCE ARRIVAL WANDSWORTH PRISON. HE RECEIVES [redacted] VISITS FROM MEDICAL OFFICER AND WILL RECEIVE ONE FULL MEDICAL EXAM WEEKLY.

AT NINE: TWO ZERO PM JUNE FIFTEEN LAST ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL MADE TO PRISON BY MALE WITH AMERICAN ACCENT WHO SAID "RAY WILL BE RELEASED ABOUT ELEVEN PM, THIS IS GENUINE CALL." TWO VANS AND SIX CARS OF POLICE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO PRISON BUT NOTHING UNTOWARD OCCURRED.

WARDERS WHO SPENT TIME IN CELL SATURDAY REPORTED SUBJECT SEEMED UNUSUALLY ELATED ALL DAY BUT APPEARED BACK TO NORMAL SUNDAY.

SUBJECT REFUSED TO SEE TWO SCOTLAND YARD OFFICERS JUNE FOURTEEN LAST AND SAID HE WOULD ALSO REFUSE TO SEE FBI IF THEY ASKED TO SEE HIM. YARD OFFICERS MADE REQUEST TO SEE HIM IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN HIS ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND FROM MAY SEVENTEEN TO JUNE EIGHT.

SUBJECT NOT SAYING ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT TO WARDERS AS HE NOW BELIEVES THEY ARE TRYING TO EXTRACT INFO FOR POLICE.

END PAGE TWO

PAGE THREE

SOURCES ADVISE IF RAY'S BROTHER CAME TO ENGLAND, DUE TO CRIMINAL RECORD, HE MAY NOT BE GIVEN PERMISSION TO LAND BUT IF HE WERE, UNDER PRISON RULES NO ONE WITH RECORD, EVEN RELATIVE, IS PERMITTED ENTRY TO PRISON.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO AIRMAIL IDENT RECORD AND FINGERPRINTS JOHN LARRY RAY AND IF POSSIBLE CLARIFY WHETHER HE IS BROTHER OR HALF BROTHER OF RAY.

RECEIVED: 10:31AM MAL/EXR

1 - MR. TROTTER

FBI

Date: 6-13-68

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a favorable editorial concerning the Bureau's performance in the MURKIN investigation. This editorial appeared in the "Youngstown Vindicator" on 6/11/68.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of appreciation be directed to WILLIAM BROWN, Manager, Youngstown Vindicator, Vindicator Square and West Boardman, Youngstown, Ohio 44503.

Indices Cleveland Division would not preclude requested letter.

3-Bureau (Enclosures - 2) ENCLOSURE
1-Cleveland
JDR:DG
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2 C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

57 JUL 17 1968

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Don't Give Up Easily

A few weeks or so ago they were saying that "They'll never catch Dr. King's killer." One columnist wrote: "The truth is that the FBI has not located a single trace of Ray since he supposedly abandoned his white automobile in Atlanta April 5, the day after the Negro clergyman was slain in a Memphis, Tenn., motel."

Understandably, the FBI does not tell all that it knows. It is entirely possible that the FBI did not know exactly where the murder suspect was at the moment the columnist was making his observations. But it evidently wasn't far behind.

The FBI doesn't usually give up so early in a problem of this kind, or any kind. Because of the many implications involved in the slaying of a man of Dr. King's prominence, especially in the civil rights field, it is inconceivable that the FBI ever thought at any time of giving up the search.

So it was not exactly surprising that James Earl Ray, the principal suspect in the Dr. King slaying, was captured Saturday in London principally through the work of the FBI and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Canadian police found the suspect's passport record in a batch of more than 200,000 applications which they searched and the FBI and Scotland Yard did the rest from that point on.

The investigation must not stop with the arrest of the prime suspect. Efforts must be made to learn whether Ray was only a cog in a conspiracy, whether he was a paid killer. For a man who was unemployed, he spent considerable amounts of money.

The FBI did not give up in its search for Ray, a man of many aliases, and while it is not making its intentions known, it is not likely to abandon the search for conspiratorial or other evidence that might be associated with Dr. King's assassination.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 16,
YOUNGSTOWN VINDICATOR
Youngstown, Ohio

Date: 6/11/68
Edition:
Author:
Editor: WM. BROWN, Mgr.
Title:

Character:
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Submitting Office:

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ENCLOSURE

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FBI

Date: 6/17/68

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AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365)

MURKIN

Re Milwaukee teletype to Bureau, 6/15/68 and Charlotte teletype 6/16/68.

The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] pretext Caldwell Co., N. C., under [redacted] being sought by FBI for questioning in car theft and suspect in cashing of numerous worthless checks in connection with Charlotte file [redacted]

On 6/16/68 [redacted] Lenoir, N. C., Telephone [redacted] advised he had just returned from 2 weeks National Guard duty at Ft. Bragg, N. C., on that date. During the two weeks of guard duty his wife resided with his brother's wife, [redacted] in Lenoir. His 19 year old brother, [redacted] resides in the home with him and would have been at home at this telephone number at nights only. He denied receiving any telephone calls from his brother, [redacted] or anyone else and especially calls from the State of Wisconsin.

On 6/16/68 [redacted] Lenoir, N. C., advised he resided with his brother but did not receive any telephone calls from Wisconsin during the previous week and he has had no recent contact with his brother, [redacted]

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(3) - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Milwaukee (44-388)
3 - Charlotte (2 - 44-1365)
(1 - 26-39873) EX-115

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L. C. Sisson

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date:

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On 6/17/68 [redacted] Lenoir, N.C., Telephone [redacted] advised he does not accept any collect telephone calls from his brother, [redacted] and the last time he talked with his brother, [redacted] was about 2 or perhaps 3 weeks ago when [redacted] called him at approximately 4 or 5 A.M. desiring to know if [redacted] had heard from [redacted] wife and family. This was the last contact he has had with [redacted] and stated he definitely did not receive any long distance telephone calls during the week of 6/9-16/68 from [redacted] or anyone else from the State of Wisconsin. He stated he worked several nights until around 11 P.M. and on Friday night, 6/14/68, visited his father, [redacted] Lenoir. [redacted] pointed out it was possible his wife may have received a call from his brother, [redacted] from Wisconsin.

Subsequently on 6/17/68 [redacted] advised that he had discussed this matter with his wife and she stated she did not receive any long distance telephone calls during the week of 6/9-16/68. She stated [redacted] had called [redacted] home on Sunday evening either 6/2/68 or 6/9/68 from an unknown location and this was the last contact she had had with [redacted] She definitely received no calls from Wisconsin to her knowledge during the week of 6/9-16/68.

On 6/17/68 [redacted] Lenoir, N.C., Telephone [redacted] advised that he usually closes his used car lot at approximately 6 P.M. and at the latest 6:30 P.M. He stated [redacted] was unknown to him to the best of his recollection. He stated he did not receive any long distance telephone calls during the week of 6/9-16/68 and especially from anyone in the State of Wisconsin.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date:

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On 6/17/68 [redacted] was recontacted and advised he had discussed this matter with his wife and youngest brother, [redacted] and they both advised him they had not received any telephone calls from [redacted] or anyone else from the State of Wisconsin during the week of 6/9-16/68.

For the information of the Bureau and all offices, [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed at length and at no time displayed any animosity toward minority groups of the Federal Government and indicated a high regard for the FBI.

They both advised their father, [redacted] had tried to help their oldest brother, [redacted] for a number of years but finally gave up. They stated there were 13 members of the immediate family and on numerous occasions had sent [redacted] money to pay fines or lawyer's fees when actually the money was needed to buy food and clothing for other members of the family. Both brothers also indicated they and other members of the family had helped [redacted] on numerous occasions but for the past several years have refused to assist any financial aid and no longer accept any collect telephone calls from him. They both stated they had unlisted telephone numbers for this reason in order to prevent any unnecessary calls from [redacted] or any of his associates to their homes. They stated that [redacted] had traveled extensively over the U. S. and the family never knew where he was or when he would next appear in Caldwell Co., N. C., [redacted] indicated that he could not place any confidence in any information that [redacted] gave him and he might tell you he was going to Calif. when actually he would be going to the next county.

[redacted] brothers indicated that they knew [redacted] as a used car dealer only and have no personal association with him. [redacted] is unknown to them but

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they have a first cousin by the name of [redacted] who has been marriddd several times and whose whereabouts are unknown.

They advised they did not lie as to [redacted] whereabouts and if he were responsible for the theft of a car or passing bad checks or any other crime, he should be caught and punished.

Investigation in Lenoir indicated that all members of [redacted] family are law-abiding citizens with the exception of [redacted] and they are a working class people with good reputations. There is no indication that [redacted] are engaged in any klan activities. [redacted] operated a used car business in Lenoir for a number of years but sold out but just recently re-established this business. He has the reputation of being a shrewd car dealer not known to engage in any illegal activities.

LEADS:

MILWAUKEE

AT RACINE, WISCONSIN

1. Re-interview [redacted] Wisconsin Telephone Company, bearing in mine above information and the fact [redacted] is the suspect in a car theft and in the cashing of numerous worthless checks.

2. Attempt to obtain toll tickets concerning telephone calls set forth in referenced Milwaukee teletype.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 6/17/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)
(44-394)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis

KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of a letterhead memorandum captioned [redacted] for appropriate dissemination. Enclosed for each office receiving this communication are two copies each of the same letterhead memo.

(3) - Bureau 1 ENCLOSURE
2 - Memphis (Enc.2)
2 - Los Angeles (Enc.2)
2 - Richmond (Enc.2)
2 - Seattle (Enc.2)
4 - San Diego
(2 - 44-387)
(2 - 44-394)

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10 JUN 19 1968

C. C. - Bishop

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

...y, Please Refer to
No.

San Diego, California
June 17, 1968

[redacted]

On June 11, 1968, [redacted] Main Post Office, San Diego, California, advised as follows:

Found on the incoming mail belt was a piece of paper not in an envelope written in green ink which was addressed to "Post Office Post Master". This note reads as follows:

"If the F.B.I. wonts Ray,s buddy go to 124 Broadway Metropole Hotel Room 117. He may be under the name [redacted] or [redacted] He knows about Kennedy and also King,s death,s. He may have part in Kings death. I know he was in Tenn. before and after King was killed. I know [redacted] is wonted in Seattle. Also in Big Stone Gap, Virginia, by the F.B.I."

On June 12, 1968, information was received from the Seattle Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that one [redacted] born [redacted] Missouri, was arrested at Jacksonville, Florida, [redacted] charged with grand larceny having stolen $550 to $600 from a restaurant in Seattle, Washington, for which he was employed.

[redacted] was returned to Seattle, Washington, and on the basis of the charge against him, received a three-year deferred sentence, six months in the county jail and ordered to make restitution.

[redacted] appealed this sentence and was placed on bond, however, departed the State of Washington and a bench warrant was subsequently issued by the Superior Court, Seattle, Washington.

ENCLOSURE

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[redacted]

Information was also furnished that authorities at Seattle, Washington, desired his apprehension and would extradite [redacted] to Seattle, Washington. Based on this information, the San Diego Police Department arrested [redacted] at Room 117, Metropole Hotel, 124 Broadway, San Diego, California, [redacted] At time of arrest, [redacted] admitted his identity and the fact that he knew he was wanted by the State of Washington.

[redacted] was interviewed by Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at San Diego, California, [redacted] at which time he advised as follows:

[redacted] advised that in 1963 he went to England and visited the Russian Embassy, Grovesner Square, London, England, for the purpose of renouncing his United States citizenship.

He was arrested while in England by New Scotland Yard, based upon a check which he had deposited in a bank prior to his departure to England and later determined it was a fraudulent check.

[redacted] was asked why he desired to renounce his citizenship, to which he replied the country is no longer a country for the white people and is eventually being taken over by the "niggers."

[redacted] exhibited a strong anti-Negro sentiment and stated that at one time he had been a member of a clan-type organization at Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

[redacted] was questioned as to his association with JAMES EARL RAY and whether he had any knowledge concerning the assassinations of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and President JOHN F. KENNEDY. [redacted] merely replied "I do not wish to talk about these subjects."

[redacted] did say, however, that if Senator TED KENNEDY and Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY continue to seek the Presidency of the United States, they will be assassinated. [redacted] did not desire to elaborate regarding this information.

[redacted] admitted previous mental history, having been confined during 1961 for a short period of time at [redacted] Missouri.

Handprinting was obtained from [redacted] and was compared with the note received by the U. S. Post Office, San Diego, California, and because of a close resemblance of these, [redacted] was asked if he, in fact, had written the note himself.

He categorically denied having written this note.

The following is a description and background concerning [redacted] as obtained during interview:

Name	[redacted]
Alias	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Born	[redacted] Missouri
Height	5'5½"
Weight	165 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Tattoo	[redacted]
Mother	[redacted] Ava, Missouri
Father	[redacted] deceased
Sister	[redacted] Ava, Missouri
Marital Status	Single
Education	High school, third year

On June 14, 1968, [redacted] San Diego Police Department, San Diego, California, advised that he had just received word from the Seattle,

[redacted]

Washington, authorities that they decided they did not want to extradite the subject to Seattle, Washington, however, the warrant for his arrest is still outstanding and should he return to the State of Washington, would be arrested on this warrant.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: June 18, 1968

RC:SJP:DRO:jlk
DJ 144-72-662
41-157-147

FROM : ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray, Subject;
Martin Luther King, Jr., Victim.
Conspiracy
CIVIL RIGHTS

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
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In connection with your investigation of this matter, please continue to follow all leads to develop the facts with respect to the possible federal violation on an expedited basis.

Please report by telephone immediately all information you obtain pertinent to this investigation to Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and confirm such information as soon as possible by written memorandum or by copies of teletypes or other communications you receive. Please send copies to me, the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General Vinson.

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FBI

Date: 6/19/68

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebuairtel 6/14/68.

[redacted] Long Beach, California was contacted by SA [redacted] on 6/18/68.

His letter to the Bureau was acknowledged and gratitude expressed for his cooperation.

[redacted] advised that about four days after killing in instant matter, he was sitting in lobby of [redacted] when a white male about 30 years, 5'10", 160 pounds, slender build and brown hair, appeared, and [redacted] overheard inquiry of [redacted] by this individual concerning whether a certain young lady was registered there. [redacted] advised this individual that the girl in question had checked out after which [redacted] gave this individual his luggage which had been stored at the hotel and he registered as a guest. [redacted] said he felt this indicated that the individual had been a guest in the hotel previously.

[redacted] indicated that later, he saw one of several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which he felt somewhat resembled the individual who appeared in the lobby of the [redacted] Hotel. He reported this incident to the Long Beach Resident Agency and understood that subsequently, agents had made inquiry at the hotel.

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2 - Los Angeles

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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] said he had no other information concerning RAY or the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He explained he had written the letter to the FBI in Washington, D.C. when he had read recently that RAY had taken dancing lessons in Long Beach, California and desired to offer the suggestion that he may have returned to this city prior to his flight to Canada. He said he had no other information to furnish concerning this matter.

[redacted] at the hotel [redacted] were shown a photograph of RAY and indicated that he was not familiar to them as identical with any guest at the [redacted] Hotel.

[redacted] advised [redacted] on 6/19/68 that he could not specifically recall any incident where an individual had made inquiry in the recent past concerning whether a certain young lady was registered at the hotel nor could he recall any incident whereafter such inquiry had been made, he furnished any luggage that had been in storage at the hotel by the inquirer.

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FBI MEMPHIS

531 PM URGENT 6-19-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

THIS DATE SAC, MEMPHIS, CONTACTED BY [redacted] U.S. BUREAU OF PRISONS. INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN PREVIOUS MEMPHIS TELETYPE RE CONTACT WITH [redacted] THIS DATE ADVISED [redacted] IS WITH BUREAU OF PRISONS AND HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AT FEDERAL PRISON, MARION, ILLINOIS. [redacted] WILL BE ACTING IN LIAISON CAPACITY AND FURNISHING ASSISTANCE TO SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., SO WHO WILL BEAR RESPONSIBILITY OF SUBJECT RAY IN INSTANT CASE.

[redacted] ADVISED HE HAD HAD MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SO, STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE, AND INTERESTED LOCAL JUDGES IN CONNECTION WITH HANDLING OF PRISONER. [redacted] SAID HE HAD SUBMITTED VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON STANDARDS OF BUREAU OF PRISONS IN HANDLING PRISONERS OF PROMINENCE. HE INDICATED AMONG ITEMS DISCUSSED WERE THE HANDLING OF VOLUMES OF MAIL THAT PRISONER OF PROMINENCE WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE, RESTRICTIONS OF VISITORS TO PRISONER, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THIS TYPE.

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HE STATED HE HAD MADE CERTAIN SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING SECURITY AT THE SHELBY COUNTY.

[redacted] ADVISED THAT THE MATTERS WHICH HE HAD SUBMITTED IN THE FORM OF SUGGESTIONS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY HIM WITH AAG FRED VINSON IN WASHINGTON, D.C. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION, [redacted] STATED AAG VINSON HAD TOLD HIM THAT IT APPEARED THAT THE EARLIEST ANY POSSIBLE ACTION MIGHT BE TAKEN INSOFAR AS EXTRADITION OF RAY FROM ENGLAND WOULD BE ON OR ABOUT JULY THIRTEEN, NEXT. [redacted] STATED HE THOUGHT AAG VINSON MIGHT BE OPTIMISTIC IN REGARD TO THIS DATE.

[redacted] ALSO STATED THAT EVALUATION OF PERSONNEL AT SHELBY COUNTY SO INDICATED THAT IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL-TYPE INVESTIGATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED RE DUPUTIES WHO MIGHT BE ENTRUSTED TO CARE AND PROTECTION OF PRISONER RAY. HE MADE TENTATIVE INQUIRY AS TO POSSIBILITY OF FBI CONDUCTING SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS TYPE. [redacted] WAS TOLD BY SAC THAT INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS TYPE WERE NOT CONDUCTED BY FBI. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO [redacted] THAT SINCE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTION OF THIS PRISONER RESTED WITH SO AND THAT THE STATE AG WOULD ALSO HAVE GREAT INTEREST IN CUSTODY OF PRISONER, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE

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GIVEN TO HAVE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CONDUCT PERTINENT PERSONNEL INVESTIGATIONS FOR SO.

IN THIS CONNECTION, IT MIGHT BE NOTED THERE ARE TWO NATIONAL ACADEMY GRADUATES ASSIGNED TO STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, [redacted] JOHN LEWIS CARLISLE AND EDWARD L. HUTCHINSON, JR.,] INVESTIGATORS.

CLARK ALSO STATED THAT IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH AAG VINSON, VINSON TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD SEEN THE SUBJECT IN THE CELL IN THE BRITISH PRISON WHERE HE IS HELD. THE CELL WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING VERY BLEAK AND THE BED CONSISTED OF BEDDING STRETCHED OVER A BOARD WHICH SERVED AS THE BED IN THIS PARTICULAR CELL. ON SMALL SPIGOT WITH A RECEPTACLE SURROUNDING IT SAFISFIED THE PRISONER FROM THE STANDPOINT OF DRINKING WATER AND HIS USE IN CONNECTION WITH BODILY FUNCTIONS. [redacted] STATED THAT AAG VINSON ALSO TOLD HIM THERE WERE TWO CONSTABLES IN THE CELL WITH RAY AT ALL TIMES.

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HE ALSO SAID THAT UNDER BRITISH LAW, REPORTEDLY A PRISONER MUST HAVE TWO HOURS OF EXERCISE ON A DAILY BASIS. DURING THE EXERCISE PERIOD OF RAY, [redacted] WAS TOLD THE EXERCISE YARD IS CLEARED OF ALL PERSONNEL AND THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES DO HAVE SECURITY DOGS ON HAND IN THE EVENT OF ANY PROBLEMS ARISING.

NO OTHER PERTINENT ACTIVITY THIS DATE.

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JUN 21 1968

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STATE 02

URGENT 6-21-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO 73

MURKIN.

LONDON JEWELERS DO NOT HAVE TOOLS TO OPEN RAY'S AMERICAN MODEL WITTENAUER WATCH. IT WILL BE RECEIVED WITH RAY'S PROPERTY WHEN EXTRADITED.

RAY PURCHASED SWEATER LONDON JUNE SEVEN. SWEATER NOT AMONG PERSONAL EFFECTS WHEN ARRESTED.

RAY HAS REFUSED TO PROVIDE SCOTLAND YARD ANY INFO RE ACTIVITIES LONDON.

ALL LONDON CAR RENTALS NEGATIVE.

BALLISTIC EXAMINATION INDICATES RAY'S REVOLVER FIRED SEVERAL TIMES SINCE LAST CLEANED. TEST SHOT BEING OBTAINED. WILL BE FORWARDED.

OFFICER RECEIVING CALL FROM JIA TATUS, HOUSTON [redacted] JUNE NINE, NOT IDENTIFIABLE.

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INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CONTINUING TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS MAY SEVENTEEN-TWENTY EIGHT. AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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1 - Memphis

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CC: MR. BRENNAN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

O : The Director

DATE: 5/15/68

ROM : N. P. Callahan

BJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in: 66-1[illegible]-32[illegible]

Pages E4180-E4181. Congressman Evins, (D) Tennessee, stated "the distinguished columnist, Carl T. Rowan, has written a most interesting article in the Washington Star in which he outlines the theories relating to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King." The article entitled "King Murder Hatched Abroad?" is set forth in the Record. The article states "The FBI has had as many as 2,000 agents working at one time, in cooperation with hundreds of local policemen and other U. S. intelligence agents, to track down every lead--including the above possibilities that the assassination was plotted with the intention of creating internal chaos in the United States. - - - - The FBI is pouring vast amounts of manpower and money into the search because it knows its reputation is at stake. It also knows that if King's killer is not found all sorts of rumors will arise."

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NOT RECORDED
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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 5/15/68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 21 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

501 PM URGENT 6/21/68 TSJ

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (2P)

MURKIN

SUMMARY TELETYPE

PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT OF SA JOE C. HESTER DATED JUNE TEN, LAST, AT MEMPHIS JAS BEEN DISSEMINATED TO FBI, BIRMINGHAM, AND PHIL M. CANALE, STATE AG, MEMPHIS, TENN.

SINCE PREPARATION OF SA HESTER'S REPORT, CONSIDERABLE PERTINENT INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE EVIDENTIARY VALUE HAS BEEN DEVELOPED BY LEGATS. IF NOT ALREADY DONE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT ALL LEGATS BE REQUESTED TO PREPARE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED TO DATE IN FORM SUITABLE FOR INCLUSION IN PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY REPORT. LEGATS SHOULD ALSO BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT ALL DOUMENTS, INCLUDING MONEY ORDER USED BY RAY TO OBTAIN CANADIAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE, LETTER AND HOTEL OR MOTEL REGISTRATION CARDS ATTRIBUTED TO RAY TO FBI LAB FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISONS.

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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM [redacted] THIS DATE HAS BEEN [redacted]

MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR NEWSPAPER,

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BI CHICAGO
545PM URGENT 6-21-68 EMS
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN

"CHICAGO BANK OFFICIAL, WHO REQUESTED IDENTITY KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED MAY NINE LAST FROM THE BANCO TOTTA - ALIANCA, RUA - DOURO, SIXTY NINE - SEVENTY NINE, LISBON, PORTUGAL, WHICH READ QUOTE PLEASE SEND US BY CABLE CREDIT INFORMATION ON [redacted] CHICAGO, UNQUOTE.

BANK HAS NO ACCOUNT FOR ABOVE PERSON AND LISBON BANK WAS SO ADVISED BY CABLE MAY NINE LAST." BUREAU MAY DESIRE TO ADVISE LEGATS PARIS AND LONDON. LHM FOLLOWS.

AMCC TO MEMPHIS.

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1 - Mr. Long
1 - Foreign Liaison

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TO LEGATS, PARIS
LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE HAS ADVISED "CHICAGO BANK OFFICIAL, WHO REQUESTED IDENTITY KEPT CONFIDENTIAL, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED MAY NINE, LAST, FROM THE BANCO TOTTA - ALIANCA, RUA - DOURO, SIXTY NINE - SEVENTY NINE, LISBON, PORTUGAL, WHICH READ QUOTE PLEASE SEND US BY CABLE CREDIT INFORMATION ON [redacted] CHICAGO, UNQUOTE. BANK HAS NO ACCOUNT FOR ABOVE PERSON AND LISBON BANK WAS SO ADVISED BY CABLE MAY NINE LAST."

LEGAT, PARIS CHECK WITH PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES TO DETERMINE IF [redacted] IDENTICAL TO OR CONNECTED WITH SUBJECT.

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10:12PM URGENT 6-21-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES

FROM MEMPHIS

MURKIN.

[redacted] PRESS-SCIMITAR MEMPHIS [redacted] NEWSPAPER AND SAC CONTACT, MEMPHIS, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED MEMPHIS OFFICE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THIS DATE:

[redacted] SAID AT APPROXIMATELY ONE PM THIS DATE HE RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM TARZANA, CALIFORNIA. CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS [redacted], PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR, TELEPHONE [redacted] BEGAN CONVERSATION WITH [redacted] MAKING INQUIRY RE REWARDS OFFERED IN SOLUTION OF KING MURDER. [redacted] TOLD HIM THAT [redacted] HE HAD INFORMATION ONLY RE TWENTYFIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER MADE BY PRESS SCIMITAR [redacted] PAPER. [redacted] ALSO SAID HE INFORMED [redacted] THAT THE REWARD WOULD BE PAID ONLY FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO ARREST AND CONVICTION OF THE MURDERER IN INSTANT CASE. [redacted] REPORTEDLY THEN TOLD [redacted] THAT HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE PERSON WHO PAID SUBJECT RAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE KILLING. [redacted] REPORTEDLY

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DESCRIBED THIS MAN AS ALMOST A BILLIONAIRE WHO OWNS BALBOA ISLAND. [redacted] ALSO SAID THE MONEY HAD BEEN DEPOSITED IN A SWISS BANK SO THAT SUBJECT RAY COULD PROCURE SAME AND THIS WAS WHERE RAY WAS EN ROUTE WHEN HE WAS APPREHENDED IN LONDON. [redacted] FURTHER DESCRIBED THIS WEALTHY MAN AS AN ARDENT JOHN BIRCHER WHO HAD KING KILLED NOT BECAUSE HE WAS A NEGRO BUT BECAUSE KING WAS A COMMUNIST.

[redacted] SAID THAT HE PRESSED [redacted] FOR MORE IDENTIFYING DATA AND [redacted] TOLD HIM THE MAN WHO PAID OFF RAY WAS [redacted] SAID HE PRESSED [redacted] FOR MORE DATA AND [redacted] TOLD HIM THAT IF HE WANTED TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION HE SHOULD CALL AREA CODE [redacted] IN CALIFORNIA AND ASK FOR [redacted] WAS NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED BY [redacted] BUT [redacted] TOLD [redacted] THAT [redacted] KNEW [redacted] AND SUPPOSEDLY KNEW OF [redacted] INVOLVEMENT IN MURDER. [redacted] SAID HE HAD RECEIVED THIS INFORMATION ON JUNE SIXTEEN AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE FIFTEEN A.M.

[redacted] SAID HE WAS, OF COURSE, IN NO POSITION TO EVALUATE THIS DATA BUT DID WANT TO PASS IT ON TO THE FBI FOR POSSIBLE USE.

LOS ANGELES REQUESTED IDENTIFY [redacted] REVIEW ITS FILES, AND IF NO INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN INTERVIEW MARKS FOR ALL DATA HE MAY HAVE CONCERNING ALLEGATION.

LOS ANGELES ALSO SECURE IDENTIFYING DATA FROM [redacted] RE [redacted] AND THEREAFTER CONDUCT NECESSARY INTERVIEWS WITH HER TO CLARIFY INFORMATION.

[redacted] UNKNOWN TO MEMPHIS DIVISION. LOS ANGELES SHOULD REVIEW ITS FILES TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT [redacted] FITS GENERAL DESCRIPTION FURNISHED BY [redacted] AND WHETHER OR NOT HE MIGHT BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE CONSPIRATOR INSTANT CASE.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 23, 1968

FROM : C. D. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, telephonically contacted [redacted] at 6:30 p.m., 6-22-68, regarding the extradition proceedings involved in this case. Mr. Vinson said that it is desirable to show the English lawyers that this crime is not one of a political nature; accordingly, he would appreciate having furnished to him as soon as possible the news articles in the first two newspaper coverages at Memphis, Tennessee, immediately following the murder of King.

Mr. Vinson said he needed these clippings to take to England when he returns there the first part of the week of 6-23-68. He also requested that he be called at this office Monday morning, 6-24-68, as to availability of such clippings.

ACTION: SAC Jensen, Memphis Office, was instructed to make every effort to obtain the clippings desired by Mr. Vinson. It was suggested to SAC Jensen that obtaining copies of the complete newspapers published immediately after the murder might be advisable so that the articles would be identified as to publication and date. He was also advised to dispatch the papers by airplane captain as soon as possible.

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ADDENDUM: JOK:erg 6-23-68

On 6-23-68, SAC Jensen advised [redacted] that he had obtained two copies of the morning paper and two copies of the afternoon paper for 4-5-68, which set forth detailed information concerning the King assassination. The morning paper is the "Commercial Appeal" and the afternoon paper is the "Press Scimitar." He advised that no information concerning this shooting appeared in Memphis papers on 4-4-68, as they had been printed and distributed prior to the assassionation. He advised arrangements would be made to have this material flown to the Bureau.

Subsequently, on 6-23-68, [redacted] Memphis, advised the material would be put on board Flight #132, American Airlines, leaving Memphis at 6:45 p.m., arriving Washington National Airport at 9:34 p.m. [redacted] advised that efforts to put this material on earlier flight were unsuccessful as the crew for the earlier flight changed at Nashville and did not desire to take the responsibility of transferring the package to another crew. Flight #132 is nonstop from Memphis to Washington. [redacted] Washington Field Office, was contacted and instructed to make arrangements to have the material picked up and delivered to Room 5710, Justice Building.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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JUN 24 1968

TELETYPE

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FBI DETROIT

3-38 PM URGENT 6-24-68 BVH

TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ AND MEMPHIS 44-1987/

FROM DETROIT /44-989/ /RUC/ 1P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO DIRECTOR, JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST.

SOURCES AT DETROIT POLICE DEPT. AND MICH. STATE POLICE INDICATE NO ROBBERIES IN EXCESS OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN STATE OF MICH. DURING PERIOD APRIL TWENTY THREE, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, THROUGH JULY EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, IN WHICH SUBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 24, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., telephonically requested the Bureau obtain news articles which appeared in the first two newspapers published in Memphis, Tennessee, immediately following the King assassination. Vinson stated it would be desirable to show that this crime is not one of a political nature.

ACTION:

Copies of the "Memphis Press-Scimitar" and "The Commercial Appeal" which were published on April 5, 1968, the day following the shooting, have been obtained and are being furnished to Vinson today. It is noted Vinson plans to go to England on the evening of June 24, 1968. These appear to be mere factual statements regarding the shooting incident.

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COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

June 24, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In view of unlikelihood that anyone will be allowed to interview Ray and also recommendation of Legat Minich that Agent [redacted] return to U. S. tomorrow, it is recommended [redacted] be authorized to return to U. S. tomorrow.

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ENCLOSURE

VIA TELETYPE
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URGENT 6-24-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO 74

MURKIN.

REMYCAB AND BUCAB JUNE ONE EIGHT LAST.

PAPER AND ADMINISTRATIVE WORK THIS MATTER AND BACKLOG OTHER WORK REDUCED CONSIDERABLY WHERE IT CAN BE HANDLED BY ASST. LEGAT AND MYSELF.

OTHER FACTOR IS MY OFFICIAL REQUEST TO INTERVIEW RAY. BRITISH ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS ALREADY RULED REQUEST WOULD NOT BE MADE TO GOVERNOR OF PRISONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO RAY UNTIL AFTER HE IS ORDERED EXTRADITED.

LONCAB JUNE ONE SEVEN LAST ADVISED RAY REFUSED TO SEE TWO SCOTLAND YARD OFFICERS AND SAID HE WOULD REFUSE TO SEE FBI IF ASKED.

IN CONFERENCE WITH [redacted] AND OTHER YARD OFFICERS JUNE TWO TWO LAST, THEY ADVISED SUBJECT HAS BECOME MORE UNCO-OPERATIVE EVEN WITH HIS DEFENSE COUNSEL. ST-103

BASED ON FOREGOING I FIRMLY BELIEVE IF REQUEST IS EVER PUT TO RAY HE WILL REFUSE TO BE SEEN OR INTERVIEWED BY US.

REC-8 44-38861-4681

9 JUL 1- 1968

ENCLOSURE

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION REQUEST

RECOMMEND I ISSUE OFFICE GTR, ECONOMY, RETURN DATE OPEN FOR MARTINDALE [redacted] TO RETURN TWA FLIGHT SEVEN ZERO NINE, DEPARTING LONDON ONE: THREE ZERO PM ARRIVING DULLES FOUR:FOUR FIVE PM JUNE TWO FIVE. IF APPROVED HE SHOULD BE MET AND ASSISTED AS HE WILL BE CARRYING OFFICIAL PAPERS THIS MATTER PLUS CERTAIN PROPERTY OF RAY, OBTAINED ON EXTREMELY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, FOR EXAMINATION BY LAB AND IMMEDIATE RETURN TO ME VIA POUCH. SUCAB.

Jakwish Dunnick this was O.K. I R 6-24-68 R

Handled 2:20 PM 6-29-68

RECEIVED: 9:13AM MSE

CC-MR. ROSEN

CC: Mr. Conrad

YEAGER BRENNAN

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/14/68

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Information developed in our investigation of Ray indicates that Ray was reported to have said Cooley (phonetic) or Cooley's Organization would pay $10,000 to have King killed. Ray was reportedly a member of Cooley's Organization, a membership organization of prisoners at Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), which offers prisoners protection and assists them in handling affairs with other prisoners. There is a fee for joining and additional fees for services rendered by that organization.

Ray was reported to have been also associated with the leaders of the St. Louis Gang at MSP. It is not known whether Cooley's Organization and the St. Louis Gang are identical.

We have confirmed the existence of Cooley's Organization but although we have conducted extensive interviews, we have been unable to ascertain any information concerning its principals or membership or the extent of its network. There are indications that this organization exists in other prisons.

The identification of the members and principals in Cooley's Organization and the subsequent interview of such individuals could materially assist us in our investigation of Ray and in other investigations.

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan
1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
1 - Mr. R. E. Long
1 - Mr. G. M. Quinn

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan
Re: MURKIN

The following investigation is suggested to that end:

Consider interviewing chaplains and psychiatrists at MSP and other logical prisons to determine if anything has ever come to their attention concerning the existence of Cooley's Organization and if they are knowledgeable as to the principals or members in that organization. They should be advised to keep the inquiry confidential. It is not felt that the revelation of such information by these individuals would be the breaking of a confidence because of their special relationship with the prisoners since membership in such an organization would not be immoral in the religious or social sense. The information concerning Ray's association with Cooley's Organization has not received any publicity to our knowledge and accordingly, it would not be expected that these individuals would come forward and volunteer such information.

TKV

WCS/fs

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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: Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/18/68

M SAC, Albany (44-493)(P)

ECT: MURKIN
CR CIVIL RIGHTS
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Bureau airtels and teletypes regarding "LAUNDRY MARKS."

Between 4/5 and 4/24/68, [redacted] spent many hours of his ordinary working day, as well as five hours of his own time on 4/6/68, affording assistance to this office in the review of records of that company. On 4/6/68, [redacted] insisted on sacrificing attendance at a party being given at his home in order that he might be of the greatest assistance possible to agents of this office in further review of the records of his company.

In view of [redacted] personal effort in affording assistance to the Bureau in this matter, the Albany Office recommends that a letter from the Director be sent to him expressing appreciation for his assistance during the investigation of the captioned matter. It is realized that such expressions of appreciation are generally not made until the investigation is completed, however, it is likely that this case will not be concluded for sometime, and further delay in sending such a letter is not deemed appropriate.

The indices of the Albany Office have been reviewed and no references are contained therein pertaining to [redacted]

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2 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) EX-105
1 - Albany
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See ADDENDUM: General Investigative Division, 6/21/68, REL:erg, Page 2

CORRESPONDENCE

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ADDENDUM: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION REL:erg 6/21/68

[redacted] Syracuse, New York, was extremely helpful in identifying laundry marking machines in order that we could trace the laundry markings attached to the clothing of the subject left in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

The General Investigative Division recommends that a letter of appreciation be forwarded t[redacted] The indices at the Albany Office and the Bureau contain no references to [redacted]

June 25, 1968

REC 36

EX-105

44-3991-4683

PERSONAL

[redacted]

Syracuse, New York 13224

[redacted]

I want to express both my appreciation and that of my associates in our Albany Office for the cooperation you recently extended in a case which is of vital interest to us.

It is most heartening to receive aid from citizens who are in a position to offer it, and I have learned that your assistance was given at the expense of your personal convenience. We wish to thank you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 8
JUN 25 1968
COMM-FBI

1 - Albany (44-493)

1 - Memphis (44-1987)
Re Albany letter dated 6-18-68.

NOTE: The Albany Division recommended this communication and the General Investigative Division concurred. The Bureau and Albany indices contain no references identifiable with [redacted]

RWE:ncr (5)

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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FBI

Date: 6/20/68

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AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

Efforts by New Scotland Yard to photograph flourescent laundry markings were unsuccessful.

At the time of his arrest, RAY was in possession of a Wittnauer Geneve wristwatch. Scotland Yard has determined that this watch, which is made in Switzerland, is manufactured exclusively for the American market and Scotland Yard has been advised that no jeweler in London has the special tools required to open the case without inflicting serious damage. Therefore, it has not been possible to determine the serial number, if any. The watch, together with RAY's other personal possessions, will be turned over to Bureau representatives when RAY is removed to the United States.

RAY's personal possessions include a receipt dated 6/7/68 for one pound, fifteen shillings. Scotland Yard determined this was issued by a men's wear shop at 330 Vauxhall Road, S.W. 1, London. The manager was unable to identify RAY or the person to whom the receipt was issued but the records of the shop indicate that the receipt was issued for a rollneck pullover sweater. No such sweater was found among RAY's possessions.

Scotland Yard requested RAY's solicitor to provide information regarding RAY's whereabouts, May 17-28, 1968. The solicitor informed the Yard that RAY refused to cooperate and RAY also refused to be interviewed by Scotland Yard regarding his whereabouts or activities in England.

REC-[illegible] 44-38861-4684
ST-103

Scotland Yard has checked all car rental agencies in London for the period of 5/17-6/8/68 without finding any record of the subject.

3 - Bureau
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
WLM:vw
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JUN 25 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

London airtel 6/8/68 sets forth a copy of the charge sheet at Cannon Row Police Station. On page 2, fifth item from the bottom, is listed a BOAC ticket No.0614/4256/8753, London to Toronto. The charge sheet is in error in that this ticket is actually for passage from London to Lisbon.

The revolver in RAY's possession when arrested has been examined by a Scotland Yard ballistics expert who concluded it had been fired several times since it was last cleaned. He found no reason to believe the gun had been recently fired.

With regard to the call made from Houston, Texas, 6/9/68 by one [redacted] who attempted to call RAY person to person, it is noted the original information alleged [redacted] as connected with Cannon Row Police Station, London and was referred to Chief Superintendent Butler but the night duty officer declined to call BUTLER. Scotland Yard has been unable to identify the night duty officer in question or to develop any information regarding this call.

Under the reporting procedures in use by Scotland Yard, the results of negative investigation, as well as details of the nature and scope of investigation conducted are not recorded in report form and are not collected in any central file. This material appears only in the "pocket book" carried by each officer to record his activities. The formal report is limited to a brief account of information intended to actually be introduced as evidence. Chief Inspector [redacted] who is coordinating the investigation, is having a "schedule" prepared which will show details of the nature and scope of investigation conducted. This is an unusual procedure and requires a great deal of effort by many Scotland Yard officers. This is being closely followed on a daily basis and when received the schedule will be immediately reviewed, after which any additional investigation that appears necessary will be discussed with Scotland Yard.

ARTHUR HANES, accompanied by his son, arrived in London, 8:40 AM, 6/20/68, via TWA Flight 704. He was not met by the Embassy and has had no contact with the Embassy. In order to see RAY he will have to apply through RAY's British solicitor or through the Home Office. HANES is staying at the Royal Lancaster Hotel.

In a London press conference, 6/20/68, HANES reportedly stated he has never met the subject but was retained by a letter signed R. G. SNEYD, dated 6/10/68, and forwarded to HANES through the Birmingham Bar Association. HANES said he is a lawyer who works

for fees and does not work for nothing but he declined to identify the source of his fees. He indicated he probably will not see RAY in London but wanted to confer with RAY's British attorneys.

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 21 1968
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DEFERRED 6-21-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

MURKIN.

REMYTEL SIX ELEVEN LAST.

RCMP THIS DATE ADVISED LAUNDRY MARK ON SHIRT IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF COMMUNITY CLEANERS, SEVEN EIGHT NINE DUNDAS STREET WEST, TORONTO. EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOS [redacted] TORONTO, HAS RECORDS INDICATING HE VACCINATED SNEYD ON FOUR TWENTYNINE LAST BUT CAN OFFER NOTHING FURTHER. [redacted] LOCAL [redacted] REPRESENTATIVE OF [redacted] SAN FRANCISCO, WHO HANDLES IMPORTS OF MIROKU FIREARMS ADVISED THAT THERE HAVE NOT BEN ANY LIBERTY CHIEF PISTOLS IMPORTED INTO CANADA. RESULTS INVESTIGATION ENGLISH AND SCOTCH WOOLENS, MONTREAL, OBTAINED AND FORWARDED BUREAU BY AIRTEL SIX TWENTY LAST. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING MONTREAL.

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JUN 24 1968

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END CC: Mr. Conrad

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D CC MR. BRENNAN

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FBI

Date: 6/21/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

MURKIN; CR

On 6/20/68 [redacted] 111th Military Intelligence Group (M. I. Group), Miami, Florida, furnished the following information:

A source of the 111th M. I. Group advised that if he was JAMES EARL RAY he would have contacted the following individual in London whom this source has known since 1966 and who is a supplier of military mercenaries and who maintains an extensive filing system:

[redacted]
London, E.Q.

This source further described [redacted] as being in his late fifties.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau in the event it is desired further inquiries be made in London.

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Miami
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REC 6 44-38861-4686

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

6-24-68

CODE

CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) -4686

MURKIN.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP HAS ADVISED THAT A SOURCE ADVISED THAT IF HE WAS JAMES EARL RAY HE WOULD CONTACT ONE [redacted] LONDON, E.Q., AS THIS INDIVIDUAL IS A SUPPLIER OF MILITARY MERCENARIES WHO MAINTAINS AN EXTENSIVE FILING SYSTEM, THIS INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LEGAT LONDON FOR ANY ACTION WARRANTED. AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

1 - MEMPHIS

1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with [redacted])

REL:jlh
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NOTE: Miami received information from 111th Military Intelligence Group that one of its sources advised that if he was James Earl Ray he would have contacted [redacted] in London, a supplier of military mercenaries who maintains an extensive filing system. This information being furnished to Legat London for any action deemed warranted.

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TO DIRECTOR- INFO LONDON

FROM LEGAT ~~LONDON~~ PARIS NO 89

MURKIN.

REBUCAB JUNE TWO ONE LAST.

LEAD IN REBUCAB FURNISHED BY TELEPHONE TO PORTUGUESE POLICE JUNE TWO TWO AND THEY ARE CHECKING AND WILL ADVISE.

THEY ADVISED JUNE TWO TWO THAT ADDITIONAL INQUIRY SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY, LISBON, REVIALS SUBJECT MADE TELEPHONE INQUIRY THERE REGARDING CONDITIONS FOR ENTERING SOUTH AFRICA. LHM FOLLOWS.

PORTUGUESE ADVISED CIRCULARIZATION OF LISBON BANKS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED AND THUS FAR NEGATIVE.

ASSISTANT LEGAT [redacted] WILL VISIT LISBON JUNE TWO SEVEN - TWO EIGHT TO ASSURE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING ANY REMAINING LEADS.

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JUN 26 1968

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JUL 1 - 1968

cc - Mr. Rosen

MR. BRENNAN

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FBI

Date: 6/24/68

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 6-19-68.

[redacted] interviewed this date at the Kansas State Penitentiary. She advised she is currently serving one to seven years for forgery, having been incarcerated since April 1968. She stated she has never used the name [redacted] and knows of no one by that name. She advised that [redacted] from Kansas City is a close friend of hers and some people may think they are related, but she never actually used the name [redacted].

She does not know the Old Fortress Tavern by name, but stated she frequented several taverns in that area on Troost Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri, and does not know all of their names. She stated she does not know JAMES EARL RAY, nor has she heard of anyone using that name or any of his aliases. She read about him in the newspapers but knows nothing more. She viewed a photograph of RAY and stated she does not remember seeing the person in the photograph anywhere. She advised she was sick with blood poisoning most of the month of February 1968, and did not visit any taverns at this time. [redacted] also stated she knows of no one by the name [redacted].

(3) - Bureau
2 - Memphis
2 - Minneapolis
2 - Kansas City
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EX-115

25 JUN 26 1968

Approved: JUN 28 1968 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 6/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

For information of Chicago and Springfield, on 5/17/68, the Los Angeles Times had contact with one [redacted] (LNU), who said he had information concerning what actually had taken place in connection with the death of Dr. KING. The following is a summary of the allegations made by [redacted]

1. The day before the shooting, RAY was picked up in Athens, Alabama, and was taken to Memphis.

2. He registered in a rooming house. Another man registered as [redacted] was supposed to be the backup man and kill KING at the rally that night if RAY missed his chance on the balcony.

3. After shooting KING, RAY walked two or three blocks to the getaway car, accompanied by a girl and a guy. The car was a new blue Buick, with Alabama license plates. The first digits of the license are believed to be one four. The car was owned and driven by [redacted] of Huntsbille, Alabama. It is equipped with a police radio. The second man stayed overnight and then took an early bus to Knoxville.

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2 - Chicago - Reg. Airmail
2 - Springfield - Reg. Airmail
1 - Los Angeles

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4. RAY, two girls and a child were driven from Memphis by [redacted] in the blue Buick. They went to Kansas City and the trip took six and one half hours. The girls, the child, and [redacted] are all from Huntsville, Alabama.

5. In Kansas City, RAY stayed overnight at a home, described as a small gray, shingled, one bedroom house about three miles from central Kansas City.

6. At dusk the next day, 4/5/68, RAY was flown to [redacted] Florida in a private plane. The plane took off from a private field, also used as a training field for the military. RAY arrived early 4/6/68.

7. The plane in which RAY was flown is owned by a [redacted] a wealthy man [redacted] and once owned a [redacted] in Cuba. It is not known if [redacted] flew the plane. [redacted] also owns [redacted] and [redacted] in nearby [redacted] or maybe on nearby [redacted] is said to be a Klu Klux Klan member.

8. RAY is believed to have stayed in the motel or in a cottage. He may still be there or in Cuba.

9. On 4/11/68 RAY boarded a yacht, probably a charter boat in Key West, Florida. The boat was owned by [redacted] A[redacted]f Miami owns three fishing boats.

10. [redacted] often flies his own private plane to New Orleans and is supposed to know District Attorney JIM GARRISON.

11. [redacted] and [redacted] are said to be related.

12. [redacted]s possibly a Veterans of Foreign Wars club member in Huntsville, Alabama.

13. The rifle was supposedly left in the furnace of a Memphis rooming house, and is believed still there. This is believed to refer the rifle of the backup man.

14. RAY is now wearing bifocals.

15. The white Mustang belonging to RAY was not in Memphis on the day of the KING slaying, and he did not escape in it. Presumably it never left Georgia in April.

16. On the day of the killing, 4/4/68, RAY made a telephone call from Memphis to [redacted] and it is believed to have been made from a bus station.

17. In the weeks before the killing, RAY stayed somewhere in [redacted] Florida.

18. [redacted] is supposed to have been paid off in Reno. The night before the killing when somebody hit a keno ticket for $25,000 in Cal-Neva Lodge, which was rigged to pass the money. The rigging was done with the knowledge of [redacted] Reno, California, who runs a shift at the [redacted] of St. Louis, who formerly worked in a bar on Second Street, Reno, Nevada, came into a lot of money and allegedly was a contact in this operation also.

19. RAY stayed in the Clark Hotel, Room 700, on 4/17-18/68.

20. [redacted] who works for [redacted] Los Angeles, sent money to Louisiana and bought two pistols. The pistols really went to [redacted] of Chatanooga, Tennessee, who was formerly in prison with RAY. [redacted] is allegedly in Los Angeles.

21. HAROLD's Cafe, 555 South Main Street, Los Angeles is a "queer" bar where RAY formerly worked and a guy named [redacted] who works there, allegedly knows RAY.

22. [redacted] who once worked the Top Rail Bar, Seventh and Alvarado Streets, Los Angeles, was allegedly formerly married to RAY. [redacted] is from St. Louis and now lives in North Hollywood, California. [redacted] mother lives in Compton, California. [redacted] s married and now lives at [redacted] Los Angeles, with a man who owns a bar. [redacted] is blond, about 38 years of age.

23. A telephone credit card supposedly used by RAY was issued to [redacted] U. S. Rubber Company, Detroit, either in the name of [redacted] reportedly lives in Harper Woods, Michigan. Calls on credit card reportedly made from Memphis to [redacted]

24. [redacted] the second man in the rooming house, was discharged in 1963 from the penitentiary at Milan, Michigan, and previously served time in Chillicothe and Terre Haute. The Los Angeles Times reported the Warden at Milan had no record of [redacted]

25. [redacted] took a bus from Knoxville to Los Angeles on 4/7/68, and travelled en route through Memphis and El Paso.

26. The house in Kansas City is described as follows: It is located off a main street starting from downtown Kansas City, Missouri, direction unknown, and from the main street a smaller street goes to the left, which street has a Western Union building located on it and goes off from the main street in the form of a steep hill. Two or three miles up the hill on the left are located nice looking apartments, brownish in color, where students from some school live, and just prior to this on the right is the location of a moving company, name unknown, and a grocery store is located in the vicinity of the moving company on the same side. About two blocks beyond the grocery store there is a narrow street with ramshackle houses on one side and vacant lots on the other. Turning right on this street, the third house on the left would be the correct house involved, which is occupied by an individual who sells beer and booze after hours and

hides guys out. The house is described as one bedroom, no garage, dirt driveway, single story, and has a large freezer in the living room.

The information contained above has been checked out and investigation to date has failed to substantiate any of the above allegations. The Los Angeles Times has declined to further identify the source of their information; however, investigation indicates it is probably [redacted] his estranged wife, advised that she believes [redacted] has probably returned to Chicago, where he was living earlier this year.

The Bureau has instructed that reasonable effort be expended to locate [redacted] and resolve the above allegations.

LEAD

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Will conduct credit and arrest checks, and other reasonable investigation to attempt to locate and interview [redacted] concerning the aboveallegations.

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS: Will examine records of Illinois State Department of Motor Vehicles for any record of automobile drivers license issued to [redacted] or any current automobile which may be registered to him which would aid in locating him.

FBI

Date: 6/7/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL — AIR MAIL - REGISTERED MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

REC 13

MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

UNSUBS; Alleged Plot in
New York City, New York,
to Harm or Kill a Prominent
Negro Woman

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS,
TEXAS, 11/22/63

POCAM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Re Buffalo airtel and LHM, dated 6/5/68, captioned as above.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau ten copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Two copies are enclosed for Memphis, as Office of Origin in MURKIN case;

ENCLOSURE

EX-115 REC 13

6 - Bureau (Encs. 12) (RM)
(1 - 62-10960, ASSASSINATION OF PRES. J. F. KENNEDY)
(1 - 100-106670, [redacted])
(1 - 157-8428, POCAM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 2) (RM)
3 - New York (Encs. 3) (RM)
(1 - 100-146994, [redacted])
5 - Buffalo
(1 - 62-1827, ASSAS. OF PRES. J. F. KENNEDY)
(1 - 62-1305 [redacted])
(1 - 157-623, POCAM)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

and three copies of LHM are enclosed for New York, as alleged locus of plots mentioned in referenced LHM, with one copy for New York file on [redacted]

Buffalo is making no local dissemination of instant LHM, and whether or not any dissemination should be made at SOG is being left to discretion of the Bureau.

The information set forth in instant LHM is being furnished to the Bureau and interested offices principally because of the serious nature of the alleged information furnished and [redacted] prominent position as a world-famous novelist, although previous experience with [redacted] demonstrates she has a penchant for intermingling fact and fiction indiscriminately, and has, in the past, published an article bearing on the internal security of the United States representing it to be factual whereas it was completely fictional.

[redacted] is now attempting to twist information recently furnished by her as evidencing advance information concerning the death of Senator KENNEDY, despite available facts as set forth in referenced LHM definitely indicating otherwise.

Specific attention is directed to the fact as set forth in instant LHM that when [redacted] telephoned [redacted] on June 4, 1968, she said she was unavailable for interview because she was hurrying to go to the hospital to see her husband who was on the brink of death. On June 6, 1968, she told [redacted] that after talking with him on June 4, 1968, she had gone out to the front of her home to plant flowers.

[redacted] no action is recommended on the information being furnished by her, other than possible dissemination by the Bureau of this information because it is very possible [redacted] may proceed to furnish the same information to other governmental agencies, or may proceed to publish the information she has furnished.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Buffalo, New York
June 7, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, also known
as Eric Starvo Galt

ASSASSINATION OF REV. MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR., MEMPHIS,
TENNESSEE, April 4, 1968

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alleged Plot
In New York City, New York, to
Harm or Kill a Prominent Negro
Woman

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS,
November 22, 1963

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

At 3:45 P. M., on June 6,1968, a telephone call was received at the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation from [redacted] whose true name is [redacted] and who resides at [redacted] immediately referred to a letter she had recently mailed to the Buffalo Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation predicting "that something terrible was going to happen," to the fact that on June 4, 1968, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had telephonically discussed this letter with her, and she stated she now wished to furnish additional developments.

She said that on the afternoon of June 4, 1968, shortly after discussing her letter with a Special Agent of

[redacted] said she replied, "You mean about the Negro woman?"

The young man allegedly said, "No! No! You've got that mixed up."

[redacted] allegedly replied, "I told the FBI."

The young Negro then allegedly replied, "You should have told the Secret Service. Anyway, it's too late now."

[redacted] stated that almost immediately thereafter, the young Negro drove away on his motor bike, the entire conversation having lasted about one or two minutes. She stated that she had never seen this young Negro before, and described him as about 19 years of age, wearing a dark sleeveless shirt, blue jean trousers, and as being very well spoken. She conjectured he is a student because strapped on the back seat of his motor bike had been two or three text books.

[redacted] stated she had been completely startled when she had heard the young Negro refer to "our friend in New York," but had immediately assumed that the reference made was to the Negro businessman in New York City who had recently written to her that "something terrible is going to happen."

the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she had gone outside to plant some flowers in front of her home. While so engaged, she noticed a young man on a motor bike ride by in the street in front of her home several times. Finally, this young man stopped directly in front of her home and commenced speaking with her. She states she was surprised to see on close observation that this young man was a Negro, whereas when she had seen him from a slight distance, he appeared to be Caucasian.

According to [redacted] the first thing this young Negro said to her was, "Do you know [redacted] said she replied, "I know him well." [redacted] explained at this point that she knows a Negro in Buffalo named [redacted] the purpose of which is to raise money to provide educational scholarships for meritorious and needy Negro students. She stated that she has given financial and other assistance to [redacted] and immediately assumed that this is the [redacted] the young man was inquiring about.)

[redacted] went on to state that the next thing the young Negro said to her was "Did you tell Secret Service what our friend in New York wanted you to tell them?"

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[redacted] then made reference to the recent assassination in Los Angeles of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY and proceeded to speculate that perhaps this was the "terrible thing about to happen" that her Negro friend from New York City had written to her about, and which information she in turn had forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She acknowledged that in her letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, she had described the incident about to occur as involving an unknown Negro woman, but now wondered whether she may possibly have misinterpreted the Negro businessman's letter. She speculated that perhaps what the Negro businessman had been trying to tell her was that a Negro woman was to be involved in the incident in some way, but not necessarily as the victim.

[redacted] concluded by stating she felt Senator KENNEDY's death was more than just a mere coincidence, that she is "not a believer in coincidence," and that there must definitely be some connection between the information she had previously received and Senator KENNEDY's death.

Attention is directed to the fact that [redacted] in her telephone call of June 6, 1968, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stated that her conversation with the unidentified young Negro occurred while

she was planting flowers in front of her home on the afternoon of June 4, 1968, and that she also stated she had gone outside to plant these flowers shortly following a telephone conversation with a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on June 4, 1968.

It is noted that a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation did, in fact, have a telephone conversation with [redacted] from about 4:35 P. M. to 4:50 P. M., on June 4, 1968. During an earlier telephone call to the [redacted] residence on June 4, 1968, the Special Agent was told by a housekeeper, who answered the telephone, that [redacted] was asleep, that it is [redacted] practice to work through the night and sleep during the day, and that [redacted] would be available to answer the telephone at about 4:30 P. M.

When the Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation did telephonically contact [redacted] at about 4:35 P. M., on June 4, 1968, he requested a personal interview with [redacted] concerning a letter which had been received from her earlier that day. [redacted] replied she was not available for interview then because she was hurrying to get ready to visit her husband, who is in the hospital on the brink of death, and that because of her busy schedule, she would have no time for a personal interview for at least two weeks or perhaps longer.

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Date: 6/5/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

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(OO Memphis)

UNSUBS; Alleged Plot in
New York City, New York,
to Harm or Kill a Prominent
Negro Woman

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN
FITZGERALD KENNEDY, DALLAS,
TEXAS, 11/22/63

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There are enclosed herewith for Bureau 10 copies of an LHM setting out a letter received at Buffalo Office on 6/4/68 from [redacted] which

(6) - Bureau (Enc. 12) (RM)
(1 - 62-10960) (ASSASSINATION OF PRES. J. F. KENNEDY)
(1 - 100-106670) [redacted]
(1 - 157-8428) (POCAM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2) (RM)
3 - New York (Enc. 3) (RM)
(1 - 100-146994) ([redacted]
5 - Buffalo
(1 - 62-1827) (ASSAS. OF PRES. J. F. KENNEDY)
(1 - 62-1305) [redacted]
(1 - 157-623) (POCAM)

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Special Agent in Charge

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deals with all four captioned matters. Two copies of LHM are enclosed for Memphis as OO in MURKIN case, and three copies of LHM are enclosed for New York, since it is alleged locus of plots set forth, with one of these copies being for New York file on [redacted]

For info of Bureau, information previously received on various matters from [redacted] has been set forth in following communications to Bureau:

(1) Buffalo let to Bureau, 7/23/62, captioned "AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, RM."

(2) Buffalo let to Bureau, 8/15/63, captioned [redacted] aka, INFO CONCERNING."

(3) Buffalo let to Bureau, 12/18/63, captioned [redacted] aka, INFORMATION CONCERNING."

(4) Buffalo let to Bureau, 9/16/64, captioned [redacted] aka, SM-C," (Bureau file [redacted].

(5) Buffalo let to Bureau, 4/30/65, captioned [redacted] aka, INFO CONCERNING."

(6) Buffalo let to Bureau, 10/27/65, captioned [redacted] aka, INFO CONCERNING."

(7) Buffalo airtel to Bureau, 11/18/66, captioned "ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, 11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS."

These communications have been itemized so Bureau itself can better evaluate [redacted] and information furnished by her.

The above communications and a review of Buffalo Office files reflect that [redacted] (whose true name is [redacted] that she is an inveterate letter writer, possessed of a vivid imagination, and is inclined to intermingle fact with fiction indiscriminately; that she is prone to carry on literary battles through the mails and in publications

with various and sundry persons throughout the world; and that she has a proclivity for furnishing information to other government agencies in addition to the FBI.

The information set forth in the LHM is being furnished to the Bureau and interested Offices, principally because of the serious nature of the charges, [redacted] prominent position, and the possibility that she may at some future time claim she furnished pertinent information to the FBI, which received no attention.

Buffalo is making no local dissemination of the LHM, and whether or not any dissemination should be made at Washington, D.C., is being left to the discretion of the Bureau.

No action, other than possible dissemination at the Seat of Government to Secret Service because of intimation of threats of harm to President JOHNSON and Vice President HUMPHREY included in the material furnished by [redacted] is recommended. [redacted] It would appear that a person in her position would place the welfare of the U.S. above an alleged loyalty to a correspondent, whom she has never met, and that she would disclose the identity of her correspondent so he could be located and questioned if he does, in fact, exist and if he did in fact send her the information she claims to have received.

It is pointed out that in the telephonic interview conducted with [redacted] on 6/4/68, it was suggested to her that in the future she send any letters received from her friend to the FBI, deleting his signature if she feels so obligated, but so the FBI would have his exact wording for purposes of evaluation. She first replied this would be a violation of her promise to destroy her friend's letters. She then stated possibly she could Xerox the letters, and send the Xerox copies to the FBI, and then destroy the originals, which would mean she was honoring her promise. Finally, she stated that doing this would bother her conscience, and that anyway she felt her friend would not write anymore because he sounded

so terrified in his last letter. [redacted] responses throughout the telephonic interview of 6/4/68 emphasized her unwillingness to be interviewed in person concerning this matter, and reflected a desire on her part to go into great detail on extraneous matters rather than on the alleged plots.

It is acknowledged by the Buffalo Office that there is considerable detail in the LHM dealing with [redacted]herself and prior FBI experiences with her. It is felt this data is essential to an appropriate evaluation of the serious charges contained in her letter should the Bureau feel compelled to disseminate the LHM.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, the Buffalo Office will make no further effort to personally interview [redacted] re instant matters, and will simply acknowledge receipt of any further data from her in this matter without incorporating the information into LHMs for the Bureau.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York 14202

June 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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On June 4, 1968, there was received at the Buffalo, New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation a letter dated May 31, 1968 from [redacted] the contents of which will be set forth below.

[redacted] whose true name is [redacted] She is referred to from time to time in news articles as an outspoken foe of Communism. She is known as and admits to be an inveterate letter writer. She has frequently engaged in literary battles with persons who opposed her private and public statements. Close associates have described her imagination as vivid, and many of her statements as tending toward exaggeration.

On one occasion, [redacted] wrote an article which appeared in the October, 1960, issue of [redacted] in which she alleged that an unnamed, American-born distinguished professor, in one of the large universities, was a Communist. When an attempt was made by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to arrange an interview

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With [redacted] concerning this story, her husband, [redacted] who scheduled appointments for [redacted] stated it would serve no purpose for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to interview [redacted] regarding the article in [redacted] because the unnamed professor was non-existent, a figment of [redacted] imagination and a hypothetical situation employed by [redacted] to provoke public opinion.

On another occasion in September, 1968 when [redacted] was being interviewed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the presence of her husband concerning an occurrence she had brought to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, [redacted] husband flatly stated that the true circumstances of the occurrence were completely different from the version given by [redacted] after which the latter materially modified her earlier statement.

The above mentioned letter received from [redacted] on June 4, 1968, reads as follows:

"As I am always wary of giving you any information which even vaguely sounds 'kooky' to me, I now deeply regret that I did not

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inform you of something which my terrified Negro businessman friend in New York wrote me last October. It still disturbed me, however - though it sounded very improbable - that I incorporated it as a sort of warning in my article in the Buffalo Evening News concerning events of 1968, earlier this year, which you may have read, yourself. FSF had nothing to do with that!

"He wrote me, if I remember accurately - as I immediately destroy his letters at his urgent request - that a meeting was held in New York the latter part of last September, in which plans were laid to 'throw the country into chaos and revolution.' It was suggested that a prominent Negro leader be assassinated, or at least badly injured, in early 1968, 'as a start to revolution.' He said that New York lawyer and novelist, about whom I have written you before, discussed this at length, and then remarked the matter would be given considerable thought - later. My friend was not invited 'later,' for some reason or other which alarmed him. But he was able to gether tegether a few facts last October and write me about them. He did not give me the source of his information.

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"The man finally chosen was a white man, between the ages of 25 and 30, named [redacted] some simple name such as [redacted] from the vicinity of New Jersey, a crack shot, of fair complexion, light eyes either very light brown or blue-gray, medium brown hair, long thin face, very agile - and a 'Marxist.' My friends say you have had a dossier on him for several years in either New Jersey or New York. He followed Martin Luther King for several months before the assassination, which was scheduled for early March, not April, but the opportunity did not arise. 'They' wanted a larger city than Memphis, especially Washington. 'They' had thought of Carmichael or Brown, then settled on King. It was remarked that they had 'failed' with Mr. Kennedy, because they had thought to start nationwide riots against 'right wing extremists,' and a general blood-bath, and nothing happened. 'Only Oswald got caught,' they remarked, which led my friend to believe that others were implicated, too, in the Marxist assassination. Apparently 'they' don't believe in the Warren Commission Report, either, for good and sufficient reasons.

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"Now he writes that 'something much worse' is 'going to happen soon.' He doesn't know what it is, because he is being included less and less in 'conferences,' and is very frightened. He had asked me to write you last October about the planned assassination, and I did not, and he now wonders 'if I can trust you.'

"He writes that a woman will be the focus-point of the 'much worse,' and almost immediately, but does not know who the woman is. She is a Negro, however. He also writes that the man you are looking for is working either in New Jersey or 'just outside of New York,' and is or was in the Army and received a 'discharge without prejudice,' whatever that means, though not an honorable discharge. I thought they were the same. At any rate, he is often in New York at 'conferences.' Then it was decided to send him to Washington with the 'Poor People," and is probably there now. (By the way, he had accomplices in Memphis.)

"He never liked Martin Luther King, my friend wrote last September, but reproaches me that if I had written you in October you might have prevented him from being murdered.

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"This new information is also vague, but it may serve some purpose, though I don't see how. But remembering that letter of last October I thought it only right to let you know now. My friend also says that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Humphrey 'had better not' show themselves too openly in Washington, or be too available, in the very near future, but what threatens them he does not know. He just overheard 'hints."

"He fears, now, that he is suspected, so if you do any investigation on this information, don't try to find him or question him. He has a family. I know I will do all I can to protect him.

"Sincerely,

[redacted]

"P.S. My poor husband now lies at the point of death in the hospital - where he has been since March, 1967 - after he was attacked in our house by two of Earl Warren's pampered thugs. He is completely shattered in body and mind. He was a most brilliant man, and he has now become a confused, wandering, disoriented old shadow, and is unable even to feed himself or even to sit up, and is attended constantly

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as Eric [illegible]

[illegible]
LUTHER [illegible],
TENNE[illegible]

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Attempted Rob
In New York City, New York, on
Harm or Civil Rights
Negro Woman

[illegible]
FITZGERALD HENNESSY, Dallas, Texas,
November [illegible], 1965

FBI [illegible] CASE ID:

by private police. I brought a specialist from New York to see him recently, [redacted] he told me frankly that my husband's destruction of mind and body had led to his present dying condition. If I knew who the thugs were [illegible] them, myself, so that some [illegible] of Earl Warren's would not set them free again to murder over and over.

N.B. By the way, the Internal Revenue Service Center at Andover, Mass., has been opening letters addressed to me from all over the country, and then stamping the envelopes 'Opened by mistake.' I thought they were genuine 'mistakes,' and threw away all letters but one - and you may see it if you wish. For instance, how could a letter addressed to me by a man from Syracuse, N.Y., find its way to Andover, Mass.' That was the one I kept. I can't imagine why the [illegible] are up to, but I have long had reason to suspect them, as files in your office will show."

On June 4, 1968, a telephone call was made to [redacted] by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation requesting an interview with her [illegible] any additional details she might be able to furnish in connection with the contents of the above letter.

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[redacted] stated she is extremely busy and upset, that her husband is at the brink of death in the hospital, that she is in the midst of preparing two speeches for delivery in California later this month, and that she would have no time for a personal interview for at least two weeks or perhaps longer. She stated all the facts known to her are set forth in her letter. She pointed out that under no circumstances would she disclose the identity of the friend who had supplied her with the information set forth in the letter. She said she no longer has any of his letters because in keeping with a promise made to him, she burns them immediately after reading them.

When asked for the name of the New York lawyer she mentions in the second paragraph of her letter, [redacted] replied that this lawyer's name is [redacted] adding she had previously advised the Federal Bureau of Investigation that [redacted] in her opinion is a Communist.

[redacted] was then asked if she could furnish any data on the source of her information which would aid in evaluating the reliability of this source. She then replied she has never met this source, but that he is a person who started writing to her about five years ago after reading one of her books. He has

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described himself in his letters as a Negro businessman who owns a business in Harlem. He has written to [redacted] from four or five different addresses, which she states indicates to her that he has had to move around for fear of his life. She has written back to him on several occasions, and two or three of her letters were returned to her marked "Unknown at this address," but most of her letters were delivered. On several occasions when she knew she was going to be in New York City, she wrote to her friend requesting that he come to see her at her hotel, but he never came. She recalled that one address he had given her was somewhere on West 114th Street.

[redacted] added she believes her friend is a member of the John Birch Society, because he has made reference frequently to articles she has written for the publication of this society entitled "American Opinion." She added that when this man first started writing to her, the letters were merely friendly and pleasant, expressing admiration of her writing and dealing with general political observations of World War I and World War II. However, commencing in the Fall of 1967, he began writing about his knowledge of the assassination plot of a prominent Negro leader, ultimately designated as Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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She said her first reaction was that his statements along this line sounded "kooky" so she ignored them, except for the fact that in a newspaper article she wrote in October, 1967, which was not published until February, 1968, and in which she made a predication of major events to occur in 1968, she did predict the assassination of a prominent Negro leader, being influenced in this predication by what her friend had written to her.

[redacted] was then asked whether she would suggest to her friend that he contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New York City. She replied she knows he would not do so, because he had written to her in the past that about four years ago he had contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation to furnish information that "an FBI under-cover agent in an organization" was under suspicion. However, according to the friend, the Federal Bureau of Investigation wanted more and more information, so he broke off contact with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The friend also claimed that shortly after contacting the Federal Bureau of Investigation, he had begun to receive anonymous threatening letters, making him realize that his contacts with the Federal Bureau of Investigation had been observed. [redacted] stated that based on the letters received from her friend, she believes him to be a very intelligent man, but who is now completely terrified by the plot of which he is aware and also apparently by the fear that

he himself is under suspicion, as indicated by a comment in one of his letters that he was not even invited to "Resurrection City" and cannot understand why, unless it is because he is no longer trusted.

[redacted] stated at one point in the conversation that she had just received another letter from her friend "yesterday," but when questioned about the contents, completely ignored the questions and then reverted to a statement that the last letter from her friend arrived a few days before her own letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[redacted] then proceeded to state that because of her husband's confinement, everything at her residence is in a state of chaos and that she is "simply going out of my mind." She said that previously her husband had taken care of all her business affairs, that she is killing herself going back and forth to the hospitals, that she has had to give up her whole career to take care of her husband, and that "all this is too much for me." She said she herself is under constant medical care and does not know why she has to put up with all of this mess.

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TENNESSEE, [illegible]

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POOR PSYCHIATRIC CONDITION

[redacted] continued by stating her husband's political convictions and the resultant 'messing up' of her own life is all the fault of 'Warren of the Supreme Court who let all those criminals loose,' and made it possible for them to viciously attack her husband and rob their house.

In this connection it is noted that according to articles which appeared in the local press, two armed men had broken into [redacted] residence on March 20, 1967 when she, her husband, and their housekeeper were all present, had demanded jewelry, and beaten and attempted to smother [redacted] but then had fled empty-handed.

On March 27, 1967, [redacted] had written a letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in which she related the circumstances of the above break-in, and in which she stated that the man who had tied up her husband at the time of the break-in had forced him down on the stairs with a gun at his back, but "made no effort to otherwise hurt my husband." [redacted] the letter said she believed the objective of the break-in had not been robbery, but an attempt to kill her because of her anti-Communist activity.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : **Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.**
Assistant Attorney General

DATE: **June 25, 1968**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Reference is made to **my** memorandum dated **6/19/68** (your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated **4/18/68** at **Atlanta**.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☒ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. 5 JJV.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/26/68

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Memphis airtel to Seattle, 5/16/68.

On June 13, 1968, [redacted] Security Section, The Boeing Company, 7755 E. Marginal Way S., Seattle, Washington, referred [redacted] who has a Secret Clearance. [redacted] Washington and according to [redacted] he had information pertaining to a remark made by [redacted] who also has a Secret Clearance and who lives at [redacted]

ALL MEMBERS OF THE [redacted] FAMILY WHO WERE INTERVIEWED REQUESTED THAT THEIR IDENTITIES REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

Seattle Indices are negative concerning the [redacted] family members and the [redacted] family members.

On June 14, 1968, [redacted] was interviewed at work; and he advised his daughter, [redacted] is a friend of [redacted] who is the daughter of [redacted] above. The summation of [redacted] information was that [redacted] learned from [redacted] that three days prior to the KING assassination, [redacted] had remarked that KING would be shot. Further, [redacted] has attended many John Birch meetings "and others", types unknown. [redacted] reportedly has a violent temper.

On June 14, 1968, [redacted] who is 17, was interviewed at her home in the presence of her mother. [redacted] related the substance of the information outlined above and added that [redacted] is "violently" anti-Communist.

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On June 25, 1968, [redacted] was interviewed at work by [redacted] who prefaced the interview by stating merely that it had been reported to the Seattle FBI Office that [redacted] proportedly had advanced information that KING would be shot.

[redacted] stated that it was his feeling that since KING had been so much in the public eye and since some people were opposed to what he had been doing, he would not have been surprised if KING were shot. [redacted] stated that he may have passed this remark to someone but he could not recall to whom or when. He said that he most certainly did not have any foreknowledge that KING would be shot although he was not surprised that it did happen for the reason stated above; but he deplored the shooting. [redacted] said he most certainly did not have anything to do with the shooting itself, and he remarked that he has heard other persons remark that they would not be surprised if KING were shot in the connotation noted above.

The Seattle Division is forwarding this for the information of the Bureau and the Memphis Division but does not contemplate any further action in this specific instance.

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Date: 5/23/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (175-8) (P)

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST ROBERT
F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE,
SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA
MAY 20, 1968
INFORMATION CONCERNING

MURKIN

ReSDtel to Bureau, Los Angeles, and Memphis, 5/20/68, and SDtel to Bureau and WFO 5/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are fifteen (15) copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to a possible threat against Presidential candidate ROBERT F. KENNEDY and his speech at Chula Vista, California, 5/20/68. Additional copies of this enclosure are being submitted to the Bureau in view of the MURKIN angle.

Enclosed for the Los Angeles and Memphis Divisions are two (2) copies and three (3) copies, respectively, for information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Diego, California
May 23, 1968

POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST ROBERT F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE, SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, MAY 20, 1968

On May 20, 1968, [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, El Cajon Substation, telephonically contacted the San Diego Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he had been contacted by a fourteen-year-old boy named [redacted] Chula Vista, California. [redacted] told him that while he was getting ready to leave the area in front of the Chula Vista library where ROBERT F. KENNEDY had just spoke, he was approached by a man who resembled JAMES EARL RAY. This man asked [redacted] where and when KENNEDY was to speak again. When told that he did not know where and when KENNEDY was to speak, this individual then asked him the location of a good place to eat with a telephone. [redacted] felt that the man with whom he spoke looked very similar to a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY appearing in a recent issue of the Chula Vista "Star News."

[redacted] "Citizens for Kennedy," KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters, San Diego, California, was contacted on May 20, 1968, at which time he advised that ROBERT F. KENNEDY had departed the San Diego, California, area en route to Los Angeles, California.

[redacted] was advised of the information furnished by [redacted] and he stated that he would relay this information to the KENNEDY Campaign Headquarters at Los Angeles, California.

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POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST FORMER
F. KENNEDY, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE,
SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA,
MAY 20, 1968

Deputy Sheriff [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, El Cajon Substation, El Cajon, California, was recontacted on May 21, 1968 and advised that he had no further information to relate concerning information furnished to him by [redacted] except to state that [redacted] resides in his immediate neighborhood and considers him a highly reliable young man.

[redacted] Chula Vista, California, was interviewed on [redacted] and furnished the following:

[redacted] had occasion to be present at the campaign speech of ROBERT F. KENNEDY at the Civic Center, Chula Vista, California, on May 20, 1968. A short time after the speech by Mr. KENNEDY ended, which was then approximately 5:10 p.m., an individual closely resembling CHAS. RAY approached him and asked him if KENNEDY had made his speech yet. When told that he had, this individual appeared surprised and then asked where KENNEDY was going to speak next.

[redacted] stated that he had a schedule of Mr. KENNEDY's appearances in the San Diego area and told this individual that his next appearance would be at San Ysidro, California.

This individual asked [redacted] where there was a good place to eat where he could obtain a telephone. He also asked him if there was a telegraph office in San Ysidro, to which [redacted] replied he could not furnish this information as he did not know.

[redacted] described this individual as approximately forty years of age, white, male, American, five feet eight inches to five feet nine inches, 160 to 170 pounds, hair medium brown, complexion fair to medium, wearing a blue coat, light-colored slacks and brown shoes.

[redacted] advised that prior to seeing this individual he had read an article in the Chula Vista "Star News"

concerning JAMES EARL RAY, which also had a photograph of RAY in the paper. According to [redacted] the individual who contacted him at Chula Vista closely resembled JAMES EARL RAY.

On May 21, 1968, [redacted] Manager, Western Union Office, San Ysidro, California, advised she usually closes the Western Union office at 5:00 p.m. on a daily basis; however, on May 20, 1968 she closed the office at 4:45 p.m. in order to go to the campaign speech of ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

[redacted] photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to [redacted] and she advised that she had not seen anyone fitting his description in the San Ysidro, California, area.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. It is the property of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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SUGGESTED LEADS BY DIVISION NINE

ITEMS ALREADY HANDLED

Item number is that used on over-all list furnished by Division Nine.

Item No. 1 Circularize bus companies, such as Greyhound and Trailways, etc.

Action This circularization was covered in the normal circularization suggested to the field in distributing IO's and Wanted Flyers.

Item No. 2 Circularize coin-operated laundries

Action We are already affording intensive contact with and circularization of laundries in areas that Ray has been known to visit or reside and have distributed circular letters to more than 14,000 laundries throughout the country. Most coin-operated laundries do not have an attendant present and any IO or Wanted Flyer left on individual coin-operated laundry premises would probably be appropriated by the first patrons. In view of this aspect, it is not feasible to circularize coin-operated laundries.

Item No. 3 Check out all new (since 3/67) bank safety deposit box subscribers

Action We are already conducting logical check of bank safety deposit box subscribers, as well as ascertaining identities of such subscribers in Birmingham and Atlanta banks who made entries into their boxes in the period immediately following the shooting. This is for the purpose of checking out these individuals in light of the possibility that the subject, if he had such a box, could have made withdrawal after the shooting.

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Item No. 7 Expand Wanted Flyer (Spanish) coverage to Brazil and other South and Central American countries

Action We have already furnished Wanted Flyer in Spanish language, as well as Wanted Flyer and IO in the English language to our Legats in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Mexico City, Mexico, which arranged for appropriate distribution in South American and Central American cities. Moreover the arrangements have been made with the State Department to furnish such material to our consultants throughout the free world.

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Item No. 8 Check out "banana boats" and "tramp steamers" or freighters leaving New Orleans and other southern ports since 4/5/68.

Action The New Orleans Office has already checked out appropriate shipping organizations and other logical checks along these lines have been made.

Item No. 10 Check British Passport and Visa Office for information regarding persons who applied for visas to visit Great Britain or its possessions.

Action The Washington Field Office is already conducting a monumental review of over two million passport applications, and the Legats in Mexico City and Ottawa are having appropriate passport checks made in Mexico and Canada respectively. The Australian Embassy has also been checked on passport information on Ray, and the Rhodesian and New Zealand authorities have been alerted to any possible travel of Ray into those countries.

Item No. 14 Check airline and steamship manifest records at New York and INS at San Francisco. These records are held 120 days.

Action Immediately upon identification of the subject as Galt and later as Ray, all offices covering points of departure from the United States, including border points, were alerted to conduct appropriate checks and place appropriate stops. INS records have been thoroughly reviewed and no information has been developed on the subject.

Item No. 15 Utilize former prison mate or informant sending him to Mexico to frequent haunts Ray talked to him about in prison.

Action We had already handled this lead and Legat, Mexico City continues to utilize the sources and investigative informants to the maximum.

Item No. 16 Check recent new Social Security Number applicants of men in the forty-year bracket.

Action In view of the fact that this case does not involve a deserter, Selective Service, or Internal Security matter on which matters [redacted] is usually contacted

for pertinent Social Security information [redacted] it has been recommended that the Liaison Section request Social Security information on Ray and also on new male applicants between the ages of 35 and 45 since 4/4/68, from the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Item No. 17 Contact (circularize) all shrimp fishing vessels working Gulf of Mexico. Fishing companies on Gulf Coast control such fleets.

Action We have already handled the logical aspects of this suggestive lead.

Item No. 19 Circularize spot labor or part time labor employment agencies such as Manpower, Inc., since Ray stayed at second rate rooming houses, etc., in which neighborhood these agencies usually exist.

Action Manpower, Inc. offices are not necessarily confined to lower class neighborhoods but many are located in the business office section of cities, however, we have instructed pertinent offices to circularize in second class rooming house areas as well as areas where rehabilitation houses and missions such as the Salvation Army establishments and the like are located.

Item No. 20 Place stop with any companies which Ray may have given as references on any previous employment applications.

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 21 Circularize any trades he may have learned while in prison.

Action While in prison Ray merely stacked loaves in the bakery which would not qualify him as a baker. We have circularized and conducted appropriate inquiries at places such as dancing schools, bartending schools, locksmith schools, as well as places where he has obtained merchandise indicating an interest in a particular field.

Item No. 22 Have Identification Order, Wanted Flyer and summary of Ray's fugitive status furnished to State Department for dissemination to all of their consulates or embassies in the event any inquiry is received by their personnel in a foreign country.

Action This has already been handled.

Item No. 23 Bank robbery fugitive [redacted] went from Canada to Tanganyika where he surrendered to State Department. Find out how he arranged this since it is believed that he did not have a passport.

Action We have explored the possibility of individuals entering another country without a passport. This is possible, however, it seems extremely remote. In a review of a file concerning the subject of a Federal Reserve Act case, it was determined this individual entered Rhodesia from Canada; however, the subject did have an American passport. We are presently checking the issuance of Canadian passports. A file review has been instituted regarding [redacted] allegedly in Tanganyika from Canada as it was believed he did not have a passport.

Item No. 24 Check embassies in Canada and Mexico where Ray is alleged to have gone after escape from prison to determine if he made any inquiries at these other foreign embassies in effort to obtain travel papers to their countries.

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 25 Recheck with locksmith school and with any other places from where Ray might have received correspondence or literature to determine if, since the murder of King, he has corresponded with them possibly under another name. Check all new correspondents.

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 25a Have check made of ads for courses appearing in the pulp magazines known to have been read by Ray

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 27 Look into feasibility of checking Western Union records during the pertinent period, particularly with reference to possible transmittal of substantial sum to a recipient in the Atlanta area.

Action This lead has already been handled.

Item No. 29 Through State Department alert police authorities in South Africa, Congo, Angola with thought that Ray may show up in one of those areas and offer himself as a white mercenary.

Action We have already arranged with the State Department to have copies of IO's and Wanted Flyers furnished all American embassies and consulates throughout the free world.

Item No. 30 Attempt to identify Ray's associates and fellow soldiers while he was serving in Germany and conduct any logical investigation thereafter with the thought that he may have remained in contact with individuals residing in Germany. Areas which he frequented while in the Army in the European Theater should be checked out as possible areas to which he might return.

Action Identities of some of Ray's possible associates while in the Army serving in Germany have been obtained, but since about twenty years have elapsed since his having been in the Army, efforts to contact these individuals are being held in abeyance at this time. We have instructed Legat in Bonn, Germany to make appropriate inquiry at the places of assignment of Ray while he was in the Army in Germany.

Item No. 31 Circularize Salvation Army centers and other Rescue Mission centers throughout the country.

Action This lead has been handled.

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PROJECTS INSTITUTED

1. Passports - On May 14, 1968, Washington Field has instituted the review of approximately 2,153,000 passports issued to U. S. Citizens since March 1, 1967. It is anticipated that this project will be completed on June 21, 1968. We are revieting these at the rate of 20,000 per day. Through the Department of State, Rhodesian authorities are checking their records for any information regarding individuals entering the country from April 5, 1968, to the present date. This, of course, is not limited to citizens of the United States but is including Mexican and Canadian individuals. Our Legat in Ottawa advises that the Canadian authorities are checking the issuance of passports from Canada as it is possible that subject obtained a Canadian passport.

2. Safety Deposit Boxes. - We are presently checking individuals having access to safety deposit boxes at banks in numerous field divisions. The subject rented a safety deposit box in Birmingham, Alabama, and it is possible that he rented a safety deposit box in a city in which wekknow he resided. Subject has not been known to utilize/checking or savings accounts, and it appears that his business is done strictly with a safety deposit box.

3. Cash Withdrawals - We presently have under consideration obtaining the identity of individuals making cash withdrawals in excess of $10,000 in numerous field divisions. It is possible that subject is involved in a conspiracy and a pay-off resulted therefrom. In order to run this matter out we are checking for all withdrawals in excess of $10,000.

4. Drivers' Licenses - Each division covering state capitals is ascertaining if a drivers license was possibly issued to the subject. We know that subject presently holds a valid drivers license from the State of Alabama under name of Eric S. Galt. The possibility exists that subject by another name other than currently known, obtained a drivers license.

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5. Locksmithing Institutions - Investigation is underway to determine if subject presently taking a locksmithing course from firms in United States offering same.

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In view of fact that subject was interested in a locksmithing course, it is possible that he is taking a course under another name or through another company other than the Locksmithing Institute in Little Falls, New Jersey. We have determined the identity of companies other than the one in Little Falls, New Jersey, and investigation is presently underway at each of these companies.

6. Unsolved Bank Robberies - All divisions have been requested to exhibit photograph of subject Ray to appropriate witnesses in unsolved bank robberies. At the present time we do not know the source of subject's funds. The possibility exists that subject is also the subject of an unsolved bank robbery case and this could be his source of funds.

7. Ascertaining long distance telephone calls of certain relatives of subject as well as certain former associates of subject. The possibility exists that subject will endeavor to get in touch with relatives as well as former associates by long distance telephone, and we should be in a position to determine origin of call.

8. Circularization to Salvation Army Centers and other rescue mission centers throughout the United States. These are being circularized as it has been known that subject resided in low type rooming houses, and it is also possible that he may seek aid in these types of missions.

9. Distribution of a circular to more than 14,000 laundry and dry cleaning establishments throughout the United States. Subject, in the past, has utilized the services of dry cleaning laundries extensively, and it is, therefore, possible that he will utilize these services in the future.

10. Determination of magazine or publication which subject Ray habitually read in order to place an ad in such a magazine for possibility of surfacing Ray. The Postal Inspectors are currently reviewing this matter to determine if postal regulations are being complied with in the phrasingof the ad.

11. The State Department is presently sending information regarding Ray's fugitive status to all of their consulates or embassies in the event any inquiry is received by their personnel in a foreign country. The possibility always exists that subject may make an inquiry at a consulate and also may seek aid.

12. All offices covering points of departure from United States, including border points, have been alerted to conduct appropriate checks and place appropriate stops. The subject, in the past, has been known to be in Canada, as well as Mexico; and we should be in a position to determine if he crosses these borders.

13. Circularization of bus companies and other transportation facilities. The subject, if and when he departs areas, could utilize public transportation facilities.

14. We have instructed the field in their daily contacts at country clubs, bar, prostitutes to exhibit Identification Order of subject Ray. The subject, in the past, has consorted with prostitutes, has taken a bartending course and has voiced an interest in working at country clubs. We have instructed our offices to exhibit Identification Order to the above in the event contact has been made by him.

15. Informants are continually being alerted as to any possible whereabouts of subject Ray.

16. Field divisions are continually publicizing the fugitive status of Ray through various news media. In connection with this we have publicized Ray's photograph and information regarding his fugitive status in several publications of various industries.

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Date: June 18, 1968

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

There are enclosed copies of RCMP "O" Division (Toronto) report dated June 13, 1968 containing the results of investigation to date in Toronto concerning the identification of Subject from passport photo.

Also enclosed are copies of report of the same Division dated June 6, 1968 concerning another phase of the investigation.

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1 Memphis (44-1987)
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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: Legat, London (88-72) (P)

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Enclosed are a number of reports which have been made available on [redacted] confidential basis by New Scotland Yard. These reports should not be disseminated outside the Bureau. The items are numbered for ready reference and discussed below.

(1) [redacted]

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(2) Copies of documents used by Scotland Yard to support the above report.

These documents include copy of the birth certificate in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD and copies of the two passports obtained by the subject.

(3) Certificate of Vaccination.

(4) Copy of registration at New Earls Court Hotel, London, showing registration of RAMON G. SNEYD on 5/28/68.

✓ (5) [redacted]

(6) A page of notes, apparently in RAY's handwriting, which was on his person when arrested. "FLE 4342" is the telephone number of the London Daily Telegraph.

✓ (7) [redacted]

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✓ (8) [redacted]

(9) Memorandum of Kennedy Travel Bureau for Mr. R. Sneyd giving details of his flight from Toronto to London and copy of his ticket envelope. These were in the subject's luggage.

(10)Currency exchange voucher of Lloyds Bank Limited.

This document shows that on 5/30/68 RAMON SNEYD exchanged 15 South African rand for £7-13-10 in British currency. This would be approximately $17.50 in American money. The voucher does not identify the branch of the bank involved, and these branches are most numerous in London. The Yard has attempted to identify the branch at which this transaction occurred without success.

(11) A 4-page document captioned "Silencers."

This is a detailed discussion of the theory and specifications of silencers for firearms, which was found in subject's luggage.

(12) Classified advertisements found in RAY's wallet at the time of his arrest.

This is a torn piece of a London newspaper containing several classified ads, including one for cheap flights to South Africa by International Air. Scotland Yard has conducted investigation at International Air and has determined that there is no record of subject's having contacted that firm, nor are personnel of the firm familiar with subject.

Scotland Yard is continuing extensive investigation to develop subject's activities between 5/17 and 5/28/68. They also are sending an officer to every institution in London which has either banking facilities or safe deposit boxes to determine if the subject opened a bank account or rented a safe deposit box while he was here.

The complete manifest for the flight taken by the subject from Toronto to London has been obtained. Efforts are being made to obtain from Lisbon the manifest for the flight from Lisbon to London and Scotland Yard has access to the microfilm manifest of subject's flight from London to Lisbon. The three manifests will be cross-checked in a search for common passengers.

Written apparently by RAY on a South Africa Air Line schedule found in his luggage are the words "Cinco tres cinco zero quatra una," This is Portuguese for the number 535041. Legat, Paris, has instituted inquiries to determine if this is a Lisbon telephone number and, if so, to identify the subscriber and determine if the subscriber has any connection with the subject.

Scotland Yard is interviewing flight crews on the flights taken by RAY from Toronto to London and from London to Lisbon. This has been substantially completed with negative results, and will be concluded as soon as personnel on overseas runs are available for interview. Legat, Paris, has previously arranged for interview of the flight crew on RAY's flight from Lisbon to London.

Scotland Yard's investigation to date has not developed any indication of RAY's having had any associate or significant contact in London.

Exhaustive checks have been made of immigration and airline records. No record has been found to indicate RAY left England between 5/17/68 and 6/8/68.

The statement in the first paragraph of this airtel regarding reports received on [redacted] onfidential basis refers only to items numbered 1, 5, 7 and 8.

1	Birth Certificate in name of RAMON GEORGE SIMYA	1
2	Canadian Passport No. DJ 509924 in name of RAMON GEORGE SIMYA (SIMYO)	2 - 3
3	Canadian Passport No. YJ 602294 in name of RAMON GEORGE SIMYO	4 - 6

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, CANADA

BIRTH CERTIFICATE M033705

NAME

SAEVO, RAMON GEORGE

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OCT. 8, 1932

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TORONTO

PLACE OF BIRTH

YORK CO.

REGISTRATION NUMBER

OCT. 15, 1932

DATE REGISTERED

32-05-020428

ONTARIO, CANADA

APR. 24, 1968

DATE ISSUED

OF BEARER
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Nº DJ5065

AN RAMON GEORGE SKEYA

DATE OF BIRTH - DATE DE NAISSANCE
8 OCT 1932

BIRTHPLACE - LIEU DE NAISSANCE
TORONTO ONT CANADA

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THIS PASSPORT ISSUED AT - CE PASSEPORT DELIVRÉ À
OTTAWA

DATE
20 APR 1968

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24 APR 1973

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Lisbon, Portugal
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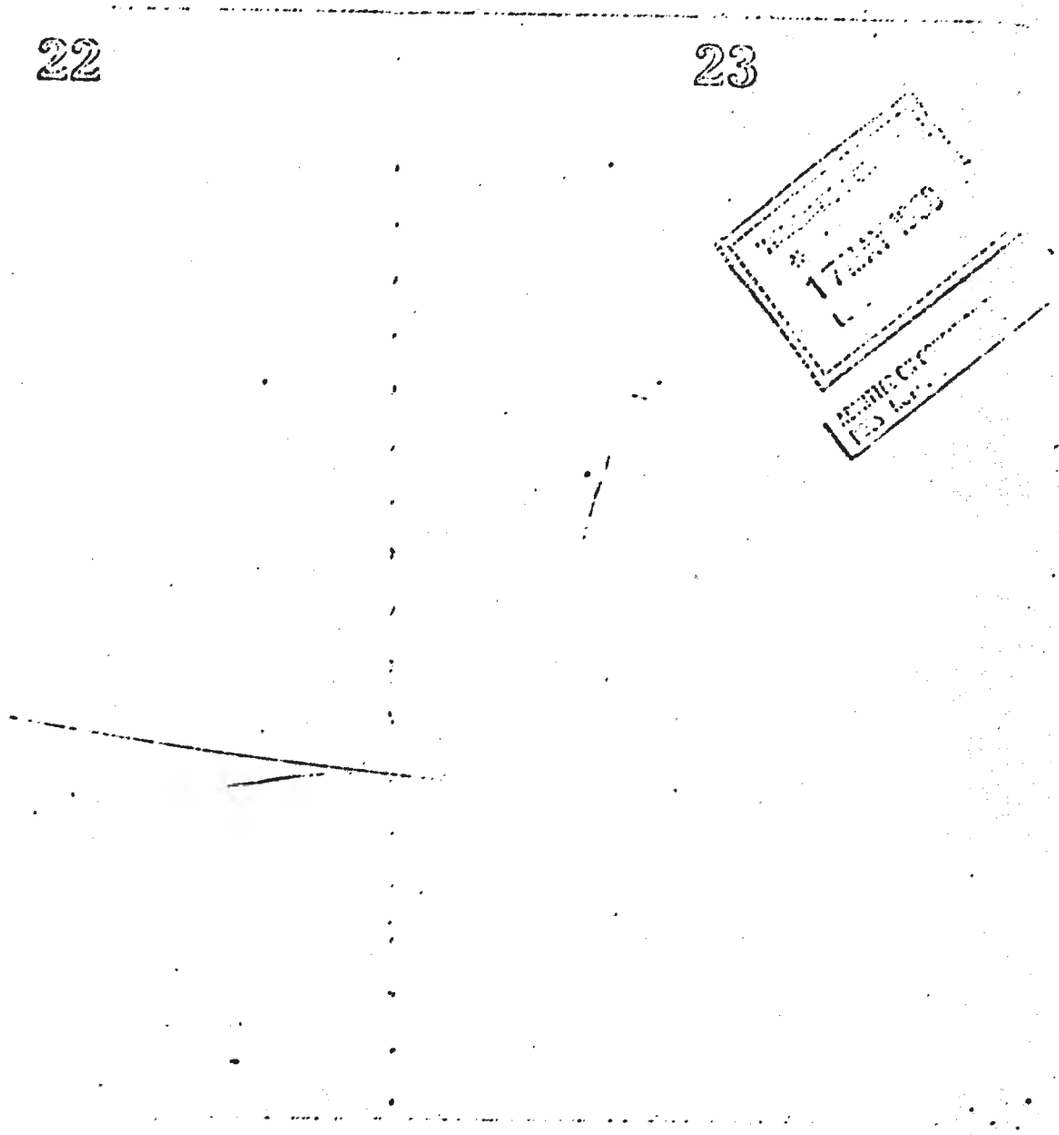
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CERTIFICATS INTERNATIONAUX DE VACCINATION

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PASSPORT NO. OR TRAVEL DOCUMENT NO.
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International Certificate of Vaccination or Revaccination Against SMALLPOX
Certificat International de Vaccination ou de Revaccination Contre la VARIOLE

This is to certify that
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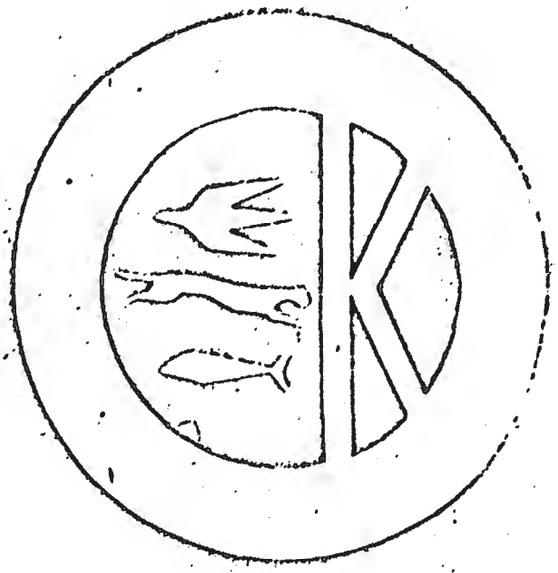
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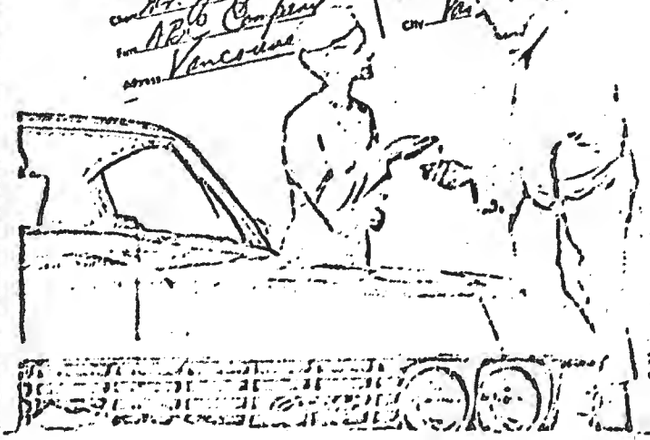
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SILENCERS

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Various types of silencing devices have long been used with varying degrees of success on nearly all types of small arms. The Maxim patent silencer (illustrated below) was widely used before silencers were declared illegal in the U. S. under the National and Federal Firearms Acts. It was supposed in principal to impart a spin to the exiting muzzle gas, thus preventing the muzzle blast and resultant noise. Other common types attempted to bleed off the gas after it was captured in chambers at the muzzle, usually with complicated arrangements of flutter valves or other devices. Perhaps the most common and indeed the most efficient design is patterned after the automobile muffler, in which the gas is captured in a chamber at the muzzle, and escapes slowly from the chamber through the same holes it entered, or through exit holes positioned at opposite sides.

LEGAL NOTE: Due to the effective use of silenced firearms by poachers and assassins, many countries have stringent legal control of any type of firearm silencing device. Indeed, in the United States they fall under the purview of Title 22, Foreign Relations, Chapter I, Department of State Regulation 108.425 Revised Sub-chapter M, Section 121.01, Category 1, Paragraph (c) in that they are listed as an implement of war requiring a special license for importation. They also come under the purview of Part 179 of Title 26, Code of Federal Regulations (National Firearms Act) in that they are defined as a firearm requiring a special $200 tax stamp plus federal registration upon manufacture or change of ownership. Application for the tax stamps and registration is obtained from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Internal Revenue Service, U. S. Treasury Department. Should one make such a silencing device without proper exemption (available to Police and other authorized agencies) he is liable to the tax, plus the interest and penalties thereon, in addition to possible criminal liability for penalties under Section 5861, I. R. C.

MECHANICAL THEORY: The noise on cartridges which travel slower than sound comes from the blast of hot expanding gas bursting from the muzzle, or around the breech in a revolver. A device which effectively captures this blast of gas and releases it slowly enough will therefore silence the firearm, at least in theory. There are exceptions to this, however, which must be noted. The more obvious are open-breeched weapons such as a revolver or revolving rifle, which allow a blast to escape around the cylinder. Indeed, even unlocked breech weapons such as sub-maching guns allow a flash to escape from the ejection port. The British Sten and the American M-3 were both fitted with rudimentary silencers which proved effective for special missions in spite of this minor defect, however.

The second notable exception becomes apparent when one considers that not all cartridges can be silenced, as projectiles which leave the muzzle faster than the speed of sound (about 1140 f. p. s.) create a noise of their own as they travel through the air, and the partial vacuum they leave behind creates noise when the air rushes back in. Therefore, we will hereafter consider only those cartridges which can be obtained factory loaded to velocities below the speed of sound (many other cartridges may also be hand-loaded to suitable velocities, but since the possibilities are innumerable they will not be dealt with here). The most common cartridges in the silenceable category are: .22 CB Cap, .22 Short, .25 & .32 Auto, .32 S&W, .32 S&W Long, .32 Short Colt, .32 Long Colt, .32-20 Winchester, .38 S&W, .38 S&W Special, .38 Short Colt, .38 Long Colt, .38 ACP, .380 Auto, 9MM Luger (Parabellum), .38-40 Winchester, .41 Short, .41 Long Colt, .44 Special & Russian, .44-40 Winchester, .45 ACP, .45 Long Colt, .455 Webley (Eley) Revolver, .455 Webley (Eley) Automatic; plus a wide selection of shotgun cartridges loaded with solid balls.

Although the above-mentioned Maxim silencers attempted to stop the noise by not only capturing but also breaking up and giving spin to them, the most effective silencers have been the captive type, whether of the complicated "bleed-off" valve-release or the simple "automobile muffler" type. The most effective cartridge selection is obviously one with the heaviest possible projectile traveling at the lower velocity, such as the .45 ACP.

or .45 Long Colt. The favorites of professional poachers are single-shot rifles firing .43 or .45 rifle cartridges loaded to low velocities. The rifle has the additional advantage that its longer barrel tends to minimize the muzzle blast, as most of the powder is completely burned before it reaches the muzzle.

It is also obvious that since the purpose of the silencer is to capture the gas and release it slowly, the smaller caliber arms will need only a smaller chamber in which to contain this captured gas than does a larger cartridge with its resultant larger volume of escaping gas. The .22 "scratch" pistols used a silencer which was approximately one inch in diameter and eight inches long. The British Sten was fitted with a silencer which encircled the barrel and was about 2 1/2" to 3" in diameter. A .45 ACP weapon should have a chamber about 3" in diameter and at least 4" long in order to be effective and safe. It must be remembered that these escaping gases are under strong pressure, and the silencer must be very sturdily designed and constructed in order to withstand the working pressures involved. Certain modern designs have incorporated an outer chamber which is constructed of heavy rubber, which expands to contain the volume of gas at the instant of firing, but which is compact and not liable to burst and throw dangerous shrapnel. An old trick of country crow hunters is to put a baby-bottle nipple on the end of his .22, which is good for several rounds before it becomes too ragged to be effective.

As the length of the barrel is important due to the fact that a longer barrel allows the powder to be completely burned before the blast reaches the muzzle, it is readily seen that the faster-burning pistol powders (such as Hercules Bullseye) are more practical, since they accomplish the same thing in a shorter, more compact barrel.

"BLEED-OFF" DESIGNS: The "bleed-off" systems will be mentioned only in passing, as they are less practical, less safe and much more complicated in design than the more popular "automobile muffler" types. These must by their nature be built to much closer tolerances and constructed to withstand greater pressures than other types. This is largely due to the fact that they divert the gas pressure first to the pressure chamber through small check valves, then from the chamber through other small valves into the atmosphere, or in some designs merely through small exit ports. In these designs, the chamber is usually not filled with any type of acoustical packing. As these are more complicated to design and build, they are favored by neither designers nor gunsmiths. A schematic diagram is shown below to illustrate the principal of operation -- it is not intended as a blueprint for jackknife gunsmiths who would break the law and jeopardize their safety with a soldered booby-trap.

AUTOMOBILE MUFFLER" DESIGNS: The effectiveness of this design depends on a pressure chamber of sufficient size and strength to capture the expanding gases from the burning gunpowder and allow a drop in pressure before the projectile leaves the muzzle of the gun Therefore, these are usually fitted to the muzzle, although in the case of certain designs they telescope the barrel and the gas entry ports are just forward of the chamber (as in some designs built for the Sten and US M-3; the design for the Sten even allowed the pressure to drop to a point where the projectile left the muzzle at less than the speed of sound). The part of the barrel which is covered by the pressure chamber is slotted or perforated to allow the gases to enter freely. This chamber is usually packed with some type of acoustical deadening material (such as coarse spun glass, steel wool, bronze wool, etc.). This design, although very simple, serves a two-fold purpose in that the gases are baffled as they enter and exit the chamber, and the high pressure which causes the objectionable muzzle blast is lowered before the projectile leaves the barrel. For these and other reasons, this design has proved to be the most practical and satisfactory in use. It is well to note here that although these silencing devices seem very simple in design, they must be built to withstand tremendous pressures in use, and their construction should not be undertaken by any unqualified or unskilled persons merely because they have access to the necessary tools and machinery and a low regard for the laws involved.

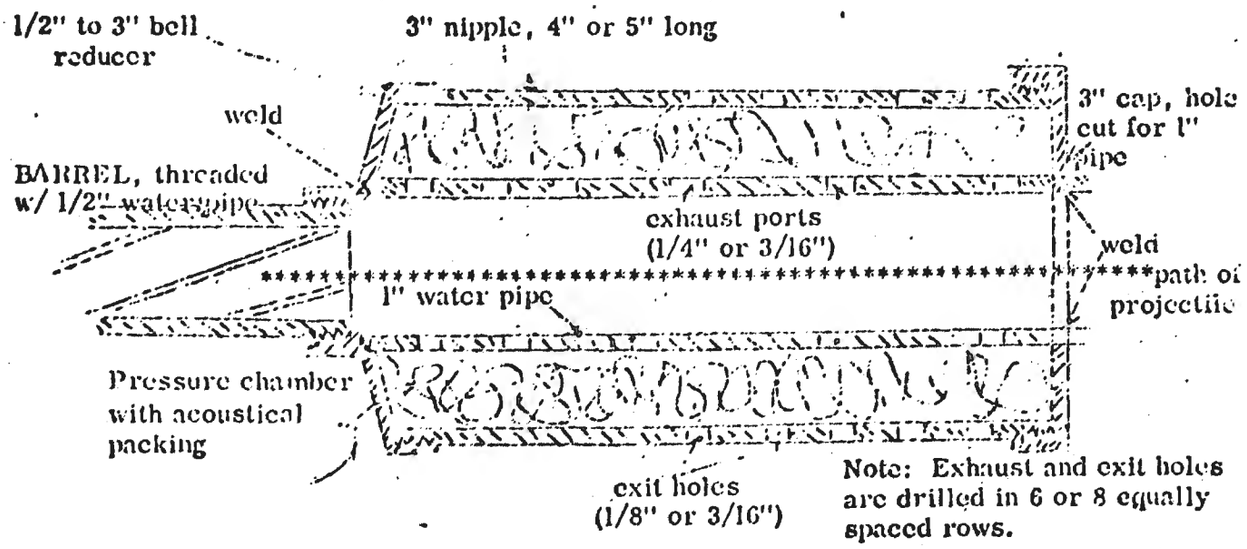
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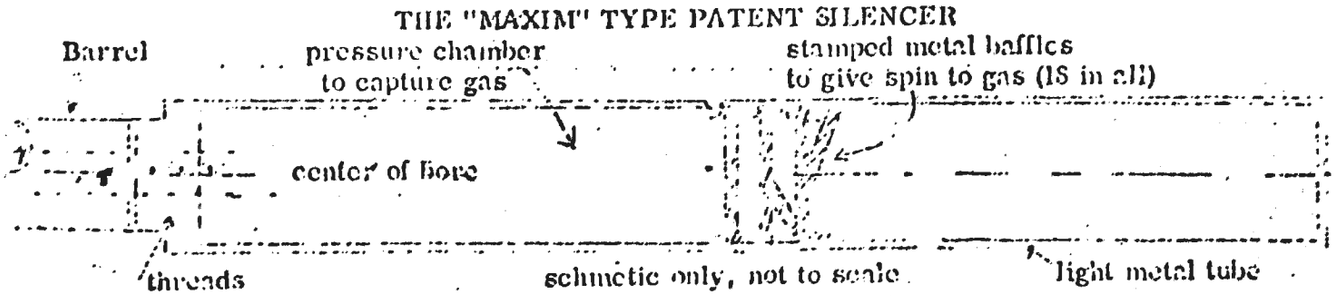
For the sake of simplicity the below representative plan is of a silencer attached to a .45AC caliber M-3 "Greasegun" sub-machinegun. This weapon is ideal in that it has a handily protruding barrel, solid construction and a good cartridge. To be truly effective, the pressure chamber must have a volume in excess of 25 cubic inches (the smaller it is, the more sturdily it must be constructed, as the pressure will be greater). This is accomplished in a chamber 3" in diameter and about 4" long, but these proportions may be altered to conform to the particular weapon, as long as the volume remains the same or larger. For the sake of safety, a silencer of the captive type should be wrapped with heavy canvas or glass cloth in case of a rupture, and for insulation, as nearly all silencing devices grow quite hot under sustained fire. Also, great care must be taken that the inside of the silencers align perfectly with the bore before a round is ever fired, and for this reason it is wise to have this inner wall larger than the bore and projectile size.

As it is usually impractical within the limits of existing regulations for the individual to construct silencing attachments, a very practical and inexpensive device may be constructed from a small crate about two feet square, from which is suspended cloth strips held with chicken wire on the inside in a circular lining which acts as an acoustical deadening device but does not actually attach to the weapon; this being very practical for indoor ranges when placed around the muzzle of the arm, or suspended from the ceiling for pistol shooting. As this sort of arrangement is more of a muzzle-blast muffler and is away from the muzzle by a foot or so on all sides, it has the advantage of not interfering with and sights.

Additional information on silencers may be obtained from: "Pistols, Rifles and Machine Guns", Maj. W. G. B. Allen, English Universities Press; "The World's Submachine Guns", Thomas Nelson, International Small Arms Publishers, Cologne; and the "Gun Digest" 1964 18th Edition.

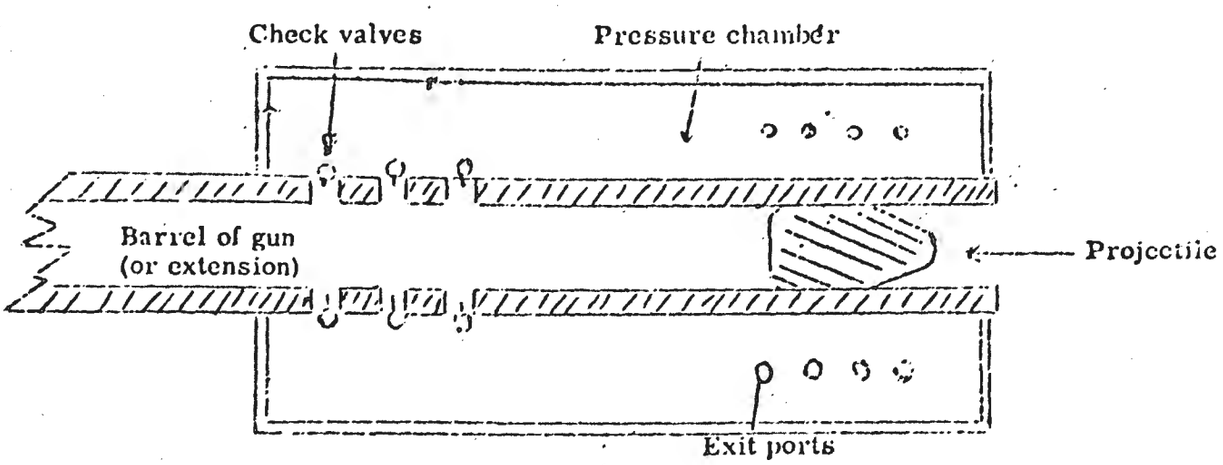


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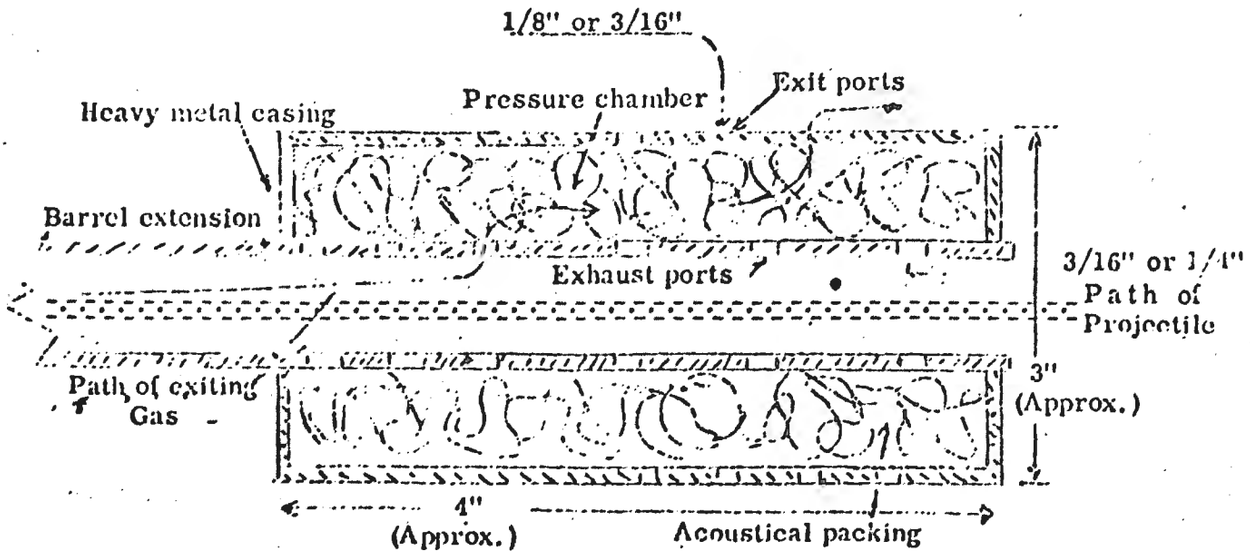


RESUME: Thus far we have learned that the silenced firearm is preferably of large bore and low velocity, closed-breech design (such as an automatic pistol or rifle); it has the longest possible barrel; the cartridge is best if as heavy as possible, and loaded to velocities less than 1140 f.p.s.; a fast-burning powder is preferable in order to lessen the length of barrel necessary for complete burning. The following schematic diagrams illustrate the principles involved in the various silencers, and show how effective silencers are built by authorized, competent gunsmiths:

"BLEED-OFF" SILENCER, SCHEMATIC



"AUTOMOBILE MUFFLER" SILENCER
(SIDE VIEW)



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PROSECUTIVE SUMMARY:

I. NARRATIVE OF OFFENSE

At about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, while standing on the second floor balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel, 406 Mulberry Street, Memphis, Tennessee, Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was struck in the right side of the face by a single bullet believed to have been fired from a 30-06 rifle. While no witnesses actually observed the killer fire the shot that killed Dr. KING, it is believed that this shot came from the bathroom window of a rooming house located at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee. (See Crime Scene Sketch, page 4.) It is a distance of 207 feet from the bathroom to the spot where Dr. KING fell. Persons inside the rooming house report hearing a shot, and one of the rooming house tenants feels certain this shot was fired from the bathroom of the rooming house. Persons in the rooming house then report seeing a white male run down the hall of the rooming house in the direction of the South Main Street entrance. They report that he was carrying a long package wrapped in either cloth or newspaper.

Persons in a store at 424 South Main Street report that minutes after Dr. KING was shot, a white male running south on South Main Street dropped a bundle on the sidewalk in front of 424 South Main Street as he ran past that store. While no one observed this man enter an

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automobile, they reported seeing almost immediately a white Mustang leaving the area at a high rate of speed, going north on South Main Street.

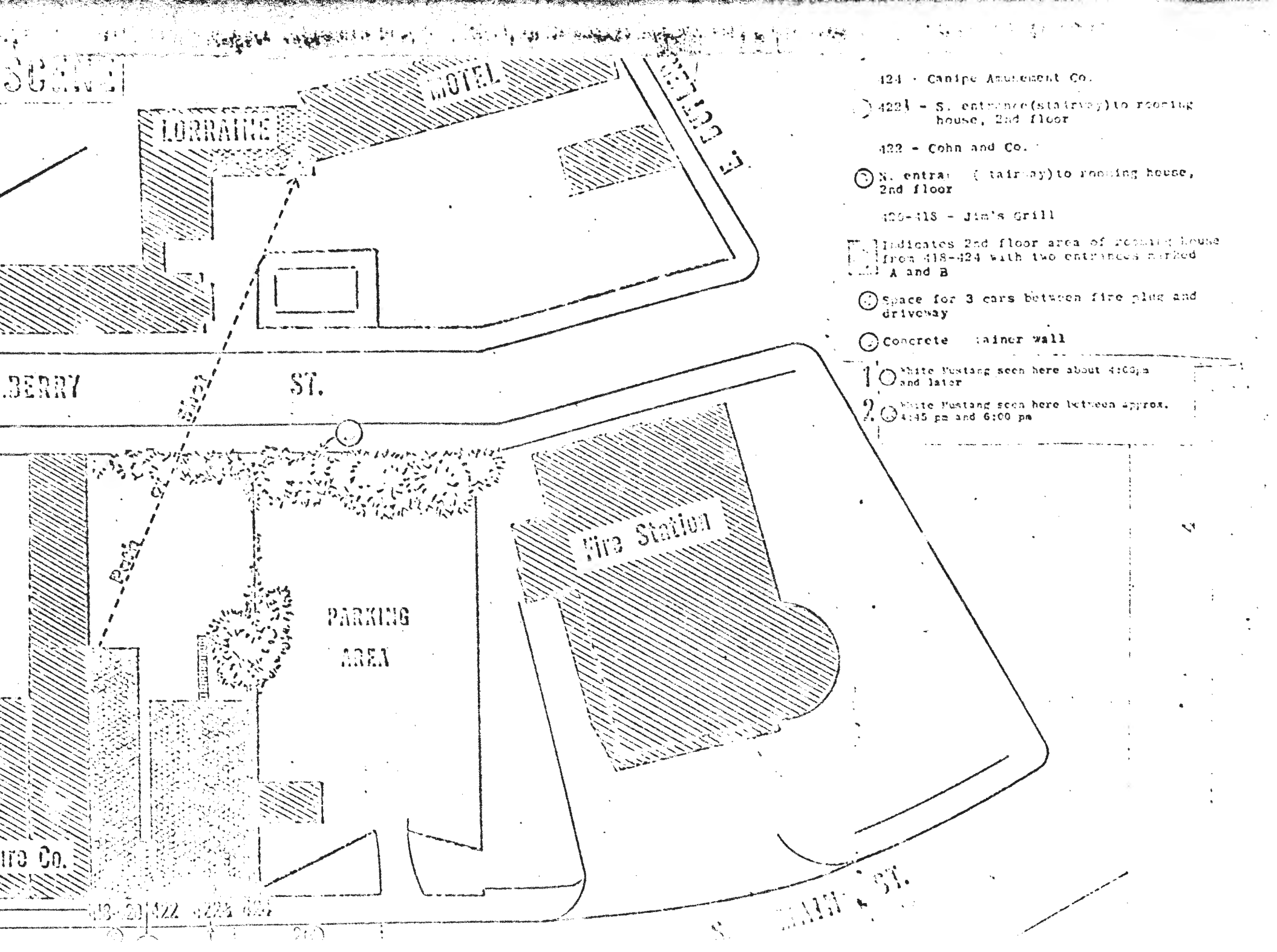
No one in the rooming house has been able to positively identify the individual who fired the shot and fled from the rooming house; however, evidence indicates that the person firing the shot was a man who had that same day at about 3:00 to 3:30 p.m. rented Room 5-B in the name JOHN WILLARD.

Among those articles found abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street was a 30-06 rifle with a telescopic sight, which was determined to have been purchased March 29-30, 1968, at Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, by a man claiming to be HARVEY LOWMYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama. Subsequent investigation disclosed that there was no such person as LOWMYER at that address. Also found abandoned with the rifle were undershorts, a T-shirt, binoculars, a newspaper, an after-shave lotion bottle, two unopened beer cans, a six-transistor radio, and a brown and green bedspread in which this bundle was wrapped.

A canvass of motels in the Memphis area for persons driving a white Mustang disclosed that on April 3, 1968, one ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, had registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, and had left prior to 1:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968. GALT was driving a white Mustang with an Alabama license. Investigation to further identify GALT disclosed that he had not resided at that address since about October 1967 and his whereabouts was unknown.

Latent fingerprints found on the rifle and other articles abandoned in front of 424 South Main Street were subsequently found to be identical with those of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405942G, who had escaped on April 23, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for Armed Robbery. By means of photographic identification and by handwriting comparison, it was determined that JAMES EARL RAY was identical with the man who had used the name ERIC S. GALT. The white Mustang belonging to GALT was abandoned at Atlanta, Georgia, on the morning of April 5, 1968.

JAMES EARL RAY was arrested June 8, 1968, at London, England, by officers of New Scotland Yard, at which time he was found to be in possession of a Canadian passport in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD.



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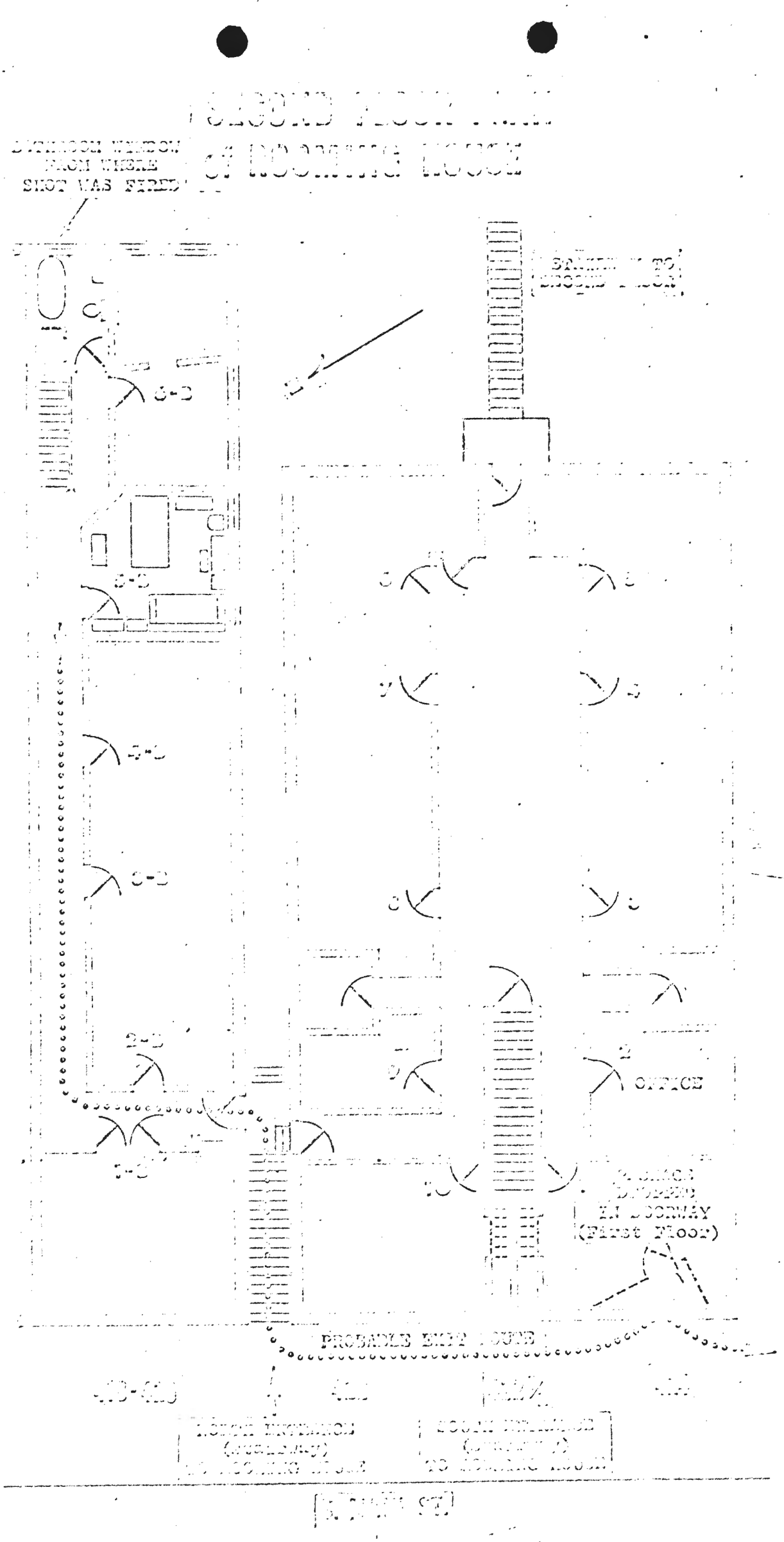
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Fuller Warren Bridge
Main Street Bridge
Acosta Bridge
Hart Bridge
Commodore Point
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II. NAMES OF DEFENDANTS

JAMES EARL RAY

III. DATE AND PLACE OF CRIME

April 4, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee

IV. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

There will be no bar to prosecution as process has been outstanding since April 17, 1968, for the Civil Rights violation and on May 7, 1968, RAY was indicted by a Shelby County, Tennessee, Grand Jury for First Degree Murder.

V. OTHER DATA HELPFUL TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

In addition to process outstanding for this offense, it is noted that on July 20, 1967, a complaint was filed before United States Commissioner W. C. SHELEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, charging JAMES EARL RAY with Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073. A warrant was issued that same date. This complaint was in connection with RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967.

VI. PRELIMINARY PROSECUTIVE ACTION

On April 17, 1968, a complaint was filed by SAC JOSEPH H. GAMBLE before United States Commissioner MILDRED F. SPRAGUE, Birmingham, Alabama, charging that ERIC STARVO GALT in violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, did conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in the free exercise and enjoyment of his rights secured by the Constitution of the United States, namely the right to freely travel from state to state. A warrant was issued April 17, 1968, and bond was recommended in the amount of $50,000.

On May 7, 1968 a Shelby County, Tennessee, Grand Jury at Memphis, Tennessee, returned an indictment charging that JAMES EARL RAY did unlawfully, feloniously,

willfully, deliberately, premeditatedly, and of his malice aforethought, kill and murder MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. A capias for his arrest was issued May 7, 1968.

JAMES EARL RAY was arrested June 8, 1968, at London, England, by officers of New Scotland Yard, and is presently in their custody on local charges. He was arrested in possession of a Canadian passport in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. He was armed at the time of his arrest.

VII. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES AND WHAT THEY CAN TESTIFY TO

A. The following persons are tenants of the rooming house at 422½ South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, from where it is believed the fatal shot was fired. These witnesses can testify as follows:

1. Mrs. BESSIE BREWER
422½ South Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Between 3:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. on April 4, 1968, she rented Room 5-B at 422½ South Main Street for a period of one week to a white male using the name JOHN WILLARD. She did not require that he sign a register, and she did not see him again after renting the room. She is unable to identify RAY from photographs. At about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, she heard what she thought to be a gunshot coming from the rear of the rooming house; however, she did not see or hear anyone running from the rooming house.

2. Mr. WILLIAM CHARLES ANSCHUTZ
422½ South Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. ANSCHUTZ resides in Room 4-B of this rooming house, where on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he heard what he believed was a gunshot. Immediately after hearing the gunshot, he opened his door onto the hallway and saw a white male running down the hall toward the South Main Street entrance and holding his hand and arm over his face in such a way as to prevent ANSCHUTZ's getting a good look at him. ANSCHUTZ commented to this running man that he thought he had heard a shot. This man answered, "Yeah, it was a shot." ANSCHUTZ observed that this man was

carrying a long package which appeared to be wrapped in a blanket. He can testify that the gunshot which he heard was fired nearby but he is unable to say from exactly where. He is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being the running man.

3. Mr. CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS
422½ South Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. STEPHENS occupies Apartment 6-B, consisting of two rooms, one of which has a common wall with the bathroom that is located at the rear of the rooming house. Sometime between 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, STEPHENS heard a gunshot which he believes was fired from the bathroom. At the time he heard the shot, STEPHENS was in the room of his apartment which has the common wall with the bathroom. When STEPHENS opened his door from his apartment into the hallway, he observed a man running along the hallway toward the South Main Street entrance. This man was carrying a bundle described by STEPHENS as being three or four feet long and as being wrapped in something, possibly a newspaper. STEPHENS had earlier observed the new tenant in Room 5-B but had seen only the left side of his face. STEPHENS now states that the profile photograph of JAMES EARL RAY made in 1960, appearing on FBI Wanted Flyer 442-A, "looks like" the man who rented Room 5-B on April 4, 1968.

STEPHENS recalls that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he heard the occupant of Room 5-B on several occasions visit the bathroom at the end of the hall. He recalls that each time this person remained in the bathroom for a considerable period of time and that this individual had been in the bathroom some 20 to 30 minutes prior to the time STEPHENS heard the gunshot.

4. Mrs. GRACE HAYES STEPHENS
422½ South Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mrs. STEPHENS was ill on April 4, 1968, and spent the day in bed in Apartment 6-B at this address. At about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968, she heard a noise that sounded like a firecracker, and she then heard footsteps as someone

left the bathroom and moved rapidly along the hallway toward the South Main Street entrance. She did not leave her room after hearing this loud noise and was not in a position to observe anyone in the hallway.

B. The following individuals were standing near Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., at the time he was struck by the fatal bullet. Dr. KING was standing on the balcony outside Room 306 of the Lorraine Motel and was talking to a number of persons standing in the motel parking lot just beneath the balcony. These persons observed Dr. KING at the instant he was struck or seconds later, but none of them observed the killer or are in a position to say exactly where the shot was fired from:

1. Mr. HARRELL McCULLOUGH
[redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee

2. Mr. SOLOMON JONES, Jr.
[redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee

3. Rev. SAMUEL B. KYLES
[redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee

4. Mr. CHAUNCEY ESKRIDGE
[redacted]
Chicago, Illinois

5. Rev. BERNARD SCOTT LEE
[redacted]
Atlanta, Georgia

6. Rev. ANDREW J. YOUNG
[redacted]
Atlanta, Georgia

C. The following three individuals were inside Canipe Amusement Company, a store located at 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, in front of which was dropped a large bundle which was subsequently determined to be a rifle, binoculars, a transistor radio, and numerous other items, all of which were partially wrapped in a brown and green bedspread. These witnesses can testify as follows:

1. Mr. GUY WARREN CANIPE, JR.
[redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. CANIPE is the owner of Canipe Amusement Company located at 424 South Main Street. On the late afternoon of April 4, 1968, at about 6:00 p.m., he heard a "thud" near the front door of his store and looking up he saw a white male walking past his store going south on South Main Street. Mr. CANIPE walked to his front door, observed a bundle lying in front of the door, looked to see what had happened to the man who had dropped the bundle, and at almost that same moment observed a small white car pulling away from the curb on the east side of South Main Street at a point just south of Canipe's store. He was unable to furnish the make of the small white car which he observed. Turning his attention to the bundle left in front of his store, he observed that this consisted of a rifle in a long cardboard box, a suitcase, and a green cloth which he thought might be a curtain. This bundle was not touched by him and was subsequently removed by a police officer. Mr. CANIPE got only a fleeting glimpse of the man he had seen walking past his store.

2. Mr. [redacted] FINLEY
[redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. FINLEY arrived at Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at about 5:30 p.m., April 4, 1968, in the company of a friend, Mr. JULIUS GRAHAM. At about 6:00 p.m., FINLEY heard a noise like a gunshot, and a minute or two later heard a second noise near the front door of Canipe's store. FINLEY, GRAHAM, and CANIPE all went to the front door of the store, where they observed a bundle lying immediately in

front of the door. Mr. FINLEY observed at this time a white male walking rapidly along the sidewalk in a southerly direction on South Main Street. Mr. FINLEY then heard the squeal of automobile tires and observed a white Mustang going north on Main Street. He did not at first associate the man he had seen on foot with the man he subsequently saw in the Mustang, but after considering what happened, he decided they were probably the same person. He can testify that the bundle dropped in front of Canipe's store consisted of a rifle with a telescopic sight, a suitcase, and a cloth folded over both items.

3. Mr. JULIUS GRAHAM
[redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. GRAHAM, together with a friend, Mr. BERNELL FINLEY, arrived at Canipe Amusement Company, 424 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, at about 5:30 p.m. on April 4, 1968. When he arrived at 424 South Main Street, GRAHAM observed that a white Mustang was parked at the curb just south of Canipe Amusement Company. While inside Canipe Amusement Company, GRAHAM heard no unusual noise except the sound of a package being dropped on the sidewalk in front of Canipe's store. Prior to hearing this noise, he observed a man running along the sidewalk going south on South Main Street, and he observed him drop this bundle in front of Canipe's store. He subsequently heard the squeal of automobile tires and observed a white Mustang speeding north on South Main Street. GRAHAM can testify that the bundle dropped in front of Canipe's store consisted in part of a gun barrel in a large cardboard box which was wrapped with a green cloth.

D. Physical evidence found in front of 424 South Main Street

(The FBI Laboratory and the FBI Identification Division, both at Washington, D. C., will provide expert testimony regarding the examination of physical evidence as set forth below and as set forth elsewhere in this report.)

1. Inspector N. E. ZACHARY
Memphis Police Department
Memphis, Tennessee

Inspector ZACHARY can testify that he took possession of the bundle found on the sidewalk in front of Canipe Amusement Company and that the following items were among the items recovered:

a. A Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, Serial No. 461476, on which was mounted a Redfield telescopic sight, Serial No. A17350;

b. Binoculars, manufactured by Bushnell, Serial No. DQ408664;

c. First section of the April 4, 1968, issue of the "Commercial Appeal," a daily newspaper published at Memphis, Tennessee;

d. Plastic bottle of Mennen Afta shaving lotion;

e. An unopened can of Schlitz beer;

f. A six-transistor portable radio with the number 00416 scratched on the side of the radio;

g. One pair of undershorts and one T-shirt;

h. A green and brown bedspread.

2. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI Identification Division advised that one latent fingerprint on this rifle, one latent fingerprint on the telescopic sight, one latent fingerprint on the binoculars, one latent fingerprint on the newspaper, one latent fingerprint on the plastic bottle of Afta, and one latent fingerprint on the Schlitz beer can have been identified with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI No. 405942C.

3. The number 00416 scratched into the side of the portable radio is the inmate number at the Missouri State Penitentiary for JAMES EARL RAY. [redacted] Manager, Inmate Canteen, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, can testify that when an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary purchases a radio, his inmate number is etched into the radio and that the prison treasurer is notified of the inmate's purchase.

4. Mr. M. J. STEWART, Treasurer, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, can testify that JAMES EARL RAY's Missouri State Penitentiary Inmate Number was 00416, and he can produce a ledger reflecting that on April 21, 1967, JAMES EARL RAY purchased a radio for $9.75.

5. The FBI Laboratory examination revealed that the undershorts and T-shirt each bears a laundry tag on which appears the printed characters "02B-6." Only a portion of the first character is present on each tag.

6. JEROME WALLIS VERNON [redacted] Los Angeles, California, operated the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, from about January 16, 1968, to March 23, 1968, and during this period he had a regular customer named ERIC GALT who came in each Saturday afternoon with a bundle of laundry, which usually consisted of undershorts, T-shirts, and dress shirts. [redacted] was VERNON shown the T-shirt and undershorts found in front of 424 South Main Street, Memphis, and he identified the laundry markings on them as being similar to the mark used at his laundry.

7. Mr. LOUIS PUTERMAN [redacted] Los Angeles, California, has in his possession Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning laundry list number 3065 with Thermo Seal sticker 02D-6 with the name E. GALT.

8. Samples of the Thermo Seal marking machine Model RH-5K1, Serial Number 31454, in possession of the Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning Company, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, using the numbers and letters 02D-6 on red colored tape were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory advised that the specimens from this machine are similar in color, construction, and composition to the laundry tapes appearing on the T-shirt and undershorts recovered at Memphis. The tapes submitted by Los Angeles are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the T-shirt and undershorts laundry tapes when compared with some of the specimens submitted by Los Angeles, indicating that they may have originated from the same machine.

9. Mr. RALPH MEREDITH CARPENTER, [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, a salesman at York Arms Company, 162 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee, can testify that at about 4:00 p.m. on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he sold a pair of Bushnell binoculars to an individual whom he later identified from photographs as being identical with JAMES EARL RAY. He sold these binoculars for $39.95 and wrote on the side of the cardboard box in which the binoculars came the price $39.95 and the amount of the tax, which was $1.60, and added the two figures for a total of $41.55. He stated the store does not record the serial number of these binoculars but that he could identify the binoculars from his writing on the box. It is noted that found with the binoculars was a cardboard box in which the binoculars had been originally shipped and on which appeared the figures as described by Mr. CARPENTER. Also found with the binoculars were a sales slip and a paper bag, on the side of which was printed York Arms Company.

E. Investigation disclosed that one ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered at the Rebel Motor Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, on April 3, 1968, and departed April 4, 1968. He was driving a Mustang bearing an Alabama License. Subsequent investigation to identify GALT disclosed that he had not resided at 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, since October 1967. Witnesses at the Rebel Motor Hotel can testify as follows:

1. Mrs. HENRIETTA HAGEMASTER
Desk Clerk, Rebel Motor Hotel
3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee

Mrs. HAGEMASTER was on duty April 3, 1968, from 3:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. At 7:15 p.m. on April 3, 1968, she registered ERIC S. GALT into Room 34. He indicated on his registration card that he was driving a Mustang automobile with Alabama License 1-38993. Mrs. HAGEMASTER is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC GALT.

2. Miss ANNA CHRISTINE KELLY
Manager, Rebel Motor Hotel
3466 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee

Miss KELLY advised that the records of that motel indicate ERIC S. GALT must have checked out of Room 34 sometime prior to 1:00 p.m., April 4, 1968, otherwise the records would indicate he was charged with two days lodging instead of one day. Miss KELLY is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC S. GALT.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the Rebel Motor Hotel registration card was prepared by the same individual who prepared other specimens submitted under the name ERIC S. GALT. The FBI Laboratory has also concluded that the handwriting specimens submitted under the name ERIC S. GALT are identical with the handwriting and printed material known to be the handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY.

F. Investigation determined that ERIC S. GALT resided at the Economy Rooming House, Birmingham, Alabama, from August 26, 1967, through October 7, 1967.

1. PETER CHERPES,
Owner, Economy Rooming House
2608 Highland Avenue,
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. CHERPES can testify to the fact that ERIC S. GALT resided at the Economy Rooming House from August 26, 1967, through approximately October 7, 1967. CHERPES can testify to the fact that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the graduation of the bartenders school in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, reflecting RAY's eyes open was the best likeness of the man known to him as ERIC S. GALT.

2. HERBERT KELLY
2608 Highland Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. KELLY, who is employed as a cook at the Economy Rooming House, can testify that an individual occupying Room 14 of the Economy Rooming House under the name of ERIC GALT resided at that rooming house from approximately the latter part of August 1967 to early October 1967. KELLY can testify that the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken at the graduation of the bartenders school on March 2, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, showing the eyes in an open position was definitely identical with the individual known to him as ERIC S. GALT who resided at the Economy Rooming House in Birmingham in 1967.

G. Purchase of 1966 Mustang by ERIC S. GALT at Birmingham, Alabama.

1. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR.
[redacted]
Birmingham, Alabama

Mr. PAISLEY can testify to the fact that an individual known to him by the name of ERIC GALT answered PAISLEY's ad appearing in a local newspaper in Birmingham

regarding PAISLEY's offer to sell a 1966 white Mustang. He can testify that on August 30, 1967, GALT met PAISLEY at the First National Bank building, Birmingham, where GALT paid PAISLEY $1995 cash. PAISLEY prepared a bill of sale indicating that the car was sold to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama.

This vehicle is described as a 1966 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647. PAISLEY advised that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT depicting his eyes closed which was taken in the bartenders school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, resembles the man known to him as ERIC GALT; however, he could not make a positive identification and added that the man in the photograph has a fatter face than the ERIC GALT who bought the Mustang.

2. WILLIAM DAVID PAISLEY, JR.
[redacted]
Birmingham, Alabama

PAISLEY, JR., can testify to the fact that an individual by the name of ERIC GALT purchased a 1966 Mustang, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647, from WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR., in the latter part of August 1967, and paid the sum of $1995 in cash. PAISLEY, JR., advised that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT showing his eyes closed which was taken at the bartending school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, resembles the person known to him by the name of ERIC GALT who purchased the 1966 white Mustang from PAISLEY's father in August 1967. PAISLEY commented that it appeared GALT had put on some weight since PAISLEY had last seen him in August 1967, as GALT's face in the photograph appears fatter than what PAISLEY recalls. PAISLEY can testify to the fact that the more he studied the photograph of GALT the more he believed that the photograph was identical with ERIC GALT.

An appropriate witness from the Jefferson County Department of Revenue, Birmingham, Alabama, can testify to the fact that 1968 Alabama License 1-38993 was issued on October 2, 1967, to ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, for a 1966 Mustang two-door, Vehicle Identification Number 6T07C190647.

An appropriate witness at the Drivers License Division, Department of Public Safety, State of Alabama, Montgomery, Alabama, can testify to the fact that Alabama Drivers License 2848947 was issued to ERIC STARVO GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue South, Birmingham, Alabama, on September 6, 1967.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signature of ERIC STARVO GALT appearing on his application for Alabama Drivers License and the signature of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the application for the Alabama automobile license were prepared by the same individual who prepared other items under the same name attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

II. Investigation revealed that ERIC S. GALT, 2608 Highland, Birmingham, Alabama, rented a safe deposit box, number 5517, at the Main office of Birmingham Trust National Bank, Birmingham, Alabama, on August 28, 1967. GALT terminated use of this safe deposit box by an undated letter advising bank officials that he was moving to Louisiana and would have no further need for the box.

The following described documents were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory:

Record of access to safe deposit Box #5517 for ERIC S. GALT;

Contract for safe deposit box with ERIC S. GALT;

Ledger card (rental record) for safe deposit box #5517 in name ERIC S. GALT;

Undated letter from ERIC S. GALT to the Birmingham Trust National Bank.

In the event the above described documents are needed as evidence they may be obtained by execution of a subpoena duces tecum to Mr. C. E. KIRKPATRICK, Vice President, Birmingham Trust National Bank.

The FBI Laboratory concluded that the signatures of ERIC S. GALT appearing on the above described documents were prepared by the same individual who prepared the writing in the same name appearing on other items attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

I. Purchase of a Remington Model 760, caliber 30-06 rifle and Redfield telescopic sight at Birmingham, Alabama.

On March 29, 1968, an individual who gave his name as HARVEY LOWMEYER, 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, went to the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama, where he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. He also bought a box of 20 rounds of .243 Norma ammunition. He left the store carrying this rifle in a cardboard box which had originally been a box for a rifle from the Browning Manufacturing Company. He was given the Browning box because the rifle with the mounted sight would not fit in the Remington box in which the rifle had originally been shipped. LOWMEYER paid for this weapon in cash.

On March 30, 1968, the individual calling himself LOWMEYER telephoned first and then later that day returned with the newly purchased .243 rifle to Aeromarine Supply Company and explained that following a conversation with his brother he decided to exchange this rifle for a Remington Model 760, 30-06 caliber. This exchange was accomplished on the afternoon of March 30, 1968, with LOWMEYER leaving the store with a Remington Game Master rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, on which was mounted the Redfield telescopic sight, Serial Number A17350.

1. DONALD F. WOOD
[redacted]
Birmingham, Alabama

WOOD can testify to the fact that on March 30, 1968, HARVEY LOWMEYER, furnishing an address of 1907 South 11th Street, Birmingham, Alabama, purchased a Remington Model 760, caliber 30-06 rifle, Serial Number 461476, with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight, Serial

Number A17350 mounted thereon and a box of 20 rounds of 30-06 ammunition from the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

WOOD can also testify to the fact that the individual known by the name of HARVEY LOWMEYER was at the Aeromarine Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, on March 29, 1968, at which time he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon.

WOOD can testify to the fact that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT taken at the bartenders school graduation in Los Angeles, California, on March 2, 1968, which shows the eyes of GALT closed is a photograph of the man to whom he sold the Remington Model 700, caliber 30-06, rifle, Serial Number 461476, on March 30, 1968, and is identical to the man that he observed at the Aeromarine supply Company on March 29, 1968, at which time he purchased a Remington Model 700, caliber .243 rifle with a 2X - 7X Redfield telescopic sight mounted thereon. WOOD stated "I can't say exactly at this time, but I think that this is the man. To the best of my memory I believe that this is the man that bought the gun."

2. JOHN WEBSTER DESHAZO
[redacted]
Mountain Brook, Alabama

DESHAZO can testify that he is a regular and frequent customer at Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham, and was in the Supply Company approximately 3:00 p.m., March 29, 1968, at which time he observed an individual purchasing a Remington Model 700, .243 rifle from a salesman known to DESHAZO by the last name of BAKER. DESHAZO can testify that he had conversation with this individual. DESHAZO can testify to the fact that he believes that the photograph of ERIC STARVO GALT with his eyes closed taken at the bartenders school graduation on March 2, 1968, is a photograph of the man that he observed on March 29, 1968, purchasing a Remington Model 700, .243 rifle from the Aeromarine Supply Company, Airport Highway, Birmingham, Alabama.

The bullet removed from the body of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was examined by the FBI Laboratory. It was determined that the bullet is a .30 caliber metal jacketed "soft point" sporting type bullet of Remington-Peters manufacture which could have been fired from the recovered Remington 30-06 rifle. The bullet was distorted due to mutilation and insufficient marks of value for identification remain on this bullet. Therefore, it was not possible to determine whether or not the bullet removed from the body of KING had been fired from the recovered Remington rifle bearing the fingerprint of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405 942 G.

J. Recovery of 1966 white Mustang in Atlanta, Georgia, registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama.

On April 11, 1968, the Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department received a complaint that a white Mustang automobile, bearing an Alabama license, was parked in a parking area of Capitol Homes, and in view of the publicity concerning the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., the complainant wanted this vehicle investigated.

The following individuals can provide the indicated testimony:

1. Detective R. L. DAVIS
Auto Theft Squad
Atlanta, Georgia, Police Department

Detective DAVIS can testify that he and Detective P. S. MC CRAVY proceeded to the parking area of the Capitol Homes where they located a 1966 Ford Mustang. The car was a two-door model, white in color, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993. The vehicle was locked, and in order to further determine ownership they unlocked the left front door and from the serial plate determined it bore VIN 6T07C190647. By sending the information concerning the license plate and the vehicle identification number to the National Crime Information Center through the Alabama State Police he determined that this vehicle was registered to one ERIC STARVO GALT, Birmingham, Alabama.

2. Mrs. MARY L. BRIDGES
[redacted]
Capitol Homes
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. BRIDGES can testify that at about 8:30 A.M. on Friday, April 5, 1968, she had just gotten her children off to school and observed through the window a white automobile pulling up in the parking lot directly across from the door to her apartment. She recalled the

car had an Alabama license plate. The lone male occupant got out of the vehicle and began to walk across the parking lot away from her apartment and toward Memorial Drive. She never saw this individual's face but could describe him as a white male, 5'10" to 6' tall, 165 pounds, medium build, wearing a navy blue suit and a white shirt. He had dark hair, and she estimated him to be about 30 to 35 years of age.

She is unable to identify him but is able to affix the time of arrival of the vehicle at the Capitol Homes parking area.

3. Mrs. LUCY CAYTON
[redacted]
Capitol Homes
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. CAYTON can testify that on April 5, 1968, sometime after 8:15 A.M. when her children had left for school and while she was sweeping her front stoop, she noticed a white male approaching her apartment from the parking lot to the left of her front door. He came to the back yard area of the apartment buildings to her left and after stopping at the beginning of the lane as if to gain his bearings, he proceeded toward Memorial Drive through the back yard area after which time she lost sight of him. This would have occurred prior to 9:30 A.M.

She viewed 7 photographs including 2 of JAMES EARL RAY and selected a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as appearing identical to the individual whom she had observed.

4. [redacted]
Atlanta Division

On April 11, 1968, the above Agents examined the 1966 Ford Mustang at the FBI Garage,

Atlanta, Georgia. This vehicle is a two-door 289, 8 cylinder, 2 barrel carburetor, white hardtop, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38093. The mileage was noted to be 39,100.8 and the SN 6T07C190647. The right rear window bore a sticker "Direccion General de Registro Federal de Automoviles, 1967 Octbre Turista, Aduana de Nuevo, Laredo, Tamps."

K. FBI Laboratory examination of items removed from the 1966 Mustang.

FBI Laboratory examination of items removed from the 1966 Mustang which were submitted by the Atlanta Office determined that brown cotton fibers, green cotton fibers, and green rayon fibers which could have come from the bedspread recovered near the scene of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., were found on a dark blue, short sleeve sweat shirt, a white fitted sheet, a black and white shirt jacket, a pillow case, a fitted sheet with yellow thread, a black sports shirt, a pair of size 34 walking shorts, a rug, and a pillow as well as a pair of men's brown socks and were also contained in the vacuum sweepings from the trunk of the vehicle.

The Laboratory also determined through examination that Caucasian head hairs like the hairs previously found on the bedspread described above, in the zipper bag, on the yellow and white towel, on the pair of black socks, and the hair brush recovered in the vicinity of the scene of the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., were found on the dark blue, short sleeve sweat shirt, a white fitted sheet, a pillow case, a fitted sheet with yellow thread, and a rug all recovered from the Mustang. These hairs could have come from the same person and the Laboratory points out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person.

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L. ERIC S. GALT's residence at Atlanta, Georgia

The operator of the residence located at 107 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, also operates the rooming house at 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, and is identified as JAMES D. GARNER.

1. JAMES D. GARNER
107 14th Street, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

GARNER can testify that on March 24, 1968, an individual identifying himself as ERIC GALT introduced himself to GARNER at his rooming house, 107 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, and requested a single room. He was placed in room #2, 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, and was offered an adjoining storage room in which to place his surplus belongings in view of the small size of the room. On March 31, 1968, ERIC GALT paid him another week's rent, and on April 5, 1968, when GARNER entered room #2 to change the linens found a note on the bed stating in effect, "I've had to go to Birmingham. I've left my TV set here and will try to return for it in about a week."

GARNER selected from a group of 9 photographs displayed, the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical to the individual whom he knew as the resident of room #2 under the name of ERIC GALT.

M. Examination of items recovered from the rooming house located at 113 14th Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

Among items located in the rooms utilized by ERIC GALT at 113 14th Street, N.E., was a map of Mexico. Of the 6 latent fingerprints and one latent impression, which may be a fingerprint, impression of lower joint of a finger, or a partial palm print developed on the map of Mexico, one of the latent fingerprints is identical with the latent fingerprint previously

located on the Remington .30-06 "Game Master," slide action, rifle, Model 760, SN 461476.

N. Identification of JAMES EARL RAY at Piedmont Laundry, Atlanta, Georgia

1. Mrs. ESTELLE PETERS
Manager
Piedmont Laundry
1168 Peachtree, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mrs. PETERS, home address [redacted], Clarkston, Georgia, can testify that a white male came into the laundry on April 1, 1968, and placed laundry as well as dry cleaning for treatment using the name ERIC GALT. The dry cleaning consisted of a black checked coat with small check marks and gray trousers. The laundry and dry cleaning were subsequently picked up between 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968, by the same individual.

She identified the customer as being JAMES EARL RAY through a review of photographs.

O. At about 6:15 p.m. on April 4, 1968, the wounded Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, where he was pronounced dead at 7:05 p.m. Records concerning the emergency room treatment of the victim will be made available only upon the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to Mr. J. LUTON, Assistant Administrator, St. Joseph Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. J. T. FRANCISCO, Shelby County Medical Examiner, 858 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, can testify to the findings contained in his autopsy report dated April 11, 1968, which reports the cause of death as gunshot wound to spinal column, lower cervical, upper thoracic.

Director, FBI 6/17/68

Att.: Mr. THOMAS E. BISHOP
SAC, Atlanta (80-1020) INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

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Enclosed is a copy of CARLTON M. JOHNSON's editorial which appeared in the Columbus Ledger, Columbus, Georgia, 6/13/68.

Mr. JOHNSON is Editor of the Columbus Ledger, and the article is quite favorable concerning the work of the FBI in the MURKIN case.

It is recommended the Director send a note of appreciation to Mr. JOHNSON for his favorable comments. Nothing in the files of the Atlanta Division precludes such a letter being sent.

Mr. JOHNSON's address is:

Mr. CARLTON M. JOHNSON
Editor
The Columbus Ledger
Columbus, Georgia

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Superb Police Work

Only the trial can confirm whether the suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is the right man.

But the international police diligence, patience and skill which led to the capture of James Earl Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias Ramon George Sneyd, has to go into the books as one of the most remarkable crime searches in many years.

The FBI had been looking for Ray since Apr. 20, after a spate of intensive detective work pin-pointed the identity of the man they wanted. Police all across the United States had been involved in the hunt, and when it seemed possible Ray might have slipped out of the United States, police forces in other countries were informed.

There are no passport requirements for Americans visiting Canada and it was fairly easy for Ray to go north.

But the Royal Canadian Mounted Police lived up to their reputations for relentless pursuit. They combed 200,000 applications and turned up Ray's picture on request for a Canadian passport under the name of Sneyd. The FBI and the British were alerted, among others.

Britain's famed Scotland Yard made the capture as the result of typical perseverance. Ray was caught at an airport trying to leave the country.

This fellow obviously is no ordinary suspect. Whether or not he had confederates, his trail marks him as a cunning character.

In any case, the FBI, the Mounties and Scotland Yard deserve special commendation. When many people had begun to think that the elusive Ray would never be tracked down, Scotland Yard has got our man.

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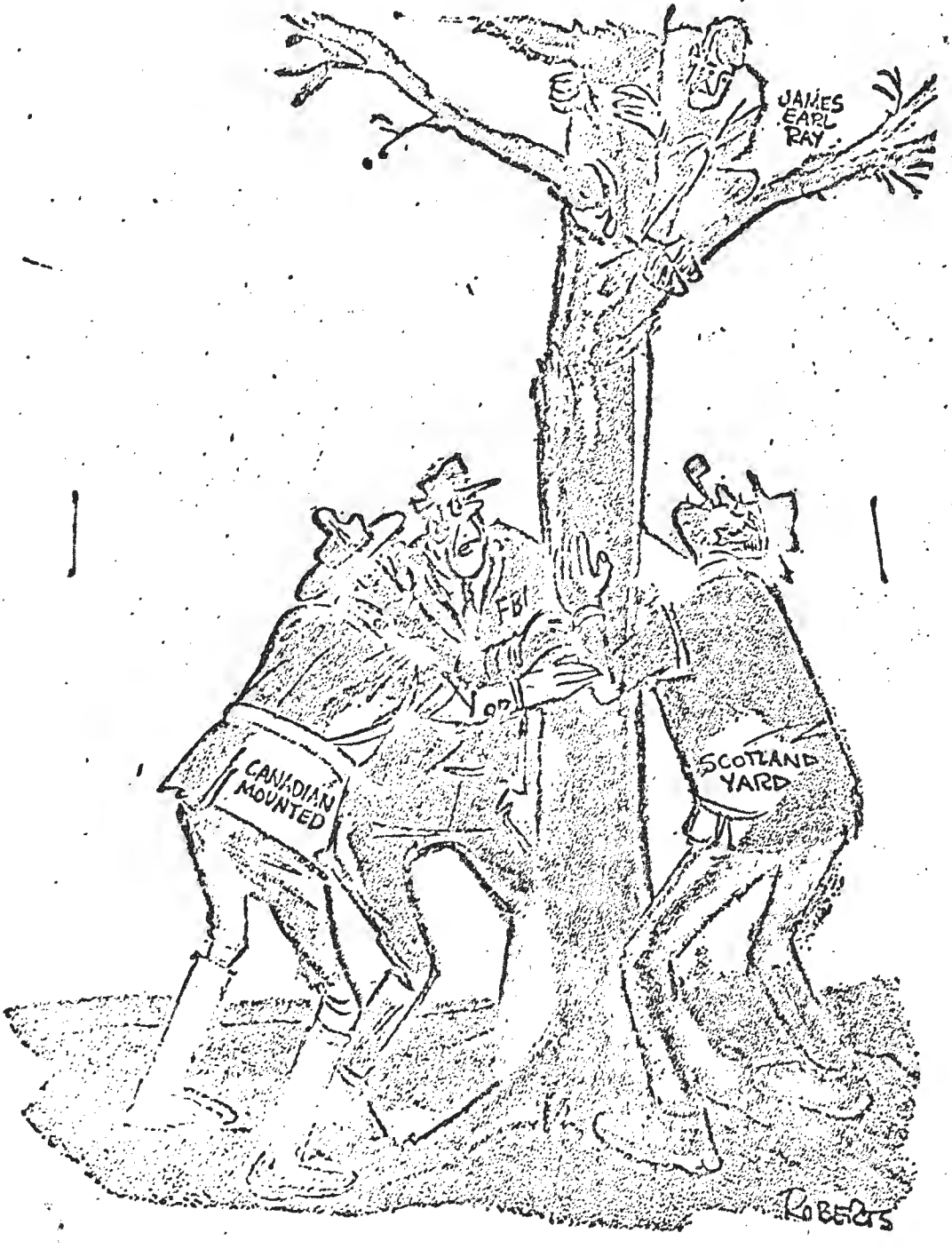
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June 17, 1968

Honorable Thomas L. Boardman
Editor
Cleveland Press
901 Lakeside Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Mr. Boardman:

Thank you for the most favorable comments in your editorial, "Superb Police Work," and the cartoon which appeared in the June 10th edition of your paper concerning the cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies on an international scale which resulted in the apprehension of James Earl Ray.

I very much appreciate your expressing to your readers the high regard you hold for the work of the FBI and those other agencies which gave such splendid cooperation in this investigation. I am encouraged by your continued support.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Attention SAC: Unless precluded by information in your files, an Agent of your office should contact cartoonist Roberts in an effort to tactfully obtain from him the original cartoon. It would be appreciated if he would autograph it to me. Furnish results of your inquiry to the Bureau by 6-24-68.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN.: CRIME RECORDS (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

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Enclosed herewith are two copies each of a favorable editorial and cartoon concerning the Bureau's performance in the MURKIN investigation. These items appeared in the "Cleveland Press" on 6/10/68.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of appreciation be directed to THOMAS L. BOARDMAN, Editor, Cleveland Press, 901 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Mr. BOARDMAN is an SAC Contact of the Cleveland office (Bufile 94-63239, CVfile 80-502).

Indices Cleveland Division would not preclude requested letter.

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Re report of [redacted] 6/14/68, at Kansas City.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 5 copies and to Memphis 2 copies of letterhead memorandum concerning interview with [redacted] GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON

Original interview was put in FD-302, however, it is being furnished in letterhead memorandum form inasmuch as the Bureau may wish to disseminate to Canadian authorities. The Bureau file number for [redacted] GEORGE EDMONDSON 88-35159, Kansas City file 88-6175. The interview with [redacted] EDMONDSON was conducted by [redacted] at Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
June 18, 1968

"RUSH"

GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON [redacted] a former top ten fugitive who was captured in Canada after escaping from Missouri State Penitentiary, is currently incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary, and during re-interview on June 14, 1968, he advised as follows:

It is very easy to obtain a passport in Canada [illegible] drivers license. He said he is not familiar with conditions in Toronto, but is familiar with the procedure in Montreal. He advised that there is no difficulty in passing over to Canada from the United States. One method of securing a passport is to obtain it from a group of persons in Montreal for a fee. He stated he obtained his blanks from [redacted] reportedly has numerous baptismal blanks printed up which are prepared by several printers, the identities of which he does not know. [redacted] EDMONDSON stated that [redacted] is also engaged in the "dirty picture business", and perhaps [illegible] as a sideline. [redacted] EDMONDSON stated that [redacted] has access to an official seal with which to stamp-validate the record. [redacted] EDMONDSON understands this is furnished through a sexton of the Saint Justine Church. [redacted] EDMONDSON stated he was also told this sexton makes no entry in the church records to validate the record should any question arise. He said he [illegible] as a "courtesy".

[redacted] EDMONDSON said that [redacted] fills out the baptismal [illegible] and affixes a seal on it. [redacted] does not issue a "guarantee", but will provide the use of car and chauffeur very cheap. The cost of a baptismal [illegible] runs from $25 to $50 depending on the amount of work [redacted] has to do. [redacted] EDMONDSON [illegible] was applied for on Friday and it was furnished to him [redacted] on the following Monday or Tuesday ready to be [illegible] for the passport.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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EDMONDSON [redacted] advised that the best method, and the one he would have used had he had a chance to study the matter, is as follows: Read an obituary in the newspaper of the death of a person about the same age as the one seeking a passport. He said it is better to get one with few relatives. He said the names of relatives, date and place of birth, are all set out in the death notices. One then writes to the equivalent of the "Bureau of Vital Statistics" in the name of the deceased person stating the birth certificate was lost and request a new one. When the new birth certificate for the deceased person is received, one sends $5 to the passport office with a photograph and the passport is issued.

EDMONDSON [redacted] said that although he obtained a baptismal record from [redacted] he did not actually use it because he studied the system in the meantime, and then sent his wife's expired passport with their marriage license to the passport office and requested the issuance of passports for both. He sent the name of an employee of his as a guarantor. The passports were readily issued.

He said it is also possible to obtain a passport with a birth certificate or baptismal record by making an affidavit. A person does not actually have to have a guarantor as this requirement will be waived.

EDMONDSON [redacted] said this presents no problem. He said the first time he crossed it was at Plattsburg, New York, about nine or ten days after he escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary. He had hitchhiked a ride from New York City. He showed a drivers license he had as identification. He believed it was in the name of Gasdori. This time he was asked why he was going to Canada and for how long. He said he replied he was going for two weeks if his money held out. [redacted] stated he went back and forth six or eight times while he was an escapee, and except this once, he was never questioned or required to show any identification. He said the best plan is to pick one of the busiest places to cross. This could be the International Bridge at Detroit, Michigan, and at Plattsburg, New York.

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EDMONDSON [redacted] also advised persons entering Canada in a fugitive status like to leave the United States from a busy airport such as New York City, and go to Montreal. He said customs are so busy they merely spot check certain passengers and do not ask for identification.

EDMONDSON [redacted] advised that the information he has was picked up by him by reading regulations and other sources and the system is not hard to understand.

EDMONDSON [redacted] advised that [redacted] had several associates. He said he met some of these but did not know their names. He said he recalled one "hustler" who works with [redacted] by the name of [redacted] also known as [redacted], who lives in Pierre Fondas. He said this person is a fence operating an alleged appliance business and he is "real well connected" in Montreal, and can get about anything one would want in the way of electric appliances which are stolen. He stated [redacted] also traffics in prostitution and may handle a little "pot".

Another associate of [redacted] is [redacted] who is a photographer described as about 50 to 55 years, 5'7"-8", 180 pounds, gray hair - balding, and who wears very thick glasses. He deals in "dirty pictures, pot, and generally hustles" for [redacted] He said this man is a "blatant homosexual".

Another associate of [redacted] is a used car dealer who is an East Indian. He has been "rapped" in Montreal for "hot" cars.

EDMONDSON [redacted] said he was arrested and put in jail at Ottawa, Canada. [redacted] came to see him and offered him a lot of services for a price. He wanted $350 and took care of some things for [redacted] EDMONDSON He said for another $1000 he could get EDMONDSON EDMONDSON [redacted] released, but he sent this message through [redacted] wife, as the prison authorities would not let him re-visit EDMONDSON [redacted] EDMONDSON advised he turned down the offer of [redacted] and stated he was deported on August 9, 1967. Therefore, [redacted] would have had a visit with him between July 1 and August 9, 1967. EDMONDSON [redacted] further advised he was using the name of [redacted] while living in Canada.

June 14, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Mr. McCarthy says you are no good and you have to go. It is obvious that he would replace you with a Roman Catholic to increase the effective power of the Roman Catholic propaganda machine in this nation and the world.

I want to see the defeat of McCarthy and his whole Roman machine and I want to see you remain as head of the F.B.I.

I am convinced that the Knights of Columbus paid James Earl Ray to kill King. King was standing in the way of the Roman Catholics domination and he had to go.

Dan Gilbert was standing in the way of Gov. Pat Brown and the Roman Catholics and I am convinced that the Knights of Columbus did that job too.

The enclosed clipping reveals (to me) that James Earl Ray was under Catholic protection in Toronto. Martin Luther to a Catholic is like a red flag to a bull.

God bless you and your good work.

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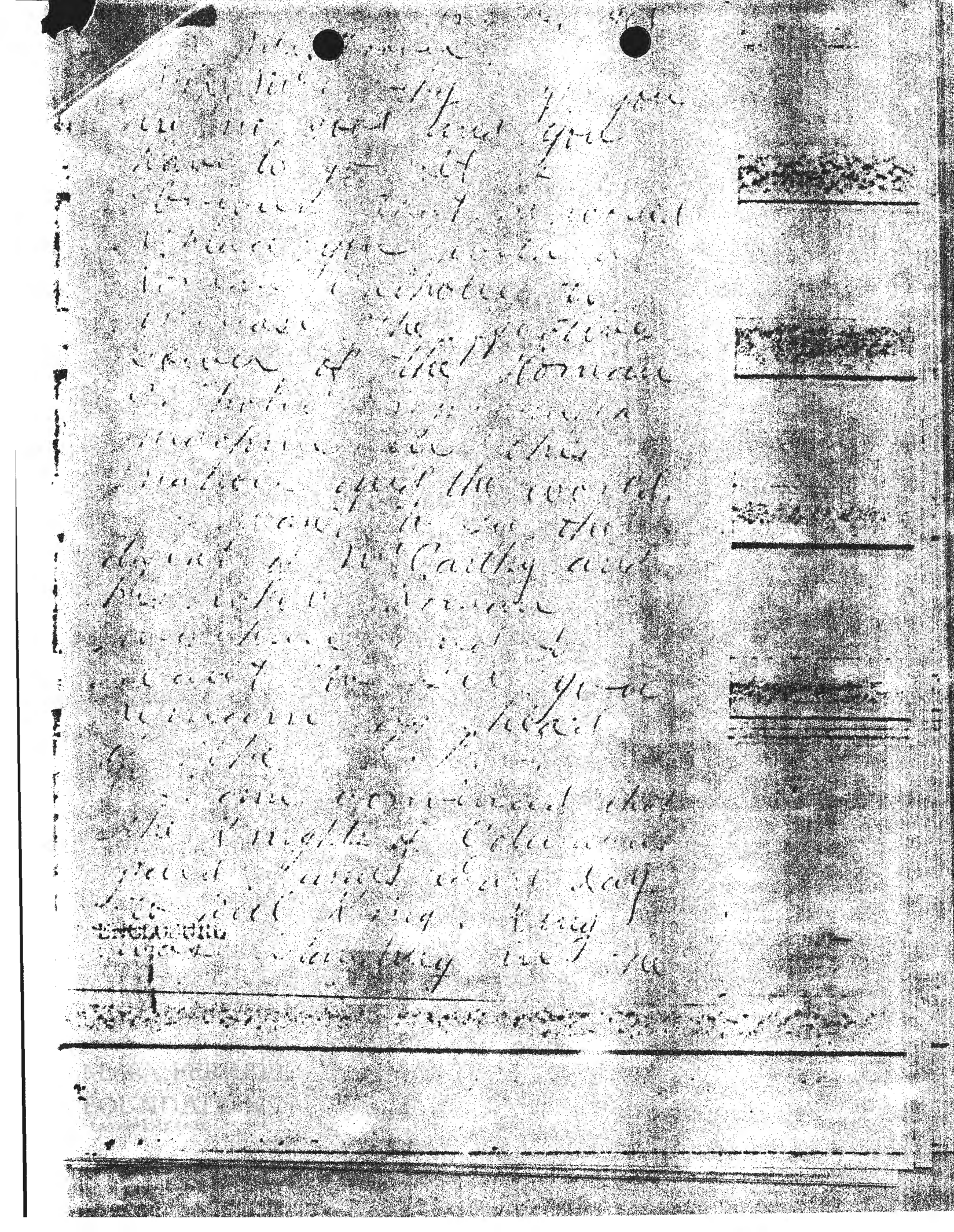
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Doubt Cast on Theory That Ray Acted Alone

BY RICHARD T. COOPER
Times Staff Writer

TORONTO—Information accumulated about James Earl Ray's activities here makes it increasingly hard to believe the accused assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King acted alone.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, hesitant to discuss their investigation of Ray here, have confirmed only that he arrived in Toronto on or about April 8, applied for a Canadian passport and ordered a round-trip plane ticket to London through a travel agency April 16, and left Canada on a flight May 6.

But information from other government sources and from area residents who are touched by the affair suggests patterns which the laws of probability seem inadequate to explain. In particular, his choices of assumed identities seem more than coincidental.

On April 8 Ray rented a room in a boarding house at 102 Ossington Ave., using the name Paul Bridgman. Three days later, a birth certificate application bearing the same name and address was received here by the office of the Ontario registrar-general.

The vital statistics on the application, which was processed routinely, match those of a Paul Bridgman who lives in the Scarboro section of Toronto. The real Bridgman is a language consultant in the public school system.

On April 16, Ray visited a travel agency and ordered the air ticket to London. At the same time he applied through the agency for a passport under the name of Ramon George Sneyd, a constable on the Toronto Metropolitan Police Force. The real Sneyd also lives in the Scarboro section.

During a visit to Montreal during July or August of 1967, it has been confirmed, Ray used the name Eric S. Galt—just as he used the name Eric Starvo Galt several times in the United States before the April 4 assassination in Memphis.

A Canadian citizen named Eric St. Vincent Galt, whose physical characteristics are remarkably similar to Ray's, also lives in the Scarboro area.

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From the real Galt's house to the real Sneyd's is about a mile and a half; from Sneyd's house to Bridgman's is just over a mile; and from Bridgman's to Galt's is about two miles. And the suburban area in which they live is all of 12 miles across the heart of the city from the deteriorating, impoverished neighborhoods in which Ray hid.

The RCMP has asserted that neither Bridgman, nor Sneyd, nor Galt was involved with Ray, but speculation continues that they were in some way linked to him indirectly—perhaps by a Scarboro resident who knew all three and supplied Ray with data about them.

In an interview with The Times, Galt said he did not know Bridgman directly but revealed that the name was "familiar." He said an acquaintance at the Union Carbide plant where Galt works is a close friend of Bridgman's. Galt refused to reveal the mutual friend's name.

Galt also said he did not recall ever meeting Sneyd. But he said many metropolitan policemen are active in the target shooting club and competitions which occupy a great deal of Galt's time. He has been secretary of the Viking Gun Club since 1946, and as such processes all members' annual applications for pistol permits—permits that are handled by the metropolitan police.

Familiar Figure

It is not known whether Sneyd is connected either with the permit section or with a shooting club. He and the department have declined to release any magazine devoted to the sport.

Galt and his wife have traveled regularly to the United States—primarily to Florida, jumping off place for his diving trips in the Bahamas. Sometimes they fly to Miami, Galt said, but often they drive, and on the motor trips they frequenty make side excursions to points of interest for their other hobbies.

Visited Memphis

One of these was an overnight visit to Memphis, in July or August of 1966, Galt said. They were "hitting the rock shops" and stayed overnight in a Memphis motel.

One curious point that suggests the origin of the name "Starvo" concerns the signature of the real Galt.

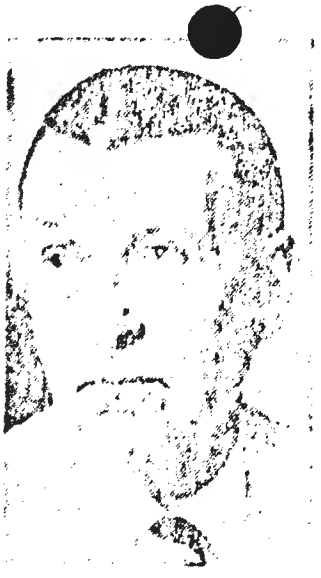
Until about two years ago, Galt signed his name "Eric St. V. Galt." Instead of dots after the "St" and the "V" he drew small horizontal ovals. The result resembles the middle name "Starvo" used by Ray.

This suggests that Ray or an accomplice, in deciding on the name "Eric Starvo Galt," might have seen a copy of the real Galt's signature.

The physical similarities between Galt and Ray also are striking. They are about the same height and weight. Galt, at 53, is 13 years older, but he is trim, vigorous, and looks about the same age as Ray does in his photographs.

More startling: both have inconspicuous scars on their foreheads and on the palms oof their right hands.

Galt said the only place these details have ever [illegible]



Eric St. Vincent Galt
AP Wirephoto

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There has been speculation that Ray fled the Ossington Ave. room about April 21 because his photograph had been printed in Toronto newspapers April 19.

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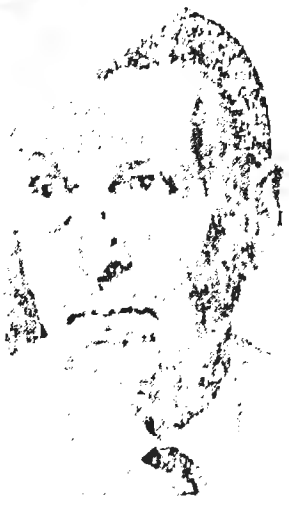
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She said Ray was standing in the door taking the letter when she returned to the family apartment at the back of the house. She did not see whether the two men exchanged words and does not remember what Ray's reaction to the caller seemed to be.

Indeed, Mrs. Loo appears to have paid little attention to her solitary lodger. Using Canadian bills, he paid the $9 weekly rent in advance three times and it was not until payment for the fourth week was past due a couple of days that she visited his room and found he had gone.

Ray left behind a small, dark-blue travel bag of the type which often bears the name of an airline, but Mrs. Loo recalls no printing on it. Ray also left a map, she said, and several rolls of camera film which reportedly had not been used.

All of these articles, and perhaps others she does not remember, were taken away by detectives.

mar[illegible]f some of the evidence against Ray in Dr. King's death and information about his escape from a Missouri penitentiary while serving a sentence for armed robbery. The United States seeks extradition on both counts and must satisfy a British judge that both would be crimes under British as well as U.S. law.

Shortly after receiving the petition, the Foreign Office certified that the request falls within the terms of the extradition treaty between the two countries. It then was sent to the Home Office, which is roughly comparable to the U.S. Department of Justice, where lawyers started a preliminary screening to insure it establishes a case against Ray.

To Go to Court

It will go from there, presumably this morning, to Bow Street Magistrate's Court.

A preliminary hearing is expected in that court either today or Friday, at which time a formal hearing will be scheduled. This will probably be seven to 10 days later in order to give defense counsel an opportunity to examine the documents.

Ray's Questions Told on Move to Rhodesia

Exclusive to The Times from the Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Last Dec. 30 the man accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King wrote the American South African Council here seeking information on how he might emigrate to the white minority-ruled country of Rhodesia, it was learned Wednesday.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. Bishop

DATE 6/19/68

FROM D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT [redacted]
COVINA, CALIFORNIA

By letter dated 6/14/68 captioned individual enclosed an article from the Los Angeles Times concerning James Earl Ray and comments that Ray was paid by the Knights of Columbus to kill Martin Luther King. He alleges Senator McCarthy wants to replace the Director with a Roman Catholic to increase the Catholic power in the United States. His entire letter is extremely critical of Catholicism.

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

[redacted] was the victim in a civil rights investigation by the Los Angeles Office in 1956 at which time he signed a statement alleging that the city officials of the city of Pomona, California, had been acting in a manner which made it impossible for him to do business in that city; that undue delay had been caused in the construction of certain buildings on his property; he was refused a zoning variance and that certain property rights were denied him. He further alleged that when he was taken into custody by law enforcement officials following his removal of a curb with a sledgehammer he was maltreated and subsequently alleged that he did not receive a fair trial. Investigation determined that [redacted] had difficulty with the officials of the city of Pomona and seems to feel that every restrictive ordinance was passed for the primary purpose of harassing him. At the time of his arrest for destroying city property, he offered resistance and was handcuffed to be taken to the police station. No further investigation was desired by the U. S. Attorney of Los Angeles and the case was closed.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

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OBSERVATIONS:

Correspondent's letter indicates an extreme bias against Catholicism and the information obtained by the Los Angeles Office during their investigation would indicate an obsession with personal harassment by any governmental officials. It would serve no useful purpose to respond to his diatribe.

RECOMMENDATION:

That his letter be filed without acknowledgment.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 6-19-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

O MURKIN

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 87420-87423. Senator Murphy, (R) California, spoke concerning the negative faultfinding with America by certain persons and stated

"I am distressed to find that it is becoming fashionable in some circles, in fact in far too many circles, to speak of America as a 'sick society.' Certain political leaders and highly publicized opinionmakers seem to enjoy promoting the idea of a 'mass guilt' for recent tragic events." Mr. Murphy commented on the assassination of Senator Kennedy and Martin Luther King. He went on to state "it is high time that the practitioners of political hatred abroad and the prophets of gloom in the United States be put in their proper place. We are most fortunate that two alleged assassins, James Earl Ray and Sirhan Sirhan, will be brought to trial. - - - - I feel that we owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the often maligned and frequently impeded law enforcement agencies---local, State, Federal, and even international--which have done such a masterful job in apprehending these suspects. - - - - I hope my colleagues in the Senate will join me in paying tribute to my long-time friends, Chief Thomas Redding of the Los Angeles Police Department, Sheriff Peter Pitchess of Los Angeles County, and District Attorney Evelle Younger, for the careful, proficient, and yet swift manner in which they and their men have handled the Sirhan case. I further would ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation for the magnificent work done by the men of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, directed by that great American, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover." Mr. Murphy also commended the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Scotland Yard for their part in the capture of James Earl Ray.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 6-15-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-6990) DATE: 6/19/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (65-122) (C)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Chicago airtel to Director, copies to Atlanta, Birmingham, and Memphis with dual caption, "United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; RM and MURKIN", dated 5/11/68.

Referenced communication indicated [redacted] had been in contact with CALVIN S. CRAIG, Grand Kleagle of the UKA, [redacted] stated CRAIG looked like JAMES EARL RAY. [redacted] also indicated CRAIG invited him to join UKA.

Chicago files and references relating to [redacted] were carefully reviewed. Bufile [redacted] which relates to [redacted] sets forth information indicating [redacted] furnished information to the Bureau in early 1940's which proved not to be reliable. [redacted] main file [redacted] contains information indicating he would most likely cause embarrassment to the Bureau, if he was utilized as a source as well as be unreliable.

In addition, on May 23, 1968, [redacted] telephonically called FBI, Chicago, Illinois, and advised he did not want to join the UKA, but would do so only upon instruction from FBI. He indicated his close association with Governor LESTOR MADDOX of Georgia and "right-wing" groups, and his belief that their philosophy was correct would permit him to have their confidence. Phraseology and statements made by [redacted] appeared to be self-serving and were unexplainable unless tape-recorded for possible future use by him or "right wing" groups.

4 - Bureau
(1 - 157-370) (UKA)
(1 - 44-38861) (MURKIN)
2 - Atlanta (Info)
(1 - 157-193)
2 - Birmingham
(1 - 105-722)
2 - Memphis
(1 - 105-566)

3 - Chicago
(1 - 157-400) (UKA)
(1 - 44-1114) (MURKIN)

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[redacted] who received the call from [redacted] advised him that FBI would not instruct or direct anyone to join or not to join any group. [redacted] was told any information he desired to voluntarily furnish to the FBI would be given appropriate attention.

In view of the above, no additional action contemplated by Chicago Division.

[redacted]

June 15, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I want to put in my five cents worth in regards to sending Ray back to Memphis for trial. I think it would be a bad mistake, for the following reasons.

Memphis is a community seething with Klan sympathisers and I feel sure a considerable number of Klansmen. Without being able to prove anything, I think it highly probable that there are klansmen on the Memphis police force. On the basis of probability alone, I think it is at least possible that the phoney police report, during the getaway, did come from a police car that was aiding in the getaway. If this possibility has not been investigated, I believe it should be. How could we have so many negro-hating white policemen and not one klansman- in Memphis?

When the Klan was organizing here, and their organization efforts publicized by the local papers, I called leading clergymen and officials, including the Chief of Police, and I wish I had their responses on tape. You would have thought the CIA were seeking a chapter. One leading clergyman, a Doctor of Divinity, told me that some of his most influential constituents were klan sympathisers.

I am a white man, have lived here 35 years, and I am still horrified by the machinations of white Protestant fascism here, the indifference to murder and all violence, when it is done for white supremacy. It has been suggested that Ray may have been hired by international conspirators. If so, you see, they could have solicited and gotten the aid of people who practice and preach violence, on the Klan plan.

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Sincerely,

[redacted]

Dr. George A. Hays
OPTOMETRIST
4515 POPLAR AVENUE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE 38117

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June 19, 1968

[redacted]
Memphis, Tennessee 38117
[redacted]

Your letter of June 15th has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write and furnish me your comments on the matters you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Memphis - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with [redacted]

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

June 21, 1968

HONORABLE RALPH MC GILL
PUBLISHER
THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Enclosed is a copy of a column written by the above-captioned individual which is very complimentary concerning our efforts in the James Earl Ray case.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosure

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NOTE: Honorable Ralph McGill is the publisher of "The Atlanta Constitution," Atlanta, Georgia, and is on the Special Correspondents List. This article appeared in the June 15th edition of "The Atlanta Constitution" and was entitled, "The Geese Are Quiet Now." By letter of 6-18-68 the Director expressed his appreciation for this article to Mr. McGill for his kind comments concerning our work in the James Earl Ray case. Copy was sent to AG AT THAT TIME.

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Ray's Capture Stills the Sinister Rumor Mills

Another phase of the sickness of our society, of which petty, petulant cynicism and a wish to believe the worst are symptoms, was revealed by the capture of the man suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King. The arrest of James Earl Ray came after a really brief span of time, all things considered.

A Bible text may be helpful. Three paragraphs of it begin with Matthew 11:12:

"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence and the violent carry it away . . .

"The men who has ears to hear, he must use them.

"But how can I show what the people of this generation are like? They are like children sitting in the market place calling out to their friends, 'We played weddings for you but you would not dance, and we played funerals and you would not cry.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they said, 'He is a hypocrite and crazy.' Then the Son of Man came, enjoying life, and people say, 'Look, a drunkard and a glutton—the close friend of the tax collector and the sinners. . . ."

Always the doubters—the cynics, the nay-sayers, the makers of false rumors, the arousers of suspicion—refuse to accept reality.

King was murdered on April 4. The one suspect was arrested in London on June 8.

Yet, in those few weeks the most amazing, corrupting rumors, half-whispered claims of "inside information," doubts and evil reports were circulated about the Department of Justice and, more especially, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Some of these false accusations and wholly spurious claims of "inside reports" and manufactured rumors were set in motion by the gaggles of geese that are in all our community ponds. Others were initiated by persons of malice or by enemies of the American system. Some were set in motion seeking to make the Negro have doubt in the integrity of the Department of Justice.

The more commonly circulated false rumors and lies were these:

1. The FBI doesn't want to catch the man because the FBI didn't like King.

2. The FBI (or "the government") doesn't want to capture Ray because if he is caught there will be released something so monstrous it can't be allowed to become public.

3. The suspect is already dead. The persons who hired him to murder have already killed him to keep him from talking and the FBI knows it and wants it left that way.

4. There were other lesser, but equally silly, claims that "they" told to the gullible. These included claims that the FBI hired only Catholics. "They" also said the FBI was made up of Southerners who didn't like colored people—and so on and on, ad nauseum.

J. Edgar Hoover's rebuke to King grew out of King's repeating the charge told him by someone who claimed to "know" it was true, that the FBI was composed of red-neck Southerners who didn't try to protect civil rights workers. (When King was killed "they" spread stories he had made "millions," he had vast

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New York Post
The New York Times
The Sun (Baltimore)
The Worker
The New Leader
The Wall Street Journal
The National Observer
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amounts of insurance, and so on.

It is surprising how many persons do not understand the legalisms that restrict the FBI to investigative work connected with violations of federal law. The Bureau is not a police force. The FBI was, for example, largely impotent in the civil rights area until Congress enacted federal laws.

It is a tribute to J. Edgar Hoover and the almost incredible expertise of his bureau that they have done so tremendous a job in the area of federal law enforcement and detection. The FBI very likely is the most expert research and investigative bureau in the world. Maybe it has a peer—but no superior.

While the geese-flock known as "they" were whispering that they "knew" the FBI was not trying to find James Earl Ray, a massive force of men and research detection was at work in 50 states, in Mexico and Canada.

The gossipy geese will be quiet for a brief time—but they soon will be at it again. Nothing ever stops them—not even the truth.

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FBI

Date: 6/21/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The information in enclosed letterhead memorandum was furnished by [redacted] who requested that both his and his bank's identity be fully protected in this matter.

The bureau is being furnished 7 copies of the LHM and the Memphis Division is being furnished one copy.

The bureau is requested to furnish copies of the enclosed LHM to both the London and Paris Legats with the request of Paris that appropriate investigation be conducted at the Banco Totta-Alianca, Rua-Douro 69-79, Lisbon, Portugal, to determine whether or not this information could be of value in captioned matter. It is to be noted that the bank officials, Chicago, advised that the above bank has approximately 30 branches, however, the cable would have been sent from the main division.

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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Chicago, Illinois
June 21, 1968

44-1114

JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS MOLTON;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -
ROBBERY

On June 21, 1968, a Chicago bank official made available for review a certain Telex cable dated May 8, 1968, and received in Chicago May 8, 1968, which was placed Notiaso. According to the bank officials, the signature is the code word for the Banco Totta-Alianca, Avenida 24-72, Lisbon, Portugal. The cable read as follows: " [redacted] Chicago."

[redacted] the cable was followed

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According to the Chicago bank official, no record [redacted] in their records for an individual named [redacted] the Lisbon bank [redacted] June 20, 1968.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FBI

Date: 6/19/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

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ReWFOairtel 6/17/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies, for Memphis two copies, and for Birmingham one copy of an LHM captioned "ARTHUR JACKSON HAMES; ARTHUR JACKSON HAMES, JR.".

Investigation reflected in instant LHM was conducted by [redacted] This information has been set forth in this memorandum without the property stamp for the possible assistance of Legat, London.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 2) (44-1987)
1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1) (44-1740)
1 - WFO

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Reply, Please Refer to
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June 19, 1968

ARTHUR JACKSON HANES;
ARTHUR JACKSON HANES, JR.

The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reviewed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on June 19, 1968, disclosed that Arthur Jackson Hanes was issued Passport J 664736 at Washington, D.C., on June 19, 1968, for a proposed travel for five days to England, Scotland, and Ireland on business-to see client. In his application dated June 19, 1968, at Washington, D.C., he stated that he intended to depart by unnamed airline and expected to take another trip abroad within the year. This passport was valid for three years' travel to all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea, and North Vietnam.

This individual stated that he was born on October 19, 1916, at Birmingham, Alabama, and his file reflects that his delayed birth certificate showing a filing date of February 7, 1923, and based upon an affidavit by his mother has been seen by passport authorities. He gave his permanent residence as [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, and arranged to pick up his passport in Washington. He listed his father as James Oscar Hanes, born at Birmingham, Alabama, on December 7, 1873, and his mother as Emma Barton, born at Birmingham on June 21, 1877. He stated that he was last married on December 12, 1935 to Eleanor Bernhard Hanes, who was born at Birmingham, Alabama, on August 5, 1917, marriage not terminated. In the event of death or accident he requested that Eleanor B. Hanes, his wife, be notified at the home address.

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ARTHUR JACKSON HANES;
ARTHUR JACKSON HANES, JR.

The following description appeared in his file:

Height:	5 feet 9 3/4 inches
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Occupation:	Attorney

The passport files also show that Arthur Jackson Hanes, Jr., was issued Passport J684737 at Washington, D.C., on June 19, 1968, for a proposed travel for one week to Great Britain, Scotland, and Ireland on business. In his application dated June 19, 1968, he stated that he intended to depart by unnamed airline and that he expected to take another trip abroad within the year. This passport had the same validity and restriction as his father.

Mr. Hanes, Jr., stated that he was born on April 18, 1942, at El Paso, Texas and his file reflects that his birth certificate has been seen by passport authorities. He gave his permanent residence as [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, and originally requested that the passport be mailed to him at Room 617, Frank Nelson Building, Birmingham, Alabama, telephone 324-9536, but he later arranged to pick up his passport in Washington. He listed his father as Arthur J. Hanes, born in Birmingham on October 19, 1916, and his mother as Eleanor Bernhard born in Birmingham on August 5, 1917. He stated that he was last married on August 22, 1964, to Patsy Green, who was born at Birmingham on August 26, 1942, marriage not terminated. In the event of death or accident he requested that Patsy G. Hanes, his wife, be notified at his residence address.

The following description of Mr. Hanes, Jr., appeared in his file:

Height:	5 feet 8 inches
Hair:	Blond
Eyes:	Hazel
Occupation:	Lawyer
Social Security Number:	[redacted]

ARTHUR JACKSON HANDS;
ARTHUR JACKSON HANDS, JR.

Each of these individuals identified himself with an Alabama driver's license.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 24, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Trotter

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a letterhead memorandum summarizing information furnished Memphis by [redacted] of the Bureau of Prisons concerning his suggestions to state and local officials of Tennessee in connection with the safekeeping of the subject when he is returned to Shelby County, Tennessee.

[redacted]ndicated it might be advisable for personnel-type investigations of deputies who will be responsible for Ray when he is returned and inquired if the FBI would conduct such investigations. He was advised we would not.

Attached to the memorandum is a copy of a letterhead memorandum from Washington Field regarding details of Arthur J. Hanes and his son obtaining passports for travel to England in connection with representing the subject. Also attached to the memorandum is a copy of a telegram from the American Embassy, London, to the Department of State dated 6-18-68, elaborating upon the subject's hearing on that date and a copy of the charges against the subject as read in court in London on that date together with an extract of a decision handed down by the Queen's Bench Division of British Court System pertaining to a writ of habeas corpus hearing in an extradition matter.

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ACTION:

The attached letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson.

Enclosures (7)

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan

June 24, 1968

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Trotter

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to the captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

[redacted] of the Bureau of Prisons has advised our Memphis Office that Lieutenant [redacted] of the Bureau of Prisons, who is assigned at the Federal Prison, Marion, Illinois, will be acting in a liaison capacity and furnishing assistance to the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office will have the responsibility for the safekeeping of James Earl Ray, the subject of this case, when he is returned to Shelby County, Tennessee. [redacted] stated he has had meetings with representatives of the Sheriff's Office, the State Attorney General and interested local judges in connection with the handling of the prisoner. [redacted] said he has submitted various recommendations based upon standards of the Bureau of Prisons in connection with the handling of notorious prisoners. He said he discussed the handling of the volume of mail usually received by such prisoners and restrictions of visitors to the prisoner. [redacted] said he also made certain suggestions for improving security of the jail at Shelby County, Tennessee.

[redacted] also advised that evaluation of personnel at the Shelby County Sheriff's Office has indicated it might be advisable for personnel-type investigations to be conducted concerning deputies who will be responsible for the care and protection of the prisoner. He made tentative inquiry as to the possibility of this Bureau conducting special investigations of that type and was advised that such investigations would not be conducted by the FBI.

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NOTE: See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach dated 6-24-68, captioned "Murkin." Copies furnished the Attorney General,

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake departed for London on June 23, 1968, and was scheduled to arrive there the morning of June 24, 1968. Mr. Bonebrake will confer with attorneys prior to the extradition hearing scheduled for James Earl Ray.

The following items are enclosed with this memorandum:

A memorandum dated June 19, 1968, at Washington, D. C., captioned "Arthur Jackson Hanes; Arthur Jackson Hanes, Jr."

Copy of a telegram from the American Embassy, London, to the Department of State dated June 18, 1968, which elaborates upon the subject's hearing on that date.

Copy of the charges against the subject as read in court on June 18, 1968, together with an extract of a decision handed down by the Queen's Bench Division of the British Court System which pertains to a writ of habeas corpus hearing in an extradition matter.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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NOTE CONTINUED:

General
the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney/Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, and Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division by routing slip.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2 F

MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS.

DAILY SUMMARY.

RE KANSAS CITY AIRTEL DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN, LAST, ENCLOSING LHM REFLECTING RESULTS OF INTERVIEW OF GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON [redacted]

IF NOT ALREADY DONE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT LEGAT, OTTAWA, BE FURNISHED COPY OF ABOVE, DESCRIBED LHM AND TO BE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION:

THROUGH RCMP, ARRANGE TO HAVE [redacted] KNOWN "HUSTLER" IN MONTREAL AND [redacted] AND [redacted] BOTH KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF [redacted] INTERVIEWED CONCERNING THEIR POSSIBLE ASSOCIATION WITH SUBJECT IN MONTREAL ON ONTARIO, CANADA, DURING JULY AND AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN.

INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED SUBJECT RAY MAY POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES; SELLING, FENCING OR IMPORTING APPLIANCES ILLEGALLY INTO MEXICO AND DEVELOPED AN INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT.

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EDMONDSON [redacted] DESCRIBES [redacted] AS AN INDIVIDUAL ENGAGED IN "DIRTY PICTURE BUSINESS AND PERHAPS LIGHT DOPE," DESCRIBES

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[redacted] AS INVOLVED AS A FENCE OPERATING AN ALLEGED APPLIANCE BUSINESS AND [redacted] AS A PHOTOGRAPHER IN "DIRTY PICTURES AND POT." IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT THERE IS SOME COMMON DENOMINATOR BETWEEN THESE INDIVIDUALS AND SUBJECT RAY.

ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT RAY OBTAINED NECESSARY FRAUDULENT PAPERS FOR OBTAINING CANADIAN PASSPORT IN TORONTO IN APRIL OF ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT HE OBTAINED THE KNOWLEDGE TO OBTAIN SAME FROM THE ABOVE-NAMED INDIVIDUALS WHILE IN MONTREAL DURING JULY AND AUGUST OF ONE NINE SIX SEVEN.

SINCE INVESTIGATION HAS DEVELOPED RAY HAS USUALLY SOLICITED THE SERVICES OF A PROSTITUTE FOR WOMEN COMPANIONSHIP, THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED INDIVIDUALS COULD HAVE POSSIBLY FURNISHED PROSTITUTES FOR RAY AND MAY BE IN A POSITION TO IDENTIFY THE TWO UNKNOWN WHITE FEMALES WHO ALLEGEDLY VISITED RAY AT HIS APARTMENT IN MONTREAL DURING JULY OR AUGUST, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN,

P. END

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FBI WASH DC

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Date: 6/25/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re NY tel to Bureau, 6/21/68.

Efforts to locate an FNU [redacted] Hamilton, Ohio, on 6/22/68, were unproductive.

On 6/24/68, [redacted] was located and interviewed at this address. He furnished the following information:

He is a chronic alcoholic, who receives a $79 per month pension check from the U. S. Government for a non-service connected injury, and has received this money since approximately 1956 after being discharged from the service due to extreme nervousness. He has not been employed on any regular basis since approximately 1956 and also receives a 100 % disability payment under Social Security since he is unable to work because of this nervousness. He has been in the VA Hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio, on two occasions for nervousness and his alcoholic problem, and has been confined at the VA Hospital at Chillicothe, approximately 30 times for the same reasons. He has also been committed on one occasion to the Longview Mental Hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Special Agent in Charge

Around 12/25/67, he began to drink heavily, and around 1/2/68, after being drunk for approximately 6 days, he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and obtained a room at the Fort Washington Hotel. He had received his $79 check from the government on 1/2/68, and after arriving at Cincinnati, he continued to drink heavily at the Bayhorse Tavern. On approximately 1/3/68, he was still drunk and had spent all of his money and spent that night in the Newport, Kentucky Jail in protective custody. He was released on 1/4/68, and again returned to the Bayhorse Tavern where he "bumed"more drinks. He met an FNU MURPHY, whom he had known at the VA Hospital at Chillicothe, and MURPHY invited him to go to Richmond, Virginia, where he knew a woman that would reportedly take care of them.

They left Cincinnati, Ohio, on 1/4/68, in an old white Ford which belonged to MURPHY. It was cold and snowing heavily, and the car's heater was inoperative. When they reached the vicinity of Winchester, Virginia, [redacted] got out of the vehicle because he was cold. MURPHY continued on towards Richmond in the automobile.

[redacted] attempted to "bum" whiskey at Winchester, Virginia, but was unsuccessful, and began to hitchhike at the outskirts of town. He was picked up by a white male driving a semi tractor and trailer, which was freshly painted a dark green. This truck had lettering on the cab's doors, but he could recall no further details about the vehicle.

On 1/5/68, he was riding in this vehicle toward Richmond, Virginia, and was asleep. He felt the driver shaking him, and when he was fully awake, he realized that the driver was very upset and was saying "hand me the gun" as he pointed toward a small green overnight bag on the seat of the cab. [redacted] handed him a nickle plated .45 automatic with black handles,and the driver, who was very upset,stated that he had just seen a car load of Negroes pass the truck and he was going to "get him some nigger bait". The driver calmed down shortly thereafter, and they stopped at a truck stop where [redacted] attempted to call, on a collect basis, his sister at Hamilton, Ohio, to obtain funds. His sister would not

accept the call. The driver of the vehicle stated that he was from California and was going to Jacksonville, Florida.

[redacted] got out of the truck at the outskirts of Richmond, Virginia, and took a bus to his brother's residence at Highland Springs, Virginia, and there obtained his Social Security check, which was being mailed to him in care of his brother. The following night he was jailed on drunk charges at Richmond, Virginia, and on approximately 1/7/68, returned to the Cincinnati, Ohio, area by train.

In April, 1968, he was confined to the VA Hospital at Chillicothe, Ohio, and while there observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, which appeared in the Newsweek Magazine. He immediately recognized [redacted] RAY as the driver of the green truck, with whom he had ridden on approximately 1/5/68.

He obtained his release from the hospital without mentioning this to any officials.

On 6/21 or 22/68, exact date not recalled by [redacted] he placed a telephone call to CBS in New York, New York, and told them that he had seen RAY at Winchester, Virginia. He received a telephone call later in the day from CBS, but can recall no further details concerning either of these telephone calls.

On 6/24/68, the files of the Hamilton PD were reviewed, which shows that [redacted] has had numerous drunk arrests. The files also indicate that he was charged and convicted of resisting arrest in September, 1954, and that he attempted suicide in November, 1954, by cutting his wrists. On the same date, the files of the Hamilton Credit Bureau and the Butler County SO at Hamilton, Ohio, were reviewed, but no record identifiable with [redacted] was located.

A review of Cincinnati indices show that [redacted] has contacted this office on three occasions.

In June, 1964, he appeared in a drunken condition at the office in possession of an application, and stated that he wanted to apply for "FBI work." He was immediately rejected as a very undesirable applicant.

On 7/25/66, he again appeared at the Cincinnati Office in a drunken condition, and stated that unless he was locked up for a thirty-day period, he would commit suicide. The Cincinnati PD was advised, and he was arrested by them and removed from the office.

On 5/13/68, [redacted] appeared at the office and again had been drinking prior to his arrival. He talked to the Complaint Clerk, after demanding a sound-proof room for interview purposes, about non-specific information which made little if any sense. When questioned further in an effort to make some sense out of his rambling conversation, he became very belligerent and left the office. He has been recommended for inclusion in the Chronic Complainant Index.

UACB, no further action being taken by Cincinnati.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained from observation and interview:

Race:	Caucasian
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[redacted]
Height:	5'9½"
Weight:	154
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Tattoos:	Left forearm, "Bob" and "Joy" inscribed over a heart and cross; right leg, outline of a naked woman
Mother:	[redacted] Hamilton, Ohio
Father:	[redacted]

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Brother: [redacted]
Highland Springs, Virginia

Sister: [redacted]
Hamilton, Ohio

FBI #: [redacted]

[redacted] SHOULD BE APPROACHED WITH CAUTION AND CONSIDERED TO HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPR REG NO. 27

5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 25, 1968

FROM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Casper
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan
1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the matter involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., with particular reference to transporting subject Ray to the United States upon the issuance of the extradition order.

Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, asked that I see him as he planned to go to London tonight. He was interested in the problems incident to the transportation of the prisoner and wanted to raise certain questions.

He inquired about the type of aircraft and indicated that commercial aircraft could not be considered. He said it became a question of chartering a plane or using of military aircraft. I pointed out to him that under no circumstances would a charter plane seem acceptable. The problems attendant to any commercial aircraft, including a charter plane would certainly exist. The only logical way would, therefore, seem to be a military aircraft where departure conditions and arrival conditions would be subject to much more control.

In this connection he said that he had understood a Naval field was available at Memphis. He advised me representatives of the Bureau of Prisons had been in Memphis and had checked on the facilities of the sheriff's office. It was also ascertained that the Naval facilities would accommodate military aircra... I pointed out to him that we had checked on this and that the field could handle any size aircraft. I also advised him that there was an alternate landing point at Memphis operated by the National Guard which, of course, could be used in case of an emergency. It can handle any type aircraft.

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We discussed medical assistance on the plane en route to the United States. He asked whether Public Health Service doctors familiar with prison routine would not be desirable. I advised him that I thought a military doctor familiar with military jargon and military routine would seem preferable.

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He mentioned that he had a note concerning the search of the prisoner and travel from the prison to the air field in London. He said this would have to be worked out in London. I advised him that Minich has already checked into available facilities there.

I pointed out to him that exit controls from England as well as clearance once the prisoner arrived in the United States would also have to be prearranged. He said he felt this would be no problem in England that he would work this out. Insofar as arrival in the United States, he said that he would work this out with Ray Farrell, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Insofar as food, restraining devices, he assumed that we would handle this. I advised him this has already been considered and Minich is aware of this.

Vinson wanted to know how many men we plan to have in London to handle the prisoner. I advised him that Special Agent George Zeiss and Harold Light, our Assistant Special Agent in Charge at Quantico, would be available to assist John Minich in the transportation. I reiterated that I assumed this would be on a military aircraft and consequently the three Agents could devote their entire time to the handling of the prisoner during the flight.

Vinson mentioned that he was considering the manner in which he would obtain a military aircraft and he felt that the most desirable way would be to talk to the General Counsel of the Air Force whom he referred to as General Doolittle [redacted] Vinson pointed out that in this connection he had not been discussing any of the transportation with anybody in the Department and closely held his facts as to the manner in which the prisoner was going to be transported. He said he was keeping the Attorney General informed and consequently felt that it would not be desirable to contact anybody else at this point in the Air Force unless it was necessary. He said the General Counsel was responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and would have no difficulty in getting aircraft.

I asked Vinson what steps would be taken to insure that the prisoner would be turned over to us without delay. He said this was a

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matter which he would handle personally and felt there would be no difficulty in getting the necessary documents, whatever they might be for such transportation.

He said it was his best judgment that the extradition would be held on 6/27/68 which would mean that the mandatory waiting period would end on 7/12/68, this is fifteen days after the hearing. The prisoner would have a right to file a request for habeas corpus during that period. If he filed it on the last day of the fifteen day period it would be 7/12/68. It would then go into the Divisional court where it would generally be disposed of within five days. There is a possibility, however, that it can still be taken further according to Vinson. The prisoner would have a right to seek an appeal to the House of Lords. This would be a rare instance and such an appeal would be similar to an appeal from our lower courts to the Supreme Court which is in the nature of a writ of certiorari.

Vinson's best guess is that the prisoner will be ordered extradited between July 15 and August 1.

Vinson indicated that he had had a question put to him about having one of Chief Holloman's men accompany the prisoner back to the United States. He wanted to know our feelings concerning this. I told him that I saw no need for extra passengers and that it would be highly undesirable to take anyone along who was not actually responsible for the transportation of the prisoner. It was also pointed out to him that by making one exception this could very well set a bad precedent and throw the doors open for other requests. It was our experience that only those persons responsible for the transportation should be part of the mission. He did not pursue this further.

He said that he had not reached a decision as to when the Sheriff's Office of Shelby County, Tennessee, would take custody of the prisoner. He said he recognized the plane could touch down at the Naval Air Station and then it would be necessary to transport the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail. He said a decision would have to be made concerning this.

He said that he planned to be back in the United States in about five or six days and would then be in touch with the Bureau.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Minich will be immediately advised of Vinson's comments so that he may be fully aware of this discussion.

VIA TELETYPE

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

PLAINTEXT

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

MURKIN.

RE BUAIRTEL DATED JUNE SEVENTEEN, LAST.

ALLAN O. THOMPSON [redacted] NO LONGER MANAGER ST. FRANCIS HOTEL. JAMES FOREMAN [redacted] PRESENT MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, ADVISED [redacted] THOMPSON DISCHARGED [redacted] THOMPSON EFFORTS BEING MADE TO LOCATE [redacted] AND SHOW ARTIST'S CONCEPTION AS ENCLOSED IN REFERENCED AIRTEL. AS SOON AS [redacted] THOMPSON LOCATED AND OBSERVES ARTIST'S CONCEPTION, BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 25, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a letterhead memorandum stating that officials of New Scotland Yard have advised that subject has become more uncooperative, even with his defense counsel, and the British Attorney General has ruled that no request would be made to interview Ray to the Governor of Prisons until extradition of Ray is ordered.

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The attached memorandum also sets forth results of investigation conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Canada regarding a suit of clothing purchased by the subject at Montreal, Canada, on July 21, 1967, and investigation conducted at a dance studio. An individual at the dance studio identified a photograph of James Earl Ray as being at the dance studio in Montreal, Canada, on May 25, 1968. It is to be noted that preliminary investigation indicates that subject was in London, England, on May 25, 1968.

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Included in this memorandum is the statement that inquiry at the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, reveals the subject made telephone inquiry there regarding conditions for entering South Africa. The banks of Lisbon have not furnished any additional information concerning subject opening an account in a bank.

ACTION:

The attached letterhead memorandum should be forwarded to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson.

Enclosure 6-25-68

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

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EX-104

June 25, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The following additional pertinent information is being furnished relative to the captioned case. The material set forth herein is based on preliminary information and complete details will be incorporated in reports of results of investigation.

The British Attorney General has ruled that no request would be made to the Governor of Prisons to interview subject James Earl Ray until he is ordered extradited by the British courts. The New Scotland Yard officials have advised that subject James Earl Ray has become more uncooperative, even with his defense counsel.

Investigation at the South African Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, reveals that James Earl Ray made a telephone inquiry there regarding conditions for entering South Africa. Additional inquiry at banks in Lisbon, Portugal, regarding accounts opened by the subject have not resulted in any positive information.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police previously advised that they had a telephone call from a dance studio, Montreal, Canada, to the effect that James Earl Ray was seen at a dance studio in Montreal on May 25, 1968. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police has advised that a person who visited the Zeda Zare Dance Studio on May 25, 1968, was definitely identified as James Earl Ray by [redacted] who is the piano player at the studio. It is noted that on May 25, 1968, the subject was allegedly in London, England.

When the subject was arrested in London, England, on June 8, 1968, among his personal effects was a suit of clothing and the name contained in the suit was Eric S. Galt. According

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NOTE: See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach dated 6/25/68, captioned "MURKIN." Copies furnished the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak, Civil Rights Division, and Assistant Attorney General Fred Mr. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, by routing slip.

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to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police on July 21, 1967, a suit of clothing was ordered from the English and Scotch Woollen Company, Limited, Montreal, Canada, by an individual using the name Eric S. Galt. That individual paid $75.06 in cash. A letter was received by the English and Scotch Woollen Company, Limited from Eric S. Galt, giving a return address of 2603 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, and the letter states he was enclosing his address so the company could mail the suit to him at Birmingham, Alabama, as he had to leave Montreal before the suit was finished. No identification could be made of any of the photographs of James Earl Ray by the employees of this firm. Investigation is continuing by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police of all aspects of matters concerning the subject's reported activities in Canada.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/26/68

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

OO: MEMPHIS

San Francisco is placing this case in an RUC status.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
1 - San Francisco
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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P523PM URGENT 6-25-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFOUR LAST.

[redacted] INTERVIEWED. STATES SHE KNOWS [redacted] THAT HE IS ASSOCIATE OF FORMER BROTHER-IN-LAW [redacted] ALSO SUSPECT IN BR; THAT SHE HAS LITTLE TO DO WITH HIM AND NOT AWARE HE EVER LIVED FOURTH STREET, ALTON. PHOTOS JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED WITHOUT EFFECTING IDENTIFICATION.

MACOUPIN COUNTY SHERIFF ELVIN SAWYER [redacted] ADVISED [redacted] HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED TO DATE BUT NECESSARY PAPERS BEING ISSUED FOR ARREST ON THEFT CHARGES. SHERIFF WILL ADVISE IF AND WHEN [redacted] IN CUSTODY THAT COUNTY IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT BE INTERVIEWED BY BUAGENTS.

MAIL COPY SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TELETYPE URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO SAC SPRINGFIELD (44-561)
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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) 4714

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFIVE LAST.

IN VIEW OF FACT [redacted] CONSIDERED A SUSPECT IN ALTON BANK ROBBERY, YOU SHOULD INSTITUTE YOUR OWN EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW HIM. YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL ASPECTS OF THIS BANK ROBBERY MUST BE IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED TO DETERMINE IF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY IS IMPLICATED. KEEP BUREAU FULLY ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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NOTE:

We have been endeavoring to obtain the source of funds of subject James Earl Ray since he escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 196[illegible]. Bank of Alton, Illinois, robbed by two masked individuals on July 13, 1967, and Ray considered a suspect. Investigation has also developed [redacted] as a suspect. Sheriff of Macoupin County, Illinois, advises paper being issued for arrest of theft charges of F against [redacted] and Sheriff will advise when [redacted] in custody in order that he might be interviewed by Bureau Agents. Springfield being advised to institute own efforts to locate and interview [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI MEMPHIS

440 PM URGENT 6-26-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

LEGAT, LONDON AIRTEL JUNE EIGHTEEN LAST CONTAINED INFO RE POSSIBLE INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT. FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION OF BUREAU IN CONNECTION WITH ANY AUTHORIZED INTERVIEW, BUREAU SHOULD CONSIDER THAT SUBJECT WHEN RETURNED TO MEMPHIS WILL BE IN CUSTODY LOCAL AUTHORITIES. POSSIBLITY EXISTS THAT ANY INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT BY FBI WHILE IN LOCAL CUSTODY MIGHT RAISE POSSIBLE DEFENSE ALLEGATION OF FBI HARASSMENT OR INTERFERENCE IN WHAT IS NOMINALLY A STATE MURDER TRIAL. MEMPHIS OF OPINION THAT ULTIMATELY AN INTERVIEW OF RAY WILL BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROVE OR DISPROVE ALLEGATION OF CONSPIRACY IN CONNECTION WITH DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. MEMPHIS OF OPINION THAT MOST PRACTICAL TIME FOR CONDUCTING INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT WILL BE PRIOR TO HIS RETURN TO LOCAL CUSTODY. MEMPHIS SUGGESTS IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO MAKE EFFORTS TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW OF SUBJECT DURING HIS RETURN TO U.S. IT IS PRESUMED BUREAU AGENTS WOULD HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER CONDITIONS OF INTERVIEW AT THAT TIME. MEMPHIS FULLY RECOGNIZES PROBABILITY THAT SUBJECT WILL NOT NECESSARILY FURNISH ANY INFO OF PERTINENCE,

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BUT FEELS EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO CONDUCT INTERVIEW.

P. B. GULLETT, ATTORNEY AT LAW, ADMITTED TO TENNESSEE STATE BAR IN NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN AND HAS BEEN PRACTICING ATTORNEY SINCE THAT TIME. HE IS ASSOCIATED WITH THOMAS W. STEELE, VAL SANFORD, AND CHARLES W. WHITE. LAW FIRM PRACTICES UNDER NAME GULLETT, STEELE, SANFORD AND WHITE AT NASHVILLE, TENN. FORMER ASSOCIATES OF GULLETT INCLUDED FEDERAL JUDGE HARRY PHILLIPS, CURRENTLY MEMBER OF U. S. SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, AND WELDON WHITE, MEMBER TENNESSEE STATE SUPREME COURT PRIOR TO HIS DEATH.

GULLETT WAS MEMBER OF TENNESSEE STATE SENATE FROM DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENN., WAS PRESIDENT, TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND IS ACTIVE IN WORK OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND TENNESSEE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION. U. S. ATTORNEY G. MERRITT, JR., MDT, AND W. E. HOPTON, DIRECTOR, TENNESSEE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION, BOTH AT NASHVILLE, ADVISED GULLETT AND ASSOCIATES ARE HIGHLY REPUTABLE ATTORNEYS IN NASHVILLE AREA AND WELL REGARDED BY ASSOCIATES IN TENNESSEE. MEMPHIS INDICES DISCLOSE NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION RE GULLETT OR ANY MEMBERS OF HIS LAW FIRM.

~~CORR: PG TWO LINE NINE WRD ONE IS WELDON EH WHITE.~~

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FBI WASH DC

June 21, 1968

AIRTEL AIRMAIL-REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)
Attention: FBI Laboratory
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

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The Birmingham office is in receipt of a letter from [redacted] Scottsboro, Alabama, the original of which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies of same are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

[redacted]s contacted on June 18, 1968, at Scottsboro, Alabama, and furnished a pamphlet concerning which he had written to the Birmingham office. The original of this pamphlet is an application with the Palmer Writers School, Minneapolis, Minnesota, which is being furnished the Bureau, and Xerox copies thereof are being furnished New Orleans and Memphis.

It is noted that the typewriter on name [redacted] which appears above the name [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, may have been typed by a different typewriter than [redacted] address.

From a layman's comparison of the handprinting on the pamphlet under Parts A, C, and D,

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2-New Orleans (Enc.2)(AM-RM)
2-Memphis (AM-RM)(Enc.2)
2-Birmingham
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together with background information furnished by [redacted] the possibility exists that same may have been written by subject RAY, based upon photographic specimens of his handprinting furnished the Birmingham office by the Bureau, by Routing Slip dated June 17, 1968. This, together with the fact it is known that RAY was visiting in New Orleans on March 22, 1968, which was the date indicated the Palmer Writers School pamphlet was executed, plus RAY's known propensity for correspondence courses, makes it desirable that investigation be conducted at New Orleans, as set forth below.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to make a handprinting comparison of the executed portions of the Palmer Writers School pamphlet filled in by [redacted] with known handprinting specimens of subject RAY and that Birmingham, New Orleans, and Memphis be advised of the results.

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA:

1. Will conduct investigation at Apartment No.3, (upstairs) 2028 Tulane Avenue, and determine occupant on the date of March 22, 1968. Determine whether subject RAY may possibly have rented the apartment temporarily or may have been visiting the normal occupants thereof.

2. Will interview [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, 70119, regarding the pamphlet of the Palmer Writers School, and

determine whether he was acquainted with the [redacted] whose name appears above that of [redacted] as desiring to be enrolled in the Palmer Writers School. Will determine from [redacted] whether he is acquainted with anyone by the name of [redacted] or whether he might recognize photographs of subject RAY. (New Orleans refer to its previous report regarding RAY's presence in New Orleans on the date in question).

Laboratory Transmittal Form
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1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

FBI
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Birmingham (44-1740) Date: June 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680624097 JK

Examination requested by: Birmingham

Reference: Airtel 6/21/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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2 - Memphis (44-1987) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
2 - New Orleans Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT
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FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Birmingham (44-1740)

Date: June 26, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680624097 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 6/24/68

Q376 Palmer Writers School pamphlet submitted under the name [redacted] bearing hand printing

ALSO SUBMITTED: Handwritten letter signed [redacted]

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the handwriting on Q376 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, K211.

Q376 has been photographed and is being returned to Birmingham with the ALSO SUBMITTED material.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT BONN NO. 40

MURKIN.

REBUCABS JUNE THIRTEEN LAST AND JUNE EIGHT LAST.

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535PM URGENT 6-26-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYFIVE LAST.

[redacted] TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAKE CONTACT WITH PERSONS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO VERIFY RESIDENCE OF [redacted] ON FOURTH STREET, ALTON, JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. STATED HE IS CERTAIN [redacted] LIVED THERE AND CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY.

[redacted] NOT YET ARRESTED BY MACOUPIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 6/26/68

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Legat London by airtel 6/24/68 and personally delivered by SA W. Martindale, General Investigative Division, submitted the following items of property taken from personal effects of James Earl Ray for Laboratory examination.

1. A scratch pad of blank paper. This pad was examined for indented writing and watermarks with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating that it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.

2. One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs. These items were examined for visible and invisible laundry marks but none were found.

3. A Wittnauer wrist watch. The back of this watch was removed, no serial number was found on the movement, no foreign material was found and there was no evidence the watch had been subjected to repair.

4. Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from a .38 Special "Liberty Chief" revolver (subject's revolver). These items were searched in the National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long, 2260)
1 - Mr. Trotter (Mr. Latona)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab Files
1 - Mr. Jevons

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Memorandum to Mr. Conrad
Re: MURKIN

In addition, a TWA message slip was submitted for latent fingerprint examination. The Identification Division has advised that two latent fingerprints of value were developed on the slip but are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray. This slip bears handwritten message addressed to [redacted] as follows: "Mr. Ray to meet you at T.W.A. ticket desk." It has been determined that this writing was not prepared by James Earl Ray.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the subject's revolver are being expeditiously forwarded to Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate RCMP comparison. All other submitted items mentioned are being expeditiously returned to Legat, London, for return to Scotland Yard.

ACTION: None. For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 27, 1968

FROM : R. I. Shroder

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Shroder
1 - Mr. Gallagher
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

At about 1:05 p.m., 6/27/68, Nathaniel Kossack, Assistant to Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division of the Department advised that at about 1:00 p.m., our time, Vinson called him from London and wanted the Bureau to know that fingerprint examiner George Bonebrake, Jr., Identification Division, testified today in London on the extradition hearing involving James Ray.

Mr. Vinson said Bonebrake did an outstanding job and was a credit to the Department. He stated that he did such a good job that there was really no cross-examination. He did say that under English law the defense attorney is able to ask questions outside of the scope of the direct examination and Bonebrake was asked all sorts of political questions. According to Vinson he handled himself extremely well and on those questions remarked that he was a finger-print examiner and that is what he was qualified to testify to.

Vinson again reiterated that he thought Bonebrake did an outstanding job and handled himself extremely well.

ACTION

This is for record purposes.

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6/17/68

Att.: Mr. THOMAS E. BISHOP
INSPECTOR IN CHARGE

FROM : SAC, Atlanta

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Attached is a copy of RALPH McGILL's editorial which appeared on Page 1 of the Atlanta Consitution 6/15/68.

This is a nationally syndicated column. The column is quite favorable concerning the work of the FBI in the MURKIN Case.

It is recommended the Director send a note of appreciation to Mr. McGILL for his favorable comments in this column. Nothing in the files of the Atlanta Division precludes such a note being sent.

Mr. McGILL's address is:

Mr. RALPH McGILL
Publisher
The Atlanta Constitution
10 Forsyth Street Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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RALPH

McGILL

The Geese Are Quiet Now

Another phase of the sickness of our society, of which petty, petulant cynicism and a wish to believe the worst are symptoms, was revealed by the capture of the man suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King. The arrest of James Earl Ray came after a really brief span of time, all things considered.



A Bible text may be helpful. Three paragraphs of it begin with Matthew 11:12:

"From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence and the violent carry it away. . .

"The man who has ears to hear, he must use them.

"But how can I show what the people of this generation are like? They are like children sitting in the market place calling out to their friends, 'We played at weddings for you but you would not dance, and we played at funerals and you would not cry.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they said, 'He is a hypocrite and crazy.' Then the Son of Man came, enjoying life, and people say, 'Look, a drunkard and a glutton—the close friend of the tax collectors and the sinners.'

The Doubters

Always the doubters—the cynics, the nay-sayers, the makers of false rumors, the arousers of suspicion—refuse to accept reality.

Dr. King was murdered on April 4. The one suspect was arrested in London on June 8.

Yet, in those few weeks the most amazing, corrupting rumors, half-whispered claims of "inside information," doubts and evil reports were circulated about the Department of Justice and, more especially, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Some of these false accusations and wholly spurious claims of "inside reports" and manufactured rumors were set in motion by the gaggles of geese that are in all our community ponds. Others were initiated by persons of malice or by enemies of the American system. Some were set in motion seeking to make the Negro have doubt in the integrity of the Department of Justice and the administration.

The more commonly circulated and false rumors and lies were these:

False Rumors

1. The FBI doesn't want to catch the man because the FBI didn't like Dr. King.

2. The FBI (or "the government") doesn't want to capture Ray because if he is caught there will be released something so monstrous it can't be allowed to become public.

3. The suspect is already dead. The persons who hired him to murder have already killed him to keep him from talking and the FBI knows it and wants it left that way.

4. There were other lesser, but equally silly, claims that "they" told to the gullible. They included claims that the FBI hired only Catholics. "They" also said the FBI was made up of Southerners who didn't like colored people—and so on and on, ad nauseum.

It is surprising how many persons do not understand the legalisms that restrict the FBI to investigative work connected with violations of federal law. The Bureau is not a police force. The FBI was, for example, largely impotent in the civil rights area until Congress enacted federal laws.

It is a tribute to J. Edgar Hoover and the almost incredible expertise of his bureau that they have done so tremendous a job in the area of federal law enforcement and detection.

While the geese-flock known as "they" were whispering that they "knew" the FBI was not trying to find James Earl Ray, a massive force of men and research detection was at work in 50 states, in Mexico and Canada. Now Ray is caught.

The gossipy geese will be quiet for a brief time—but they soon will be at it again. Nothing ever stops them—not even the truth.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Atlanta, Ga.

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Editor: Eugene Patterson
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343PM URGENT 6-13-68 EJM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), LOS ANGELES (44-1574), MEMPHIS (44-1987),
SAN DIEGO (44-387)(44-394)

FROM RICHMOND 3P

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RE SAN DIEGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

ON JUNE THIRTEEN INSTANT, CHELTON V. STEWART CHIEF OF POLICE [redacted]
BIG STONE GAP, VA., ADVISED HE KNOWS [redacted]
BUT [redacted] IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

SAME DATE, SHELBY MULLINS [redacted] SHERIFF, WISE CO., VA., ADVISED [redacted] OR [redacted] IS NOT WANTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT.

SAME DATE, [redacted] BIG STONE GAP, VA., FORMER LANDLADY OF [redacted] ADVISED HE HAD LEFT HER HOME AND BIG STONE GAP IN MID NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR. HE ADVISED HER PRIOR TO LEAVING THAT HE WAS GOING TO MEXICO AND SHE FOUND OUT LATER FROM THERE HE WENT TO MISSOURI. SHE STATED THAT [redacted] HAS TRAVELED THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SINCE SIXTYFOUR. SHE KNEW THIS BECAUSE SHE HAD RECEIVED SEVERAL CARDS FROM HIM WHICH HAD BEEN

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DESTROYED INDICATING VARIOUS PLACES IN THE U.S. WHICH HE HAD VISITED. SHE ADVISED THAT [redacted] WAS A PROLIFIC LETTER WRITER IN THAT HE WROTE LETTERS CONSTANTLY, SOME TO PROMINENT PEOPLE IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA AND LETTERS TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. SHE EXHIBITED COPIES OF SEVERAL LETTERS LEFT WITH HER BY [redacted] WHICH [redacted] SENT TO OFFICIALS AND A REVIEW OF THESE LETTERS REVEALED THEY WERE A SYMPATHETIC TYPE OF LETTER, NOT THREATENING IN NATURE. SHE ADVISED [redacted] IS KNOWN TO HER AS [redacted] AKA [redacted] SHE STATED [redacted] BIG STONE GAP, VA., AN AUNT OF [redacted] MIGHT KNOW THE LOCATION OF [redacted] SHE FURTHER ADVISED EARLY IN THE NINETEEN SIXTIES [redacted] HAD PROBLEMS WITH ONE OF HIS HANDS AND HAD TO HAVE SKIN GRAFTED FROM UNDER HIS ARM WHICH LEFT A SCAR. SHE ADVISED SHE HAD NOT SEEN NOR HEARD FROM [redacted] IN OVER THREE YEARS TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE.

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NOT KNOW THE NAME OF [redacted] HUSBAND BUT INDICATED HE WAS DEAD. SHE FURTHER ADVISED AT ONE TIME [redacted] HAD BEEN AT ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL , SPRINGFIELD, MO., FOR SOME TYPE OF OPERATION. SHE ADVISED DURING SIXTYFOUR, PRIOR TO HIS LEAVING FOR MEXICO, [redacted] WAS JAILED AT WISE CO., VA., FOR ASSAULT FOR SEVENTEEN DAYS. SHE FURNISHED A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN APRIL, SIXTYFOUR, OF [redacted] WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT RICHMOND.

[redacted] IS DESCRIBED AS A WHITE MALE, FIVE FEET SIX INCHES TO FIVE FEET SEVEN INCHES. ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE TO ONE HUNDRED SIXTY LBS., MEDIUM BUILD, BLACK HAIR, INTELLIGENT SPEAKER [redacted]

SAN DIEGO - ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION DESIRED AT BIG STONE GAP, VA.

RICHMOND WILL CONTACT [redacted] AUNT, [redacted], BIG STONE GAP, VA., FOR FURTHER INFO RE [redacted] WILL ALSO CONTACT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, NORTON, VA., FOR ANY PERTINENT BACKGROUND INFO RE [redacted]

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The Attorney General

July 1, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

New Scotland Yard has advised that on June 4, 1968, an armed robbery was committed by a man with a revolver who entered the London Trustees Savings Bank, Fulham, England, and held up members of the bank staff obtaining ninety-five pounds, ten shillings (approximately $239). The man handed the bank cashier a pink paper bag on which was printed "Place all five and ten pound notes in this bag." The man was given a bundle of five pound notes. He then departed the bank and left the bag behind.

A right thumb fingerprint impression developed on the bag has been positively identified by New Scotland Yard as being identical with the right thumb fingerprint of James Earl Ray. Additionally, on the basis of interviews with the bank staff and a salesman in a tailor shop which the man entered after the robbery, all descriptions of the robber fit that of James Earl Ray. New Scotland Yard states that the evidence is sufficient to prove the robbery offence was committed by Ray.

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New Scotland Yard is also concerned that Ray may have committed other offenses in England, in particular a bank robbery at Plymouth, England, on May 31, 1968, where a similar modus operandi was used and the artist's conception bears a likeness to Ray. New Scotland Yard is also checking into the attempted robbery of the National Provincial Bank in London, England, on June 29, 1967, in which a similar modus operandi was used. During the ensuing chase a man was shot dead. New Scotland Yard doubts Ray was in England at that time.

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It is noted that Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, and information developed to date shows he next appeared in Montreal, Canada, on July 18, 1967, using the name Eric S. Galt.

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COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

The Attorney General

The foregoing information was furnished by New Scotland Yard on a confidential basis and should not be disseminated outside the Department.

You will continue to be kept advised of any pertinent developments.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:

Above information furnished on confidential basis by New Scotland Yard. We are checking out unsolved bank robberies in United States from period of Ray's escape 4/23/67 from Missouri State Penitentiary for similar modus operandi and will pursue any developed. Royal Canadian Mounted Police requested by Legal Attache to do likewise. All aspects being vigorously pursued.

Minnich advises permission received from Scotland Yard that above information may be furnished to Department of Justice on need-to-know basis and under no circumstances should it be released outside of Department. Minnich will inform AAG Vinson in London on same basis a. m. of July 2 next.

VIA TELETYPE

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URGENT 6-19-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT PARIS NO 84

MURKIN.

REBUCAB JUNE ONE EIGHT LAST.

PARIS FILES CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY INFO RE [redacted] OR [redacted] THEY ARE MOST COOPERATIVE PORTUGUESE CONTACTS AND EXTREMELY FRIENDLY TO BUREAU.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached communication sets forth results of investigation conducted in Lisbon, Portugal. Legal Attache in Paris recommends letter of appreciation be forwarded Senor Fernando Eduardo Da Silva Pais, Director of Portuguese International and State Security Police (PIDE), thanking him for the excellent assistance of Senor Jose Manuel Da Cunha Passo.

According to Legat Paris, his files contain no derogatory data on Pais or Passo and they are described as cooperative with Bureau. Bureau files contain no derogatory data on Passo.

Bureau files contain reference in 1945, indicating Pais was reportedly given Iron Cross by Germany [redacted]

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Date: 6/13/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (100-2082) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re London airtel to Bureau 6/9/68.

Enclosed are eight copies of an LHM containing the results of investigation conducted at Lisbon, Portugal, 6/8-12/68. The following are points of interest:

1. Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO, Chief of Criminal Investigations, Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (PIDE - Portuguese International and State Security Police), Lisbon, was extremely cooperative and produced the desired documents and information quickly and willingly. It is recommended that a letter of appreciation be forwarded from the Director to Sr. FERNANDO EDUARDO DA SILVA PAIS, Director of PIDE, thanking him for the excellent assistance and cooperation of Sr. PASSO.

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Special Agent in Charge

2. Investigation disclosed that RAY, known as RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, arrived in Lisbon on 5/8/68 and departed on 5/17/68 and apparently did not leave Lisbon during that period.

3. Extensive inquiry reflects that he lived at a small third-rate hotel and lived the life of a tourist. He slept most of the day and stayed up most of the night visiting cheap bars and nightclubs and picking up girls. We located one prostitute who knew subject.

The Portuguese Police are continuing their investigation by circularizing banks to determine if the subject opened a bank account or obtained a safe-deposit box during his visit in Lisbon. They are also interviewing employees of the Portuguese Airlines ticket office and members of the crew of the flight which he took from Lisbon to London for any further pertinent information. This is being followed closely and will be reported promptly upon receipt.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

June 13, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

The following investigation was conducted at Lisbon, Portugal, on June 8-12, 1968:

Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO, Inspector of the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (PIDE - Portuguese International and State Security Police), Lisbon, on June 8, 1968, furnished the following documents:

1. Entry card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYA when he arrived at Lisbon Airport at 1:15 AM, May 8, 1968, via British European Airways Flight 074. The entry card showed that he was born on October 8, 1932, in Toronto, Canada; employed by an "auto agency"; a resident of 962 Dundas Street, Toronto; carrying Canadian Passport #DJ-909324, issued in Ottawa, Canada, on April 24, 1968.

2. Exit card executed by RAMON GEORGE SNEYD when he departed from Lisbon en route to London, England, on May 17, 1968, at 11:00 AM, on Portuguese Airlines Flight 450. This exit card indicated he was in possession of Canadian Passport #YT-602294, issued by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon on May 16, 1968.

   The exit card indicated that SNEYD had been questioned by the passport inspector as to the fact that his Canadian passport issued in Lisbon on May 16, 1968, did not reflect his entry into Portugal. He then produced his original Canadian passport issued April 24, 1968, in Ottawa, which reflected his entry into Portugal on May 8, 1968. This was noted by the passport inspector on the exit card.

3. Registration card for RAMON GEORGE SNEYA at the Hotel Portugal, Lisbon, dated May 8, 1968.

Sr. PASSO advised that a careful check of entry and exit records between May 8 and 17, 1968, failed to disclose that the subject, under the name of SNEYD, had departed or re-entered Portugal between those dates. Likewise, a careful check of records since May 17, 1968, failed to reflect that he returned to Portugal at any time following his departure.

[redacted] Passport Inspector at Lisbon Airport, Lisbon, was interviewed on June 8, 1968, at the Lisbon Airport and advised that he recalled the incident when the subject departed Lisbon on May 17, 1968, since it was necessary for him to question the subject regarding his new passport and the fact that it did not reflect his entry into Portugal. He recalls that SNEYD then produced his original passport issued April 24, 1968, at Ottawa and explained that a new passport had been issued by the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon on May 16, 1968, since the original passport contained a misspelling of his name as SNEYA rather than SNEYD.

[redacted] stated that he was satisfied with the subject's explanation and noted that his original passport had been properly cancelled by the Canadian Embassy, but he had been advised to retain it since it reflected his entry into Portugal. [redacted] recognized a photograph of the subject from his original passport application at Ottawa.

[redacted] of the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, was contacted and interviewed. He furnished the application executed by SNEYD on May 16, 1968, for a replacement passport. He stated that SNEYD had come to the Embassy explaining that his original passport issued April 24, 1968, at Ottawa, Canada, had a misspelling of his name as SNEYA rather than SNEYD and that this had caused confusion. He requested advice as to how this could be rectified. [redacted] decided to issue a replacement passport gratis in the name of SNEYD.

[redacted] stated that the subject produced a copy of an original birth certificate showing his birth as October

8, 1932, at Toronto, Canada. The original passport application executed by SNEYD reflected his date and place of birth as October 8, 1932, at Toronto, Canada, and gave his residence as 962 Dundas Street, Toronto, Canada. It indicated that a replacement passport, #YT-602294, was being issued in Lisbon to replace the original passport, #DJ-909324, issued in Ottawa on April 24, 1968, since the original passport contained a typographical error which had caused some confusion in the past. There was attached to the passport application an affidavit executed by SNEYD to the effect that there was no guarantor in Lisbon who could vouch for his identity, since he was there alone on vacation as a tourist. He did not give any local residence.

[redacted] advised that he did not engage in a lengthy conversation with the subject but interviewed him briefly and authorized the issuance of a new passport since he was convinced by the presentation of the birth certificate as to the subject's identity as a Canadian citizen. He stated that the passport application had been handled by [redacted] a Consular Assistant in his office.

[redacted] who was vacationing at a distant location in Portugal, was interviewed by telephone from Lisbon on June 8, 1968. She stated that when she assisted SNEYD in executing his passport application, he said he was staying in Lisbon only one or two days and debated whether to bother to change his passport because he "did not want to spend all of his time waiting around the Embassy." A new passport was issued the day after he first came in. It is noted that the passport photograph does not identify the photographer. [redacted] stated she may have referred RAY to Foto Lusitania to have the photographs taken, but she could not definitely recall whether or not she had done so.

[redacted] advised that subject displayed a Canadian birth certificate in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD. He needed a great deal of help in filling out the application, leading [redacted] to believe he did not have a good education. She also advised that he had a rather unusual accent for a Canadian. She cancelled the passport issued at Ottawa by stamping it cancelled on each page and clipping one inch from each of the inside pages.

JAMES EARL RAY

Sr. PASSO advised that Foto Lusitania, Parc Mayer, Lisbon, had been contacted on June 11, 1968. They recognized the photograph of the subject and recalled that he had been referred there by the Canadian Embassy on May 16, 1968, for passport photographs. They took his photograph and he purchased several copies (six is the usual number). They considered this a normal routine transaction and nothing out of the ordinary was noted.

[redacted] Hotel Portugal, 4 Rua Joao das Regras, Lisbon, advised on June 9, 1968, that the subject registered under the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYA on May 8, 1968, and departed on May 17, 1968. This is a small, inexpensive hotel. The registration book maintained by the hotel reflects the dates of his arrival and departure and indicates his occupancy of the room during that entire period. The registration book reflects (probably taken from his passport) that his nationality is Canadian and he is 36 years of age.

[redacted] advised that it was his impression that the subject resided there as a tourist. He was not particularly friendly with any other clients of the hotel. He slept late during the day and stayed out late at night. [redacted] advised that it was his impression that the subject was spending his time in bars or nightclubs where he could pick up girls, since on at least two occasions he attempted to bring girls into his room and when the hotel refused to permit him to do so, he departed with the girls and stayed out for the entire night. [redacted] stated that he did not know the identity of the girls whom SNEYD brought to the hotel.

[redacted] advised that at the time of his departure on May 17, 1968, he paid cash for the last three days, having previously been billed for his first week of occupancy. He recognized the subject's passport photograph taken at the time of the issuance of his original passport in Canada and stated that subject did not wear the glasses constantly during his stay at the hotel.

Sr. PASSO advised that on the night of June 9, 1968, Inspector [redacted] of the PIDE visited numerous nightclubs and bars of the type which the subject may have frequented, in an effort to obtain further specific

information as to his contacts, associates and activities. Inspector [redacted] visited the following bars and nightclubs:

Texas Bar
Arizona Bar
Niagara Bar
California Bar
Europa Bar
Atlantico Bar
Bolero Bar
Maxime's Nightclub
Galo Bar and Nightclub
Fontoria Nightclub
Tagide Nightclub
Nina Nightclub

Inspector [redacted] interviewed approximately 60 individuals, including doormen, managers, bartenders, bar girls and prostitutes. He displayed the subject's photograph in all instances to determine if the subject was known and, if so, the extent of the contacts. Inspector [redacted] advised that subject had visited the Texas Bar on two occasions alone and had purchased beer on each occasion. He had not remained for more than an hour. The same was true at the Niagara Bar. There were various individuals in the other bars contacted who vaguely thought they recognized his photograph but could furnish no specific information.

At the Bolero Bar, the proprietor indicated that the subject had come there on two occasions at approximately midnight and had remained there until 2:00 or 3:00 AM drinking beer. He was alone and quiet and attracted no special attention.

At Maxime's Nightclub, [redacted] a prostitute, advised that she had met the subject when he had visited there one night. She spent several hours with him in the nightclub and then went out and spent the night with him. She advised that she does not speak English and he did not speak Portuguese and, therefore, they spoke "only the international language of love." She declined to say where she had spent the night with him, but did advise that he insisted on presenting her with gifts rather than paying her in cash since this made the transaction less commercial. He, therefore, presented her with a dress and stockings in payment for her services. She has not seen nor heard from the subject

again. She could not recall specifically the date when she met him and could furnish no further pertinent information. She reiterated that the conversation was very limited.

At the Galo Bar, [redacted] recognized the subject's photograph and stated that he had visited this bar on two occasions and had bought her drinks on each occasion. She likewise speaks practically no English and, therefore, the conversation was very limited. On each occasion, he spent one or two hours drinking beer and departed alone. No further pertinent information was available from this source.

At the Fontoria Nightclub, the subject was vaguely known by various employees. One Spanish girl, not further identified, stated that the subject had purchased her beer during a visit when he stayed there for one or two hours. No further specific information was available from this source.

It was noted that at the time of the subject's arrest in London, England, he had in his possession a timetable of South African Airways on which Salisbury, Rhodesia, was checked.

Sr. PASSO advised on June 11, 1968, that the South African Airways office in Lisbon had been contacted. One employee, not further identified, vaguely recognized the photograph of the subject as a person who may have made inquiry, but he was not certain as to this. He stated that numerous persons enter the South African Airways office and that no particular note is made of the transaction unless something unusual occurs. He may have inquired for a timetable, but the employee does not specifically recall this. There is no record of any travel having been purchased by SNEYD at this office.

Sr. PASSO also advised that inquiry had been conducted at the Rhodesian Mission in Lisbon. Employees there failed to recognize the subject's photograph and there was no record of any inquiry having been made by him.

Since the British press indicated that an inquiry had been received at the Biafra office in Lisbon from an individual who requested information as to going to Biafra as a white mercenary, Sr. PASSO was requested to make inquiry

at the Biafra office.

Sr. PASSO advised that the Biafra office, which is located at 16 Avenida Torre da Belem, Lisbon, does not ordinarily receive inquiries from prospective white mercenaries. He stated that the purpose of this establishment is probably to purchase arms throughout Europe and to handle their transit through Lisbon en route to Biafra. He stated that inquiry there had failed to reflect that the subject had made any inquiries there.

It was also noted that the British press had indicated that the subject had made some inquiries in London of a British reporter regarding the possibility of going to Angola, a Portuguese possession in Africa, as a white mercenary.

Inquiry was made of Sr. PASSO regarding this possibility. He advised that there are no white mercenaries fighting in Angola. He also advised that no foreigner is allowed to enter Angola without the specific permission of the Portuguese authorities.

Since information was received indicating that the subject had converted South African money into British money in London, inquiry was conducted in Lisbon to determine if he had purchased South African currency at the Lisbon Airport.

[redacted] Lisbon Airport, failed to recognize a photograph of the subject. He also displayed the photograph to several employees of the bank, who likewise failed to recognize the photograph. They explained that they handle numerous exchange transactions and they do not necessarily note an individual's appearance.

In all of the above inquiries particular attention was given to attempting to determine if the subject was alone or was accompanied by other individuals. It was ascertained that he was alone in all instances, except those described above.

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June 24, 1968

AIRMAIL

Sr. Fernando Eduardo Da Silva Pais
Director
Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado
Rua Antonio Maria Cardoso 20
Lisbon, Portugal

Dear Mr. Da Silva Pais:

I want to take this opportunity to thank through you Inspector Da Cunha Passo, Chief of Criminal Investigations, for the outstanding assistance rendered in connection with the matter involving James Earl Ray. His investigation of the activities of Ray while in your country has been exemplary in every respect.

The excellent spirit of cooperation is indeed a tribute to you and your Department and my associates and I are most grateful. I wish you would convey my sentiments to Inspector Da Cunha Passo.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

MAILED 24
JUN 24 1968
COMM-FBI

1 - Legat Paris (100-2082)
Reurairtel 6-13-68.
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

NOTE: This letter recommended by Legat Paris and General Investigative Division concurs. Mr. Da Silva Pais, Director of the Portuguese International and State Security Police, and Inspector Da Cunha Passo are on the Director's Christmas card mailing list. Complete address utilized obtained from this list.

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FBI

Date: 6-24-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

During the early stages of this investigation the subject was determined to have lived at a boarding house in Birmingham, Alabama, during August and September, 1967. An intensive investigation was conducted in connection with his residence, and it was necessary to check telephone records for the period of time he resided at this boarding house. In addition to this, public telephone booths in the area which were available to the subject were noted, and long distance telephone calls placed from these phone booths were checked.

[redacted] Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and an SAC Contact of this office, was requested to discreetly make these checks for this office. Due to the urgency of the matter, it was necessary to contact him during the late evening hours, and he immediately came into his office and personally checked these calls himself. During this period of time [redacted] was extremely busy since his company was having union troubles and preparations were being made for a strike. He gave generously of his time and expressed a willingness to assist us in any hour of the day or night. It was again necessary to call on him on a weekend, and he again came to the office and made checks for us.

The Bureau is requested to direct a letter of appreciation to [redacted] Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 441 Phoenix Building, Birmingham, Alabama 35203, his immediate supervisor, advising him of the excellent cooperation

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3-Bureau
2-Birmingham
1 - 44-1740
1 - 80-316 (T. Chandler Josey)
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SEE ADDENDUM GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION -- PAGE 2.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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received from [redacted] in connection with an official investigation conducted by this office. There is no derogatory information contained in the Birmingham indices identifiable with [redacted]

A copy of the above letter should be directed to [redacted] Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, 501 Phoenix Building, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. There is no derogatory information contained in the Birmingham indices identifiable with [redacted]

ADDENDUM: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION REL:pah 6/27/68

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] rovided full and complete cooperation to our Birmingham Office in this case in connection with long distance telephone checks which were of the utmost urgency. He did this on his own time and under adverse conditions. The General Investigative Division recommends that a letter of appreciation be directed to [redacted] advising him of the excellent cooperation received from [redacted] The Bureau and Birmingham files contain no derogatory information regarding [redacted] or [redacted]

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July 1, 1968

[redacted]
Southern Bell Telephone and
Telegraph Company
441 Phoenix Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

[redacted]

[redacted] was of invaluable assistance during a recent investigation of great interest to this Bureau. His willingness to be of help and generous giving of his own time were of immeasurable aid in this matter and my associates in our Birmingham Office are indebted to him for his cooperation. I join them in expressing our appreciation and ask that you convey our sentiments to him.

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JUL 1 - 1968
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Birmingham (44-1740)
Reurairtel 6-24-68.

NOTE: Letter as above recommended by SAC, Birmingham by airtel 6-24-68 and concurred in by addendum of the General Investigative Division 6-27-68. Both [redacted] and [redacted] are on the Special Correspondents' List. This matter pertains to the Murkin investigation.
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FBI

Date: 6/24/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

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[redacted] has advised New Scotland Yard that the organization in Brussels known as CRISP, which is mentioned in [redacted] previously submitted statement, is a research organization that attempts to keep track of mercenaries in Africa. [redacted] mention to RAY of CRISP and [redacted] who is connected with CRISP, was in the context of suggesting a possible means of locating RAY's brother whom RAY had alleged was a mercenary in Angola and missing. In this regard it is noted that [redacted] did not provide RAY with the address of the above individual or organization.

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 2)
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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It was alleged that when RAY left the Pax Hotel on the morning of his arrest he carried a small flight bag over his shoulder and no other luggage. When arrested he had no luggage, having already checked one suitcase to Brussels. This suitcase was recovered by Scotland Yard and is a square, plaid, fabric zipper bag somewhat larger than the usual "two-suiter".

Scotland Yard conducted an exhaustive search of all baggage rooms and lockers in London without locating any luggage identifiable with RAY. All indications are that at the time of his arrest RAY was on his way to Brussels for the purpose of making the necessary contacts to go to Africa as a mercenary and it would therefore seem unlikely that he was leaving anything of value behind.

An examination of RAY's airline tickets shows that the number of pieces and weight of luggage was not entered on the ticket for the flight from Toronto to London. From London to Lisbon he checked one piece weighing 12 kilos (26.46 pounds). On the return flight fromLisbon to London he checked one piece weighing 15 kilos (33.07 pounds); and on the intended flight to Brussels he checked one piece weighing 13 kilos (28.66 pounds). Scotland Yard has advised that his bag in its present condition weighs 28 pounds and 12 ounces. A raincoat he was carrying when arrested weighs an additional two pounds. Articles removed from his bag for his use in prison, not counting what he actually wears, consist of a suit, a shirt, a pair of socks, an undershirt and a pair of shorts, having a total estimated weight of 3 pounds.

Scotland Yard has advised that airline employees often fail to take time to precisely weigh luggage unless overweight charges are involved (the allowance is 20 kilos) and they often estimate the weight while the scale is fluctuating. This could readily account for an error of one or two kilos. It is noted that his raincoat may have been in the suitcase on the flight from Lisbon to London; therefore it is not apparent that any of his personal effects are missing.

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In removing outdated messages from their bulletin board at Heathrow International Airport, London, TWA noted that one of their message forms dated 5/28/68, at 8:00 AM, was addressed to [redacted] Flight 700 on 5/27/68, advising [redacted] that "Mr. RAY will meet you at TWA ticket desk." Scotland Yard believes that the message is in the handwriting of a TWA employee but all TWA employees have been contacted without identifying the person taking the message and without developing any information concerning [redacted] "Mr. RAY" or the subject.

TWA Flight 700 is from Kennedy Airport, New York, to London. The name [redacted] does not appear on the passenger list of Flight 700 on 5/27/68 and no record could be found of [redacted] arrival in London.

Enclosed is the original message which should be examined for latent fingerprints to be compared with the subject's fingerprints. Also enclosed is the passenger list for TWA Flight 700, 5/27/68. New York should check with TWA for any information regarding [redacted] and determine if he has any connection with the subject. Since [redacted] is an uncommon name, apparently of Indian or Pakistani origin, INS records should also be checked.

The following items of property have been taken from the subject's personal effects and are being separately submitted for Laboratory examination:

(1) A scratch pad to be examined for indented writing.

(2) One clean and several soiled handkerchiefs to be examined for flourescent laundry marks.

(3) Wittnauer Wristwatch. The back should be removed from the watch to obtain the serial number and any possible foreign material.

(4) Test bullets fired from subject's revolver to be checked against any available bullets recovered from unsolved crimes.

The above property, with the exception of the test bullets, should be immediately returned to Legat, London for

return to Scotland Yard. The test bullets should be forwarded Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate RCMP comparison with any unidentified bullets they may have.

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FBI

Date: 6/25/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

RE: KIDNAP
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OO: ME

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 6/18/68.

On 6/25/68 [redacted] Groesbeck, Texas, wife of [redacted] states the last address she has for her husband is care of [redacted] Dallas, Texas. [redacted] is supposed to be living with [redacted] Dallas, Texas, whom she knows nothing about. She expects a telephone call from [redacted] this weekend, which is 6/29-30/68, and is to advise him to contact the Dallas FBI Office. She will obtain his address and furnish to FBI. She stated [redacted] as, to her knowledge, still employed in the boning of meat with [redacted]

On 6/25/68 [redacted] Limestone County Sheriff's Office, Groesbeck, Texas, stated he has known [redacted] for about 30 years. He stated [redacted] wife, and children live at [redacted] Groesbeck, Texas; however, [redacted] lives and works in Dallas and is thought to run a meat company in Dallas.

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3-Bureau
2-Dallas (44-2643)
2-Memphis (44-1987)
1-Chicago (44-1114) (Info)
1-Seattle (44-371 (Info)
2-SA
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

SA 44-1242

LEADS

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will attempt to locate [redacted], thought to be living with a man named [redacted] (LNU) in Dallas.

SAN ANTONIO

AT CROLGSECK, TEXAS Will maintain contact with [redacted] for information to locate her husband, [redacted]

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen(Mr. Long)
1 - Mr. Trotter (Mr. Latona)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Mr. Jevons
1 - Lab Files

6/26/68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reairtel 6/24/68 from Legat, London, submitting items of property taken from personal effects of James Earl Ray for laboratory examination and TWA message slip for latent fingerprint examination. These items were personally delivered by SA W. Martindale, General Investigative Division.

The scratch pad of blank paper was examined for indented writing and watermarks with negative results. The hand printed word "CERTIFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating it was possibly prepared by subject, limited nature of this hand printing precludes definite identification of Ray as author of this hand printing. The five handkerchiefs were examined for visible and invisible laundry marks but none were found. Regarding the Wittnauer wrist watch, the back of this watch was removed, no serial number was found on the movement, no foreign material was found and no evidence watch had been subjected to repair. The four test bullets and four cartridge cases from a .38 Special caliber "Chief" revolver, serial number 715, were compared with all similar specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

The TWA message slip was examined for latent fingerprints. Two latents of value were developed but these are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray. It was also determined that writing on this slip was not

Enclosure
2 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosures (8)
2 - Legat, London Enclosures (3) (88-72)
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

FMD:mb (15)

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prepared by James Earl Ray. A copy of referenced incoming communication is attached for information of Memphis. The four test bullets and four cartridge cases are being forwarded herewith to Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate delivery to RCMP for comparison with any unidentified bullets they may have. The scratch pad, five handkerchiefs, wrist watch and TWA message slip are being forwarded herewith to Legat, London, for return to Scotland Yard. Report follows.

6/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (66-72) (P)

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TWA Flight 709 is from Kennedy Airport, New York, to London. The name [redacted] does not appear on the passenger list of Flight 709 on 5/27/68 and no record could be found of [redacted] arrival in London.

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VIA TELETYPE
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IMMEDIATE 6-27-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 77 78 79

MURKIN.

EXTRADITION HEARING COMMENCED TEN: THREE FIVE AM. COUNSEL FOR STATES OF TENNESSEE AND MISSOURI SUMMARIZED EVIDENCE SUBMITTED IN EXTRADITION PAPERS REFERRING TO VARIOUS AFFIDAVITS SUBMITTED BY FBI PERSONNEL.

BONEBRAKE TOOK STAND IN MORNING. PRESENTED FINGERPRINT EVIDENCE. WAS NOT CROSS EXAMINED ON THIS AND DID OUTSTANDING JOB IN HIS PRESENTATION. COURT OBVIOUSLY IMPRESSED BY THREE PHOTOGRAPHIC CHARTS HE PREPARED AND THEY WERE ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE.

UNEXPECTED MOVE BY DEFENSE WHICH IS PERMITTED IN MAGISTRATE COURT, ALLOWED EXAMINATION OF BONEBRAKE AS PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZEN CONCERNING MARTIN LUTHER KING, HIS LEADERSHIP OF SUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE, WHETHER OR NOT KING COULD BE CONSIDERED A POLITICAL LEADER, ETC. BONEBRAKE, WHO WAS REQUIRED TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, GAVE HIS OPINIONS AS PRIVATE AMERICAN CITIZEN ON AMERICAN POLITICAL SCENE, WAS VERY

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IMPRESSIVE IN THIS ASPECT AS HE EITHER PREFIXED OR MADE IT CLEAR IN HIS ANSWERS THAT HIS KNOWLEDGE BASED ON NEWSPAPERS AND THAT INFO WHICH IS IN REPLY OF GENERAL PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. COURT RECESSED ONE PM, COMMENCED TWO FIFTEEN PM. BONEBRAKE AGAIN REQUIRED TO ANSWER GENERAL QUESTIONS AS PRIVATE CITIZEN PERTAINING TO FREEDOM RIDE IN ONE NINE SIX ONE, DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST KING, BLACK POWER GROUPS, ETC. QUESTIONS ALSO DEALT WITH NINETEEN SIX THREE MARCH ON WASHINGTON. QUESTIONS ALSO RAISED CONCERNING SIXTY FIVE CIVIL RIGHTS VOTING ACT, MARCH FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY, WHETHER OR NOT KING WAS ASSAULTED, TO ALL OF WHICH BONEBRAKE ANSWERED WITH QUALIFICATIONS THAT HE HAD NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THESE MATTERS.

DEFENSE THEN ASKED IF KING WAS IN MEMPHIS AT TIME OF DEATH TO HELP SANITATION WORKERS STRIKE. BEFORE BONEBRAKE COULD ANSWER MAGISTRATE STATED HE HAD AS MUCH KNOWLEDGE AS BONEBRAKE ON AMERICAN EVENTS AND THAT HE THOUGHT JUDICIAL NOTICE COULD APPLY TO ALL SUCH EVENTS.

COUNSEL FOR STATES CONCERNED THEN MADE CLEAR THAT BONEBRAKE'S ANSWERS WERE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POSITION AND BONEBRAKE WAS DISCHARGED AS WITNESS.

IN MORNING TESTIMONY CHIEF SUPT. THOMAS BUTLER, NEW SCOTLAND YARD, IN PART TESTIFIED THAT WHEN AT CANNON ROW POLICE STATION, RAY MADE

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STATEMENTS "I FEEL SO TRAPPED" AND "OH GOD". IN AFTERNOON SESSION MAGISTRATE CAUTIONED RAY AS TO HIS RIGHTS AND RAY AFTER CAUTION STATED HE WANTED TO COMMENT ON SUPT. BUTLER'S TESTIMONY AS HE THOUGHT THE TESTIMONY FALSE. RAYS CONSUL SAID HE CONSIDERED DIFFERENCES IMMATERIAL; HOWEVER RAY REPLIED HE WANTED TO TELL HIS SIDE OF STORY. AFTER TEN MINUTE RECESS WITH COUNSEL, COUNSEL SPOKE FOR RAY STATING RAY DISAGREES WITH LARGE PART OF EVIDENCE GIVEN BY BUTLER. IN PARTICULAR HE WANTED IT STATED MOST EMPHATICALLY HE DID NOT STATE "I FEEL SO TRAPPED" NOR "OH GOD". NOR DID HE COLLAPSE IN HIS CELL IN MANNER DESCRIBED. RAY WANTED IT TO BE KNOWN HE MADE NO STATEMENT TO ANY POLICE OFFICER AND THAT HE HAD REFUSED TO SIGN FINGERPRINT FORM. COUNSEL SAID HE WAS NOT MAKING APPLICATION FOR RECALL OF BUTLER.

DEFENSE THEN CALLED ON A LONDON TIMES CORRESPONDENT, PETER HOPKIRK, WHO HAD BEEN SUBPOENAED FOR DEFENSE. HOPKIRK TESTIFIED RE TIME SPENT IN AMERICA AND THE AMERICAN SCENE, POINTING OUT HE HAD BEEN IN MEMPHIS DAY AFTER KING WAS KILLED. COUNSEL LED HIM THROUGH SERIES OF SITUATIONS CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT KING LIKED OR DISLIKED BY WHITES IN THE SOUTH, ETC. MAGISTRATE AGAIN INTERRUPTED DURING THIS TESTIMONY TO POINT OUT THAT MUCH OF WHAT COUNSEL WAS STATING WAS COMMON KNOWLEDGE, AT LEAST TO EDUCATED PEOPLE. MAGISTRATE ALSO POINTED OUT IT WAS OBVIOUS THE DEFENSE WAS TRYING TO MAKE POLITICAL FIGURE OUT OF KING IN ORDER TO MAKE A CASE THAT RAYS EXTRADITION BEING SOUGHT AS A POLITICAL REFUGEE.

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RAY THEN TOOK STAND AND MADE STATEMENT NOT UNDER OATH OR AFFIRMATION WHICH PRECLUDED ANY CROSS EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR STATE CONCERNED. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS BY HIS COUNSEL RAY ADMITTED TO HIS ARREST AT LONDON AIRPORT ON JUNE EIGHT LAST. HE STATED HE DID NOT KNOW KING PERSONALLY, HAD NEVER MET KING AND HAD NVER HAD GRUDGE AGAINST KING. IN ANSWER TO COUNSEL'S QUESTION "DID YOU KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." HE REPLIED "NO". THESE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WERE REDUCED TO WRITING BY COURT REPORTER AND WHEN RAY ASKED IF HE WISHED TO SIGN IT, HIS COUNSEL INSTRUCED HIM NOT TO SIGN STATEMENT.

DEFENSE COUNSEL IN COMMENCING SUMMATION DEALT WITH APPLICATION FOR EXTRADITION BY MISSOURI FOR ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE. HE WENT INTO LENGTHY DISCOURSE, CITING VARIOUS AUTHORITIES IN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH THAT ROBBERY WITH VIOLENCE DOES NOT MEET DEFINITION OF ROBBERY AS STATED IN EXTRADITION TREATY. HE THEN CITED VARIOUS AUTHORITIES DEALING WITH POLITICAL CHARACTER OF EXTRADITION FOR VARIOUS OFFENSES AND WHETHER OR NOT OFFENSE HAS BEEN COMMITTED IN THE POLITICAL CONCEPT. HE ALSO DWELT UPON WHETHER BURDEN OF PROOF TO SHOW POLITICAL CHARACTER OF OFFENSE RESTS ON DEFENSE OR PROSECUTION. HE POINTED OUT THAT ONE REASON HE REQUESTED RAY TO MAKE STATEMENT WAS TO SHOW RAY HAD NO CAUSE FOR PRIVATE REVENGE OR PERSONAL MALICE TOWARD KING.

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COURT ADJOURNED FOUR: FOUR FIVE PM AND MAGISTRATE STATED WOULD REMAND RAY ON ALL COUNTS UNTIL JULY TWO NEXT. HE THEN ASKED BOTH COUNSELS IF THEY FELT THEY COULD FINISH IN ONE DAY AND BOTH RESPONDED YES.

PRIOR TO EXTRADITION HEARING RAY WAS REMANDED ON LOCAL CHARGES FOR ADDITIONAL EIGHT DAYS TO JULY EIGHT NEXT.

BONEBRAKE DEPARTING LONDON ONE: THIRTY PM JUNE TWO EIGHT, TWA FLIGHT SEVEN ZERO NINE, DUE TO ARRIVES DULLES FOUR: FOUR ZERO PM.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL VINSON HAD PLANNED TO DEPART LONDON JUNE TWO EIGHT BUT INDICATES MAY STAY OVER UNTIL JULY TWO, HAS NOT YET DECIDED. ON BASIS OF ABOVE PROCEEDINGS IT WOULD APPEAR DEFENSE COUNSEL WAS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR APPEAL TO QUEENS BENCH COURT ON GROUND THIS IS POLITICAL EXTRADITION. CONCEIVABLY HIS REJECTION OF QUESTION OF DEFINITION OF ROBBERY BY VIOLENCE COULD BE BASIS OF FURTHER APPEAL FROM QUEENS BENCH COURT TO HOUSE OF LORDS ON A QUESTION OF BRITISH LAW.

FOREGOING FOR INFORMATION.

RECEIVED: 5:16 PM FJB

JFPS
CALLED:
M
By Time 7:00 pm

3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

552 PM URGENT 6-27-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

BUREAU REQUESTED CONSIDER NECESSITY FOR TAKING MAJOR CASE PRINTS OF SUBJECT RAY DURING RETURN FROM ENGLAND. FBI LABORATORY STILL HAS UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS WHICH MIGHT BE IDENTIFIED FROM MAJOR CASE PRINTS. SUBJECT WILL NOT BE IN BUREAU CUSTODY EXCEPT DURING PERIOD OF HIS RETURN TO MEMPHIS.

FOR INFO BUREAU, MEMPHIS PRESS SCIMITAR CARRIED HEADLINE STORY INDICATING THAT SUBJECT RAY TOOK WITNESS STAND AND DENIED KILLING OF DR. KING. UPI RELEASE FROM LONDON INDICATES CHIEF WITNESS AGAINST JAMES EARL RAY IS CHARLIE STEPHENS. AS RESULT UPI RELEASE, LOCAL REPORTERS MADE EFFORTS LOCATE CHARLIE STEPHENS AT ROOMING HOUSE WHERE HE FORMERLY RESIDED. NUMEROUS INQUIRIES RECEIVED AT MEMPHIS OFFICE AS TO WHEREABOUTS CHARLIE STEPHENS. ALL ANSWERED WITH NO COMMENT. STEPHENS CURRENTLY RESIDING WITH RELATIVES IN ADJOINING STATE. WHEREABOUTS KNOWN TO MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO Mr. DeLoach

DATE June 27, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Rosen 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Malley 1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Sullivan

FROM A. Rosen

SUBJECT MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Special Agent Wilbur L. Martindale, assigned to the General Investigative Division, returned from special assignment in London on June 25, 1968, and personally delivered some items of property of James Earl Ray for FBI Laboratory examination. These items were in possession of Ray when he was apprehended by British authorities on June 8, 1968, at London, England, were given to us in complete confidence and they are being returned to British authorities. The following items were examined:

1. ITEM SUBMITTED: A scratch pad of blank paper.

LABORATORY FINDINGS: This pad was examined for indented writing and watermarks with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating that it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.

2. ITEM SUBMITTED: One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs.

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LABORATORY FINDINGS: These items were examined for visible and invisible laundry marks but none were found.

3. ITEM SUBMITTED: A Wittnauer wrist watch.

LABORATORY FINDINGS: The back of this watch was removed, no serial number was found on the movement, no foreign material was found and there was no evidence the watch had been subjected to repair.

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4. ITEM SUBMITTED: Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from a .38 Special "Liberty Chief" revolver (subject's revolver). We previously traced this weapon from the manufacturer in Japan to the person who sold it to Ray in Birmingham, Alabama, in October of 1967.

LABORATORY FINDINGS: These items were searched in the National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

In addition, a Trans World Airlines message slip was submitted for latent fingerprint examination. The Identification Division has advised that two latent fingerprints of value were developed on the slip but are not identical with fingerprints of James Earl Ray.

Mr. Nigel Maw, the British solicitor who is handling the extradition of Ray advised the legal attache in London that he is in receipt of a letter bearing the letterhead: "GULLETT, STEEL, SANFORD & WHITE, 17th Floor, Life and Casualty Building, Nashville, Tennessee." This letter is signed by "B. B. GULLETT" and the letter advises Mr. Maw that Mr. Gullett has been advised by the Governor of Tennessee that Maw is handling the extradition matter, and Gullett and his wife are scheduled to arrive in London on July 10, 1968, staying at the Mayfair Hotel until July 15, 1968. Gullett in his letter indicates he is a member of the Tennessee State Legislature, and he would like to have a conference with Mr. Maw, have lunch and visit an English court.

Mr. Maw has handled many extradition matters for the United States Embassy and has been extremely cooperative with our legal attache in London and he desires to be furnished any information the Bureau may have concerning Mr. Gullett.

It has been determined that B. B. Gullett is an attorney, admitted to the Tennessee State Bar in 1927 and has been a practicing attorney since that time. Former associates of Gullett include Federal Judge Harry Phillips currently a member of the United States Sixth Circuit

Court of Appeals and Weldon White, a member of the Tennessee State Supreme Court prior to his death. Gullett was a member of the Tennessee State Senate from Davidson County, Tennessee, was President of the Tennessee Bar Association in 1967, and is presently active in work of the American Bar Association and Tennessee State Bar Association. The United States Attorney in Memphis and the Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification have advised that Gullett and associates are highly reputable attorneys in the Nashville area and are well regarded by associates in Tennessee. Our records contain no derogatory information concerning Gullett or any members of his law firm. This information will be forwarded to our legal attache in London for appropriate dissemination to Mr. Maw.

The extradition proceedings of subject Ray commenced in British court in London today and the court has set aside three days for this hearing.

ACTION:

You will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
JUN 27 1968

FBI WASH DC

TELETYPE

FBI CHICAGO

1105AM URGENT 6-26-68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND BALTIMORE

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 2P

MURKIN

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO SPRINGFIELD JUNE TWO FIVE SIXTY EIGHT.

FOR INFO BALTIMORE, ST. LOUIS ADVISED THAT [redacted]

[redacted] WAS ALLEGED JAMES EARL RAY AND UNNAMED MAN

ROBBED BANK OF ALTON, ILLINOIS ON JULY THIRTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

THIS BANK WAS ROBBED ON THAT DATE BY TWO UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

WEARING NYLON STOCKING MASKS AND USING SAWED OFF SHOTGUNS.

LOOT TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS. SUBSEQUENT

TO BANK ROBBERY SHOTGUN AND CLOTHING ITEMS FOUND IN VACANT

LOT IN ALTON AND LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING MARKS LOCATED IN

CLOTHING. BUREAU HAS INSTRUCTED CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD,

ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS TO CANVASS LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING

ESTABLISHMENTS RE THESE MARKS. CIRCULAR BEING PREPARED BY

BUREAU TO FURNISH TO LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS.

ADDRESSOGRAPH PLATES AVAILABLE FOR LAUNDRY CIRCULARIZATION

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IN ILLINOIS. LIST OF DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS IN ILLINOIS AND OTHER STATES WHERE CIRCULARIZATION DESIRED CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS, NINE ZERO NINE BURLINGTON AVENUE, SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND. APPROXIMATELY ONE FOUR ZERO ZERO DRY CLEANERS LOCATED IN STATE OF ILLINOIS. BALTIMORE CONTACT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DRY CLEANERS AT SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND, OBTAIN LIST OF DRY CLEANERS IN TERRITORIES OF CHICAGO, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS AND INDIANAPOLIS. DETERMINE IF ADDRESSOGRAPH AVAILABLE. IF NOT, DETERMINE IF COUNTY BREAKDOWN CAN BE OBTAINED FOR INTERESTED OFFICES.

AIR MAIL COPIES BEING SENT TO SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS, AND MEMPHIS.

CORR DATE SPD READ 6/27/68

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VIA TELETYPE

JUN 27 1968

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TO DIRECTOR

INFO LONDON

FROM LEGAT PARIS

MURKIN.

REMYCAB JUNE TWO FOUR LAST.

PORTUGUESE POLICE ADVISED JUNE TWO SIX LAST BY TELEPHONE THAT INVESTIGATION AT BANCO TOTTA ALIANCA REVEALS THAT [redacted] HAS NO CONNECTION WITH SUBJECT.

CIRCULARIZATION OF LISBON BANKS CONCLUDED AND NO INFORMATION REGARDING SUBJECT FOUND.

PORTUGUESE AIRLINES EMPLOYEES INTERVIEWED. SUBJECT PAID CASH FOR TICKET LISBON TO LONDON MAY ONE SEVEN LAST. TRAVELED ALONE AND NOTHING UNUSUAL NOTED.

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PORTUGUESE FURNISHING REPORT COVERING ALL ABOVE INVESTIGATION AND LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED AS SOON AS REPORT RECEIVED.

10 JUL 2 1968

RECEIVED 6-44AM MLM

cc - Mr Rosen

3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

June 28, 1968

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGAT, PARIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) -- 47341
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MURKIN.

RE LEGAT PARIS MESSAGE JUNE TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

ADVISE IF INVESTIGATION COMPLETED BY PORTUGESE AUTHORITIES CONCERNING SUBJECT'S INQUIRY AT SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY IN LISBON. IF COMPLETED, PROVIDE SUMMATION THEREOF, FOLLOWED BY DETAILS. MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

VIA TELETYPE
JUN 28 1968
ENCIPHERED

1 - Memphis (44-137)

1 - Foreign Liaison

REL:pah
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NOTE:
Subject, while in Lisbon, allegedly had conversation with authorities at South African Embassy. in Lisbon. Portugese police officials attempting to ascertain nature of conversation and contents thereof. Legat Paris being requested to advise if investigation completed and if so, furnish a summation of investigation, followed by details.

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 6/28/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

RE: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Kansas City 6/20/68, requesting Missouri State Prison warden be contacted re Cooley Organization.

HAROLD SWENSON, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, has advised that no information has ever come to his attention concerning the existence of a Cooley Organization, within the Penitentiary or anywhere.

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3 Bureau
1 Memphis
2 Kansas City
RBH:tlw
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

VIA TELETYPE

ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
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WASH DC ---4---

10-16 PM DEFERRED 6-27-68 KH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 ATTN---EXHIBIT SECTION (PLAINTEXT)

FROM LOS ANGELES 44-1574

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELETYPE TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTY FIVE LAST.

ALLAN O. THOMPSON [redacted] LOCATED THIS DATE AND SHOWN ARTIST'S CONCEPTION. [redacted] ADVISED CONCEPTION IS EXCELLENT LIKENESS AS HE REMEMBERED JAMES C. HARDIN [redacted]. HE SAID ONLY EXCEPTION WOULD BE ARTIST'S CONCEPTION DOES NOT ADEQUATELY PORTRAY DARKNESS OF HAIR AS WORN BY JAMES C. HARDIN [redacted] HE SAID HE RECALLED HARDIN [redacted] HAVING VERY DARK BROWN HAIR, ALMOST BLACK.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGAT, LONDON

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURRIN.

RE LEGAT LONDON COMMUNICATION DATED JUNE TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT.

MEMPHIS ADVISES THAT B. B. GULLETT IS A PRACTICING ATTORNEY ADMITTED TO TENNESSEE STATE BAR IN NINETEEN TWENTYSEVEN. FORMER ASSOCIATES OF GULLETT INCLUDE FEDERAL JUDGE HARRY PHILLIPS, CURRENTLY MEMBER OF U. S. SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, AND WELDON WHITE, MEMBER OF TENNESSEE STATE SUPREME COURT PRIOR TO HIS DEATH. GULLETT WAS MEMBER OF TENNESSEE STATE SENATE, PRESIDENT OF TENNESSEE BAR ASSOCIATION IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, AND PRESENTLY ACTIVE IN WORK OF AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND TENNESSEE STATE BAR ASSOCIATION. USA IN MEMPHIS AND DIRECTOR OF TENNESSEE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION ADVISES GULLETT AND ASSOCIATES ARE

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VIA TELETYPE
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1 - Memphis (44-187)

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1 - Foreign Liaison

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, LONDON
RE: MURKIN

HIGHLY REPUTABLE ATTORNEYS IN NASHVILLE AREA AND WELL REGARDED BY ASSOCIATES IN TENNESSEE. BUREAU FILES CONTAIN NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION CONCERNING GULLETT OR ANY MEMBERS OF HIS LAW FIRM.

YOU MAY GIVE THIS INFORMATION TO MR. MAW, HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT BUREAU HAS NO INTEREST IN GULLETT AND WE CANNOT ADVISE MAW IF HE SHOULD SEE GULLETT. THIS SHOULD BE HIS OWN DECISION.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

NOTE:

Legat London advises that Mr. Nigel Maw, British Solicitor who is handling extradition of Ray on behalf of states of Tennessee and Missouri, has advised he is in receipt of letter from Mr. B. B. Gullett who is a member of a law firm in Nashville, Tennessee, and states that he and his wife are scheduled to arrive London, July 10, 1968, staying at the Mayfair Hotel until July 15, 1968. Gullett indicated he is member of Tennessee State Legislature, would like to have conference with Maw, lunch and visit an English court. Maw would like to be furnished any information available whether or not Gullett is type of man he should see. Maw has been extremely cooperative with Legat London and Legat requests information concerning Gullett or his law firm. Our Memphis Office advises that Gullett is highly respectable practicing attorney in Nashville, Tennessee, active in work of American Bar Association and Tennessee State Bar Association. USA in Memphis and Director of Tennessee Bureau of Criminal Identification advises Gullett and associates are highly reputable attorneys. Bureau indices negative re Gullett or any members of his law firm. Legat London being cautioned to the fact that Bureau is not interested in Gullett, and Maw would have to make his own decision whether he should see Gullett.

FBI

Date: 6/2[illegible]/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: HUNKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Bureau 6/20/68 and San Antonio airtel to Bureau 5/20/68 concerning long distance telephone calls placed at public telephones on Highway 90 and Interstate 10 over which subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and [redacted] CHARLESTEIN allegedly travelled 12/15-17/67 from Los Angeles, California to New Orleans, Louisiana.

Referenced San Antonio airtel advised that on 12/15/67, a telephone call was placed from telephone number 222-[illegible]265 in the San Antonio Division to telephone number [redacted] in the Los Angeles Division. Telephone Company records at Los Angeles revealed that the Los Angeles telephone number is listed to [redacted] Los Angeles.

On 6/20/68, PRINCE DIXON [redacted] at the above address, advised that this telephone call from the San Antonio area to his home in Los Angeles was placed by his brother, LEO DIXON [redacted] who lives at [redacted] San Antonio. [redacted], a Negro, advised that his brother called him on that date to advise him that he, [redacted] was forwarding some money to his brother in Los Angeles. LEO DIXON

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In view of the above, it does not appear that any further investigation is warranted in connection with this particular telephone call.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (Info)
1 - San Antonio (Info)
2 - Los Angeles
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

[illegible] -Special Agent in Charge

FBI WASH DC

TELETYPE

FBI MEMPHIS

504 PM URGENT 6-28-68 DMD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1887)

MURKIN.

NO PERTINENT INVESTIGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS TODAY.

UACB, DAILY SUMMARY BEING DISCONTINUED IN LIEU OF A WEEKLY SUMMARY. ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE PROMPTLY CALLED TO THE BUREAU'S ATTENTION. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 28, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In connection with the extradition hearing of subject James Earl Ray in London on June 27, 1968, defense called on a London Times Correspondent Peter Hopkirk, who had been subpoenaed for the defense. Hopkirk testified that he spent time in America and pointed out he had been in Memphis the day after King was killed. The counsel lead Hopkirk through a series of situations concerning whether or not King was liked or disliked by whites in the South. The Magistrate interrupted during this testimony to point out that much of what the counsel was stating was common knowledge, at least to educated people. The Magistrate also pointed out it was obvious that defense was trying to make a political figure out of King in order to make a case that Ray's extradition was being sought as a political refugee.

The defense counsel in commencing with summation dealt with application for extradition by Missouri for robbery with violence. He went into a lengthy discourse citing various authorities in an effort to establish that robbery with violence does not meet the definition of robbery as stated in the extradition treaty. He cited various authorities dealing with the political character of extradition for various offenses and whether or not the offense has been committed in the political concept. The defense pointed out that one reason he requested Ray to make a statement was to show Ray had no cause for private revenge or personal malice towards King.

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The court adjourned at 4:45 p. m. on June 27, 1968, and the Magistrate stated he would remand Ray on all counts until July 2, 1968. He then asked both counsels if they felt they could finish in one day and they both responded yes.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Prior to the extradition hearing of subject Ray, he was remanded on the local charges of possessing a firearm and improper passport to July 8, 1968.

George J. Bonebrake, Fingerprint Examiner assigned to our Identification Division, testified at the extradition of Ray in London, England, on June 27, 1968. He is departing London and is scheduled to arrive today (June 28, 1968) at Dulles International Airport, Washington, D. C., at 4:40 p. m.

Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr., previously planned to depart London today; however, he indicated he may stay over until July 2, 1968, on the basis of the fact it appears that defense counsel was laying groundwork for appeal to Queen's Bench on the ground that this is a political extradition. It is conceivable that the rejection of question of defense of robbery by violence could be a basis for further appeal from Queen's Bench Court to the House of Lords on the question of British law.

Our Legal Attache in Paris advises that the Portuguese Police authorities have completed investigation at the Lisbon, Portugal banks regarding subject Ray opening an account at the banks and they have located absolutely no information that Ray did any banking business while in Lisbon. Portuguese authorities further advised that subject Ray paid cash for his ticket from Lisbon to London, England, on May 17, 1968.

A news release from London appearing in a Memphis newspaper, indicates that a chief witness against subject James Earl Ray is one Charlie Stephens. It is noted that Stephens resided in the same rooming house as Ray at Memphis on April 4, 1968, and furnished us information. As a result of this news article, the local reporters in Memphis have made efforts to locate Charlie Stephens at a rooming house where he formerly resided. Numerous inquiries were received at our Memphis Office as to the whereabouts of Charlie Stephens and all inquiries were answered with no comments. Our Memphis Office advises that Stephens is currently residing with relatives in an adjoining state and his whereabouts is known to our Memphis Office.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

You will be advised of all pertinent developments.

VIA TELETYPE
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT PARIS NO. 92

MURKIN.

REBUCAB JUNE TWO EIGHT LAST.

INVESTIGATION COMPLETED BY PORTUGUESE. SUBJECT CONTACTED SOUTH AFRICAN EMBASSY LISBON TO INQUIRE RE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS. HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS CANADIAN AND STATED HE WANTED TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA TO SEARCH FOR HIS BROTHER WHO HE THOUGHT WAS SOMEWHERE IN AFRICA AS A MERCENARY. HE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS AN ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH RECRUITS MERCENARIES SINCE HE THOUGHT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HELP HIM FIND HIS BROTHER. HE WAS INFORMED THAT RECRUITING OFFICE FOR MERCENARIES WHICH EXISTED AT ONE TIME IN JOHANNESBURG HAD CLOSED AND THE EMBASSY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY ORGANIZATION WHICH COULD HELP HIM. HE MADE NO FURTHER INQUIRY THERE. REC- 51 - 4741

PORTUGUESE ALSO NOW ADVISE IN REPORT RECEIVED JUNE TWO EIGHT LAST THAT SUBJECT CONTACTED RHODESIAN MISSION LISBON BETWEEN MAY EIGHT AND ELEVEN AND INQUIRED FOR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN FINDING HIS BROTHER WHO HE CLAIMED WAS IN ANGOLA AS A MERCENARY.

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HE SPECIFICALLY WANTED AN ADDRESS IN SALISBURY TO WHICH HE COULD FORWARD CORRESPONDENCE TO HIS BROTHER. THE ANSWER WAS NEGATIVE AND HE POSED QUESTIONS REGARDING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR RHODESIA.

LHM DATED JUNE TWO FOUR LAST MAILED IN POUCH JUNE TWO FIVE LAST AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS BEING FURNISHED IN LHM NEXT POUCH.

RECEIVED: 6:14 AM HFL

June 29, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Legat Minnich, London learned confidentially from Scotland Yard subject Ray identified by thumb print responsible for bank robbery on June 4, London. He is suspect in robbery June 29, 1967, and May 31, 1968, England. June 29, 1967, highly unlikely committed by Ray, nevertheless efforts will be made to establish whereabouts. Appropriate leads being furnished RCMP and Lisbon with modus operandi for appropriate check. Legat Ottawa and London continuing inquiries. Info not being furnished Department at this time. Whereabouts Attorney Hanes being ascertained.

AR:rpr

COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

VIA TELETYPE

JUN 29 1968

ENCIPHERED

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
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STATE 004

IMMEDIATE 6-29-68 EXR

TO DIRECTOR (FOR INFO PARIS 003)

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 81

MURKIN.

SOURCES NEW SCOTLAND YARD ADVISE ON JUNE FOUR LAST ARMED ROBBERY COMMITTED BY MAN WITH REVOLVER WHO ENTERED LONDON TRUSTEES SAVINGS BANK, FULHAM AND HELD UP MEMBERS BANK STAFF OBTAINING NINETY FIVE POUNDS, TEN SHILLINGS. MAN HANDED BANK CASHIER PINK PAPER BAG ON WHICH PRINTED "PLACE ALL FIVE AND TEN POUND NOTES IN THIS BAG." MAN GIVEN BUNDLE FIVE POUND NOTES, LEFT BANK AND LEFT BAG BEHIND.

RIGHT THUMB IMPRESSION DEVELOPED ON BAG POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED JUNE TWO EIGHT WITH RIGHT THUMB FINGERPRINT OF JAMES EARL RAY. ADDITIONALLY ON PAGIS INTERVIEWS BANK STAFF AND SALESMAN IN TAILOR SHOP WHICH MAN ENTERED AFTER ROBBERY, ALL DESCRIPTIONS FIT RAY. YARD STATES EVIDENCE SUFFICIENT TO PROVE ROBBERY OFFENSE COMMITTED BY RAY. YARD SHOWING PHOTO OF RAY TO INTERVIEWEES JULY ONE NEXT.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

YARD CONCERNED RAY MAY HAVE COMMITTED OTHER OFFENSES HERE, IN PARTICULAR BANK ROBBERY AT PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND MAY THREE ONE LAST WHERE SIMILAR MODUS OPERANDI USED AND ARTISTS IMPRESSION BEARS LIKENESS TO RAY. PHOTOS OF RAY SENT PLYMOUTH FOR EXHIBITION TO WITNESS. RESULTS NOT KNOWN YET.

YARD ALSO REFERS TO ATTEMPTED ROBBERY NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK, LONDON JUNE TWO NINE, SIXTY SEVEN SIMILAR MODUS OPERANDI AND DURING ENSUING CHASE A MAN WAS SHOT DEAD. YARD DOUBTS RAY HERE AT THAT TIME. I POINTED OUT RAY ESCAPED PENITENTIARY APRIL TWO THREE, SIX SEVEN AND NEXT APPEARED MONTREAL JULY ONE EIGHT, SIXTY SEVEN USING GALT NAME. YARD APPRECIATES THIS BUT DESIRES IF POSSIBLE ANY INFO RAY'S WHEREABOUTS JUNE TWO NINE, SIXTY SEVEN.

REMYCAB JUNE NINE LAST, SUIT WITH NAME ERIC GALT, JULY TWO ONE, SIXTY SEVEN, ORDER NUMBER ONE ONE FIVE TWO SIX. REQUEST BUREAU DETERMINE ACTUAL DATE RAY ORDERED THIS SUIT AND FURNISH ANY OTHER INFO TENDING TO SHOW HE WAS PROBABLY NOT IN LONDON JUNE TWO NINE, SIXTY SEVEN.

END PAGE TWO

ROBBERY CHARGES WILL NOT AFFECT EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS AND I VERY MUCH DOUBT RAY IN LONDON JUNE TWO NINE, SIXTY-SEVEN OR THAT HE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MURDER.

REALIZING EXTREME IMPORTANCE OF GETTING JUNE FOUR LAST ROBBERY INTO REALM OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE SO AS TO SQUELCH STORIES OF RAY HAVING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS, ETC. I HAVE EXPLORED THIS WITH YARD. YARD WILL DISCUSS WITH PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ON JULY ONE NEXT AND ADVISE ME. YARD WILL ALSO ADVISE IF I CAN REVEAL THIS INFO TO VINSON. AS OF NOW INFO RECEIVED UNOFFICIALLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY AND SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE BUREAU. I WILL ADVISE JULY ONE NEXT IF DEPARTMENT CAN BE INFORMED. SINCE EVIDENCE RAY COMMITTED JUNE FOUR LAST ROBBERY IS CONCLUSIVE SUGGEST BUREAU REVIEW UNSOLVED ONE MAN BANK ROBBERIES WITH SIMILAR MODUS OPERANDI SINCE RAYS ESCAPE AND REQUEST RCMP DO LIKEWISE. PARIS REQUESTED UACB TO HAVE PORTUGUESE POLICE REVIEW UNSOLVED ROBBERIES LISBON FOR PERIOD MAY EIGHT TO SEVENTEEN LAST AND CONSIDER EXHIBITING RAY'S PHOTO TO VICTIMS.

UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY BUREAU

END PAGE THREE

PAGE FOUR

REBUCAB JUNE ONE LAST RE ARTHUR JACKSON HANES. BRITISH HOME OFFICE HAS REQUESTED YARD TO DEFINITELY ESTABLISH THAT HANES AND SON HAVE RETURNED TO US. ALL SOURCES CHECKED AND WHEREABOUTS OF HANES CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED HERE BUREAU REQUESTED TO HAVE BIRMINGHAM DISCREETLY DETERMINE IF HANES AND SON HAVE RETURNED. SUCAB.

RECEIVED: 1243PM EXR

RD cc- MR. BISHOP

CC-MR. ROSEN

June 29, 1968

CODE

CABLEGRAM

URGENT

1 - Mr. Nehrbass
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Martindale

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

(MURKIN)

BIRMINGHAM ADVISES BOTH BANKS AT HOME.

S. CORELLI, CITY DESK, TORONTO STAR, ADVISED THIS DATE HE RECEIVED CALL FROM [redacted] TORONTO, WHO CLAIMS THAT EARLY IN MAY MET MAN NAMED SNEYD AT BAR ON YOUNG STREET WHO AFTER DISCOVERING [redacted] WAS ENGLISH, REQUESTED TO KNOW OF ANY QUIET HOTEL AND QUIET TOWN. [redacted] GAVE SNEYD [redacted] CARNFORTH HOTEL, CARNFORTH LANCASHIRE, ENGLAND. REQUEST INVESTIGATION BE CONTINUED TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUBJECT IN CONTACT WITH ABOVE HOTEL.

1 - Foreign Liaison

AFN:rpr
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VIA TELETYPE
JUN 29 1968
ENCIPHERED

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☑

29 JUN 1968

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FBI

Date: 6/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

SUBJECT: (HUKKIN)

Milwaukee teletype to Bureau dated 6/15/68; Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 6/17/68.

Referenced leads set out for Milwaukee in referenced airtel. Bureau authority is requested to check appropriate toll records re calls made from Wisconsin to North Carolina.

No Federal Grand Jury presently in session, EDW.

Records can be obtained through established sources and the review may be accomplished with full security and the Bureau's interest will be protected.

(2) - Bureau (RM)
2 - Milwaukee
JLH:LLG
(5)

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44-4744

JUL 1 1968

C.C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

July 2, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. McDonough

TO: SAC, Milwaukee (44-388)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 4744

MURKIN

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ReMItel 6/15/68, CEairtel 6/17/68, and MIairtel 6/20/68.

Milwaukee is authorized to obtain appropriate telephone toll call records. Since you advise that no Federal Grand Jury is in session, these records should be obtained through established sources and accomplished with full security and the Bureau's interest fully protected. Advise results of reinterview with [redacted]

1 - SAC, Charlotte
1 - SAC, Memphis

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(6)

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.....

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NOTE:

On 6/15/68, [redacted] Racine, Wisconsin, confidentially advised that on 6/11/68, at about 10:42 p.m. a male caller placed calls to three numbers in North Carolina. In one call the caller indicated his name was "Robert" and in another he stated "I have got to have money, a whole lot of money to get out of the country. I am going to call back tomorrow night. You tell the Klan (phonetic) to get me some money or I am going to blow this thing sky high. When they get Ray back in this country, he will spill his guts." [redacted] had impression caller was referring to James Earl Ray.

Charlotte checked the numbers out and the background on the persons involved. This check indicated the caller may have been [redacted] the black sheep of a family that has an otherwise good reputation in the Lenoir, North Carolina area. The family members and operator of a local used car lot to whom the telephone numbers are listed denied that they received any call from [redacted] or any other long distance calls during the week of 6/9-16/68. Charlotte advises that it has no information indicating Klan activity on the part of these individuals, and they appeared to be frank during interviews.

The MI Office has requested authority to check appropriate long distance toll records in an effort to resolve this matter. Milwaukee being authorized in line with this airtel in view of the fact that every effort must be made to run out any possibilities of a conspiracy.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
JUL 1 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

536 PM URGENT 7-1-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 2 XX 1 PP

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
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Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED JUNE TWENTY EIGHT, LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED HE NEVER KNEW [redacted] TO HAVE CLOTHING SIMILAR TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER BR AT BANK OF ALTON. HE STATED [redacted] DID LIVE ON FOURTH STREET, ALTON, AT VARIOUS APARTMENTS AND ONCE WITH HIM DURING NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. HE STATES HE DOES NOT BELIEVE [redacted] INVOLVED IN BR.

[redacted] STATES SHE CANNOT DETERMINE IF [redacted] EVER OWNED OR WORE CLOTHING SIMILAR TO RECOVERED CLOTHING IN PAST.-

[redacted] NOT AVAILABLE FOR CONTACT TODAY;

IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY PREVIOUS INFORMATION.

DRIVERS LICENSE AND DMV RECORDS, SPRINGFIELD, BEING CHECKED REGARDING AUTOMOBILE AND DRIVERS LICENSE HISTORY OF [redacted]

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS. JUL P.M. 1968

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END

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FBI WASH DC

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FBI

Date: 7/1/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (100-2082)(RUC)

SUBJECT: HURKIN
(OO - ME)

Remycab to Bureau 6/29/68.

Enclosed are eight copies of an LHM containing additional information furnished by the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (Portuguese International and State Security Police - PIDE), Lisbon, Portugal, on 6/28/68 and the results of additional investigation conducted in Madrid, Spain.

At the time subject's passport application was personally returned to [redacted] of the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, on 6/27/68, he was requested to retain these forms since they may be needed again at a later date.

Likewise when airport entry and exit forms and hotel registration form were returned to Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO of PIDE, Lisbon, on 6/27/68, he was requested to retain these forms on the possibility that they may be needed again at a later date.

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5 - Bureau (Encs. - 9)
(1 - Liaison Section)
(1 - Memphis, 44-1987, Info.)
1 - Legat, London (88-72, Info.) (Encs. - 3) (sent direct)
1 - Paris
NWP:eim
(7)

1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-91 (1) 7-10-68
1cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

ENCLOSURE

AIRTEL JUL 3 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

PAR 100-2082

As a matter of interest, [redacted] Administrative Officer, American Embassy, Lisbon, advised on 6/27/68 that no mention has been made in Portuguese newspapers thus far of subject's visit to Portugal. The local papers, in a recent article, indicated that the subject had traveled to Southern Europe subsequent to his first arrival in London, England.

Sr. PASSO furnished a photocopy of the subject's airline ticket indicating he paid cash for his Lisbon-London flight 5/17/68 on 5/16/68 at Lisbon. This is being forwarded to the Bureau as an enclosure.

Sr. PASSO also furnished, in accordance with our request, a list of passengers who traveled on Portuguese Airlines flight Lisbon-London 5/17/68 and a list of passengers who traveled on BEA Flight 074, London-Lisbon, on 5/7-8/68. In accordance with prior Bureau instructions, these two passenger lists are being furnished herewith to London as enclosures.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

July 1, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

On June 27, 1968, [redacted] Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, Portugal, advised that an examination of the visitors book there disclosed that the subject had signed the visitors book on May 13, 1968, as RAMON SNEYD. In addition to his signature, he listed the Hotel Portugal as his local address, Ottawa as his home address, and stated that he planned to stay in Lisbon seven days. The receptionist at the Canadian Embassy and other Embassy employees were unable to furnish any details regarding subject's visit to the Embassy on May 13, 1968.

It is noted that Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO of the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (Portuguese International and State Security Police - PIDE), Lisbon, had previously advised on June 22, 1968, that inquiry at the South African Embassy in Lisbon had succeeded in locating an employee who had received a telephone call from the subject using the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD on an undetermined date during his visit in Lisbon.

However, a report received from Sr. PASSO on June 28, 1968, stated that the subject visited the South African Embassy and that an employee of the Embassy recognized his photograph. The report states that RAY did not furnish any name and spoke English with an American accent. He asked what the entrance requirements were if he wished to go to South Africa. He was informed that if he was an American citizen he would be required to obtain a visa and he answered that he was not American but was a Canadian national. He was advised of the requirements needed and stated that he wanted to go to South Africa to make inquiries and to endeavor to trace his brother who had left home a few years ago and had

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not been heard of again. He said that he did not know where in Africa his brother was but had last heard that he was in the Congo. The subject also asked whether there was any organization in South Africa which had connections with mercenaries in Africa and which might be able to assist him in tracing his brother. He was informed that the recruiting office for mercenaries which at one time existed in Johannesburg, South Africa, had been closed and the Embassy had no knowledge of any organization in South Africa that might be able to help him. The subject left the Embassy without further questions and gave no indication as to his future plans.

It is also noted that Sr. PASSO had previously advised that inquiry at the Rhodesian Diplomatic Mission in Lisbon for information regarding any contact by RAY there had resulted negatively. However, he advised in his report received on June 28, 1968, that further inquiry at the Rhodesian Diplomatic Mission revealed that RAY visited there between May 8 and 11, 1968, the exact date not determined. He produced a valid Canadian passport in the name of SNEYD and inquired if he could be assisted in contacting his brother who he claimed was serving as a mercenary in Angola, a Portuguese possession in Southern Africa. He specifically requested an address in Salisbury, Rhodesia, to which he could forward correspondence to his brother. He was obviously seeking the address of an organization in Salisbury which may recruit mercenaries. The answer to his inquiry was negative and he posed a number of questions regarding immigration to Rhodesia.

Sr. PASSO advised in his report that all banks in Lisbon have been canvassed for any information regarding an account, safe-deposit box or any banking transaction of JAMES EARL RAY under this name and his aliases with negative results.

The PIDE conducted inquiry at the Banco Totta Alianca of Lisbon regarding an inquiry received by a Chicago bank regarding one [redacted] An official of the Banco Totta Alianca informed PIDE that the request made to the La Salle National Bank of Chicago, Illinois, was based upon a request received by the Banco Totta Alianca from a Portuguese firm known as "ALAR - Empresa Iberica de Material Aeronautico." This firm informed the bank that [redacted] is a man about 50 years of age and a partner in two companies known

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as the [redacted] and [redacted] and reportedly has a large deposit at the "Illinois National Bank" in Chicago.

On June 25, 1968, [redacted] American Embassy, Madrid, Spain, advised that during the morning of June 19, 1968, an unknown individual had called the Embassy, speaking Spanish, and desired to talk to someone in the Embassy regarding the JAMES RAY case. Since no one was immediately available to talk to him, he requested that he be called at 6:30 PM at telephone number 222-1604, a bar in downtown Madrid. He identified himself only as RAMON.

One RAMON was subsequently telephonically contacted at 6:30 PM by the Security Office. At first he declined to come to the Embassy, indicating he desired a meeting in some public gathering place. He subsequently agreed to come to the Embassy at 11:00 AM on June 20, 1968. RAMON, however, failed to keep the appointment.

The above-mentioned telephone number was identified by the Direccion General de Seguridad (Directorate General of Security - DGS), Spanish National Police, Madrid, on June 25, 1968, as being listed to [redacted] under the name [redacted]

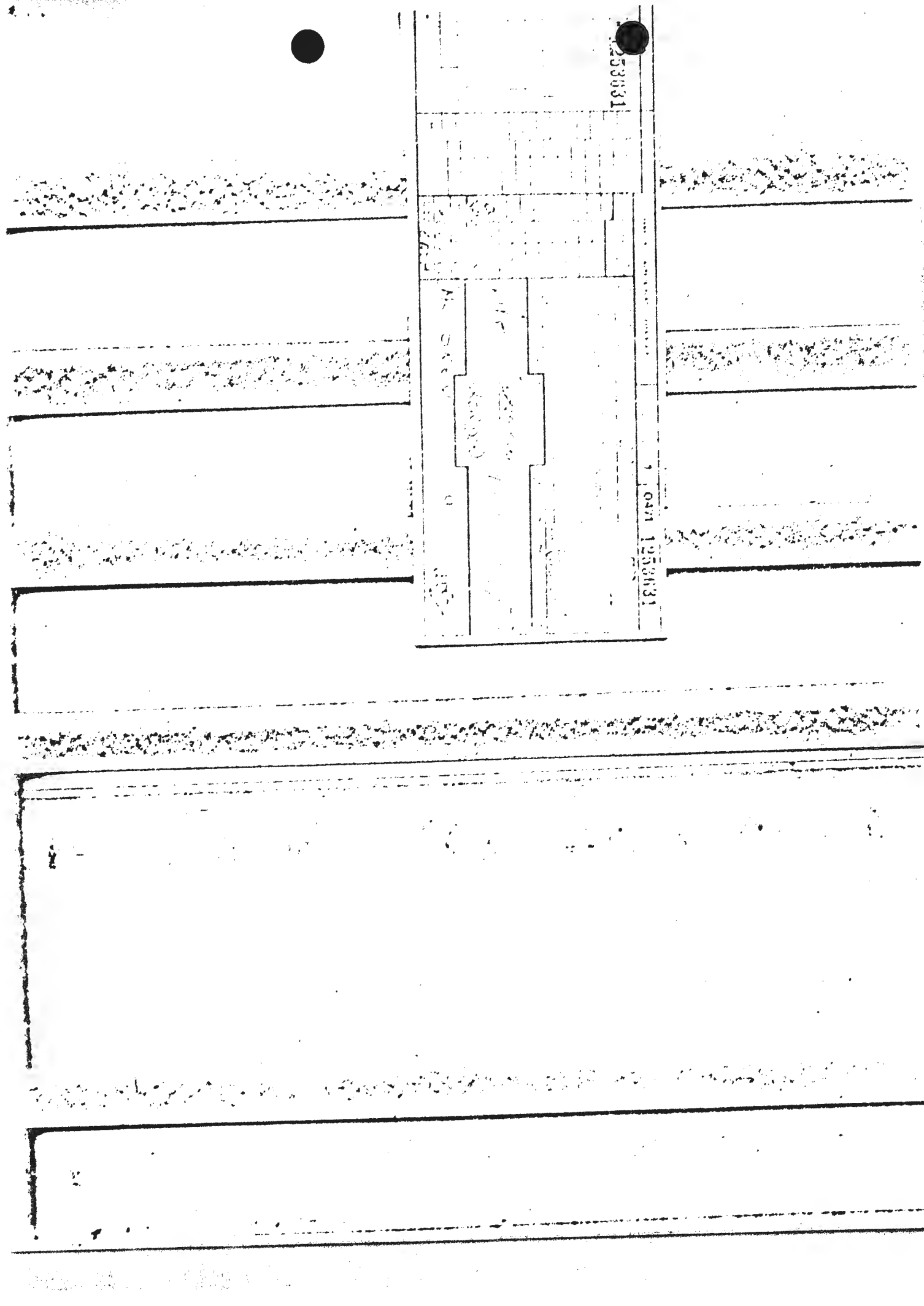
On June 26, 1968, Inspector [redacted] of the DGS interviewed [redacted] proprietor of the [redacted] at [redacted] Madrid. [redacted] was unable to identify anyone by the name of RAMON as a client of the bar. [redacted] bartender, was interviewed and he advised that the only RAMON using the bar was an individual who had been coming to this bar approximately two to three months ago. He was unable to further identify this individual, indicating, however, that he had been coming to the bar recently at approximately 8:00 PM. [redacted] stated he had no recollection of this individual having used the telephone in the bar.

At approximately 8:30 PM on June 26, 1968, the individual described by the bartender as RAMON was interviewed. He identified himself as [redacted] This individual denied ever calling

the American Embassy or any other embassy in his life.

Subsequent inquiries in the vicinity of the Casa Garcia Bar to identify the individual who had called the American Embassy proved negative.

Sr. PASSO advised that inquiry at the Portuguese Airlines (TAP), Lisbon, revealed that the subject had purchased his airline ticket on May 16, 1968., for which he paid cash. He traveled under the name of Mr. SNEYD from Lisbon to London on May 17, 1968, on TAP Flight 450, leaving Lisbon at 11:00 AM. Inquiry by PIDE of various TAP employees revealed that subject was alone at the time he purchased the ticket. There was no recollection by any employee of TAP who was present on the flight on May 17, 1968, from Lisbon to London of any unusual incident and none was able to recognize the subject's photograph.



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FBI

Date: 6/27/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

MURKIN
CR

OO: Memphis

Re Birmingham airtel, 6/21/68, which set forth results of interview with [redacted] Scottsboro, Ala., together as an enclosure a pamphlet application with the Palmer Writers School, Minneapolis, Minn.

[redacted] New Orleans, La., advised as follows on 6/25/68:

[redacted] is currently an employee of the [redacted], and is in training as a petroleum inspector.

[redacted] at Belfast, Ireland, is a British citizen and is in the United States as a non-resident alien. [redacted] was recommended for employment with the Petroleum firm by a Petroleum firm employee who had met [redacted] in Panama. [redacted] by profession is a radio officer and prior to entering the United States, sailed on tankers under the flags of different countries out of England.

[redacted] has been employed by the [redacted], since 1/1/68 and when he arrived in New Orleans, he took a room in a rooming house at [redacted] New Orleans. [redacted] recalls that [redacted] lived at

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3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
1 - Birmingham (Info)
2 - New Orleans
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Special Agent in Charge

this address because on one occasion [redacted] drove [redacted] home at the end of a day's work.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is a promising trainee and that because of his alien citizenship, he was encouraged by the company to participate in correspondence courses such as handwriting in order to better equip himself as an employee. [redacted] had no specific knowledge that [redacted] may have enrolled in a commerce handwriting course.

[redacted] described [redacted] as being 5'11", 165 pounds, reddish hair, cut short.

[redacted] La., on 6/26/68, advised that he is the owner of the residence at [redacted] New Orleans. [redacted] advised as follows:

During early 1968, he ran ads advising of the availability of rooms for rent at [redacted], which neighborhood is a low class transient type area.

[redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] in response to one of these ads and advised that he was from England, was learning the oil business, and needed a room. [redacted] met [redacted] at the [redacted], address and [redacted] rented Apartment #3 at that address. The effective day of rent was on February 19, 1968 and [redacted] remained at that address until 4/19/68 when he moved elsewhere with a forwarding address not known to [redacted]

[redacted] displayed his rental book and it disclosed that [redacted] was a renter from 2/19/68 through 4/19/68.

[redacted] described [redacted] as a pleasant individual, who was about 30, 6', 175 pounds, slender build, and blond hair.

He stated that [redacted] furnished no information about his background other than to indicate he would probably be working in Baton Rouge, La., from time to time in connection with the oil business. [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] had taken some training in Baton Rouge for his company).

NO 157-10673

Both [redacted] and [redacted] viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

New Orleans will review the INS file in the name of [redacted] for further background information, conduct credit and criminal checks and advise Bureau, Birmingham and Memphis.

On the basis of investigation conducted thus far, it does not appear that subject RAY rented any facilities at [redacted], during March, 1968.

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FBI

Date: 6/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles airtel to Director dated 6/25/68.

The following investigation was conducted by

[redacted] Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on 6/28/68 that a check of records for 1967 and 1968 failed to reflect any vehicles registered or titled to a [redacted]

[redacted] Driver's License Section, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois, advised on 6/28/68 that a check of records failed to reflect any driver's or chauffeur's license issued to a [redacted]

E. E. Bishop

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3 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
2 - Chicago (44-1114) (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
2 - Springfield (44-561)
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Special Agent in Charge

7/1/68

CODE

CABELGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REURCAB JUNE TWENTY-NINE LAST.

IF POSSIBLE, REQUEST NEW SCOTLAND YARD FURNISH YOU PHOTOGRAPH OF HANDPRINTING ON PAPER BAG DISPLAYED BY BANK ROBBER IN HOLDUP OF BANK ON JUNE FOUR LAST, FOR APPROPRIATE FBI LAB EXAMINATION.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

EJM:cs
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NOTE: New Scotland Yard has identified fingerprint of Ray with latent on paper bag on which bank robber printed note in holding up bank in Fulham, England, on 6/4/68. Legat, London being requested to forward photograph for comparison with handprinting specimens in Murkin case.

VIA TELETYPE
JUL 1 1968
ENCIPHERED

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☑

FBI

Date: 7/1/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE AIR MAIL - REGISTERED (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Laboratory is a typewritten letter dated 2/4/68 addressed to [redacted] and signed by ERIC S. CALT. It is requested that this document be examined for handwriting and typing comparisons with other materials submitted in this matter. This document has been handled only by [redacted] and SA [redacted]

On 7/1/68 [redacted] Gerden Grove, California, furnished the following information. He advised that he is [redacted] of the [redacted], Santa Ana, California, and [redacted] Chapter, Friends of Rhodesia, P. O. Box 613, Gerdon Grove, California.

[redacted] stated that he had recently read a news item indicating that FBI Agents were investigating JAMES EARL RAY's alleged contacts with the American-South African Council, Washington, D. C. He stated that the Friends of Rhodesia work closely with the American-South African Council. He stated that he looked through some of his correspondence and found a letter bearing the signature ERIC S. CALT. This letter is quoted as follows:

(4) - Bureau (Enc. - 1)(AM-RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1967)(AM)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info.)(AM)
1 - Washington Field (44-703)(Info.)(AM)
2 - Los Angeles
TJR:GM
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Special Agent in Charge

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LA 44-1574

"2-4-68

"DEAR [redacted]

"I RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOUR OFFICE IN REPLY TO A LETTER I HAD SENT TO YOU REQUESTING INFORMATION ON RHODESIA, THE LETTER CLARIFED MOST OF MY QUESTIONS REGARDING IMMIGRATION. SUCH AS PASSPORT. IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO LEAVE BEFORE NOVEMBER BUT WANTED THE INFORMATION BEFORE HAND, ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU SEND I WOULD APPREACITE. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO RHODESIAN COMMENTARY.

"SINCERELY,

"ERIC S. GALT

"1535-N-SERRANO
"L.A. CALIF. 90027.

/s/ "ERIC S. GALT"

[redacted] stated that he would review his files to determine if any other communications from GALT are contained therein. He stated he was the only person to handle the enclosed letter, as he has no secretary. He stated that the note "ANS" appearing on the lower portion of this letter was made by him.

[redacted] stated his organization has received much publicity in the Los Angeles area resulting from exposure on the JOE PYNE Show, a daily late nighttime television talk show. He stated the address of the Friends of Rhodesia appears on its literature, which is widely circulated.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7/3/68

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau teletype to all offices 6/8/68, and Mobile airtel to the Bureau and Memphis 6/13/68.

Additional contact has been had with informants and sources in this Division, but no information pertinent to this case has been developed. These negative informant contacts have been recorded in instant Mobile file.

All other investigation set forth for the Mobile Division territory has been conducted and reported to Memphis. No stops are presently outstanding in this Division.

As all information has been reported, this case is being considered RUC.

2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Mobile
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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FBI

Date: 6/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (100-2082) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO - ME)

Remycab to Bureau and London 6/24/68.

Enclosed are eight copies of an LHM containing additional information furnished by the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (Portuguese International and State Security Police - PIDE), Lisbon, Portugal, on 6/22/68.

In addition to the information contained in the enclosed LHM, Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO of PIDE advised on 6/22/68 that circularization of the banks in Lisbon for information regarding the subject is practically completed and that negative responses have been received from almost all banks thus far.

Outstanding leads in Portugal are being pressed with PIDE and we will advise promptly as information is received.

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5 - Bureau (Encs. - 8)
(1 - Liaison Section)
(1 - Memphis, 44-1987, Info.)
1 - Legat, London (88-72, Info.) (Enc. - 1) (sent direct)
1 - Paris
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1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-94

AIRTEL

1cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT JUL 3 1968

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Special Agent in Charge

PAR 100-2082

Original airport entry and exit forms and hotel registration form received from Sr. PASSO on 6/8/68 and returned to this office by the Bureau with Bulet 6/18/68 have been returned to Sr. PASSO.

Original documents furnished by the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, pertaining to the issuance of a Canadian passport to the subject at Lisbon on 5/16/68 have been returned to the Canadian Embassy, Lisbon.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

June 24, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

At the time of subject's arrest in London, England, on June 8, 1968, he was found to be in possession of a South African Airways flight schedule showing flights from Lisbon, Portugal, to Luanda, Angola, Salisbury, Rhodesia, and Johannesburg, South Africa. A notation, which appeared to be Lisbon telephone number 535041, was found on the cover.

Original inquiry conducted by the Policia Internacional e de Defesa do Estado (Portuguese International and State Security Police - PIDE), Lisbon, determined that the telephone number is assigned to the South African Embassy, Lisbon. Original inquiry there revealed that the subject was unknown to personnel in that Embassy, his photograph was not recognized, and there was no record of any inquiry by him.

On June 22, 1968, Sr. JOSE MANUEL DA CUNHA PASSO of PIDE advised that additional inquiry at the South African Embassy in Lisbon succeeded in locating an employee who had received a telephone call from the subject using the name RAMON GEORGE SNEYD on an undetermined date during his visit in Lisbon. He advised that he had a brother in Africa, whose whereabouts he did not know, and that he desired to go to South Africa and commence attempting to locate his brother. He inquired as to what steps were necessary for him to enter South Africa. The Embassy clerk advised him that if he is an American it would be necessary for him to obtain a visa. The subject advised that he was not an American but a Canadian. The clerk advised him that, in that case, a visa would not be necessary but it would be necessary for him to show proof of financial responsibility and advise as to the reason for his trip to South Africa and his exact destination there.

No further inquiry was received from the subject by the South African Embassy.

7/2/68

CODE

CABLEGRAM

DEFERRED

1 - Mr. Callahan
(W. C. Jackson)
1 - Liaison

TO LEGATS BERN
BONN
BUENOS AIRES
HONG KONG
LONDON
MANILA
MEXICO CITY
OTTAWA
PARIS
ROME
SANTO DOMINGO
TOKYO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

TURKIN - COST DATA.

PLEASE FURNISH FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON CAPTIONED MATTER COMPILED OR BASED ON BEST FIGURES AVAILABLE SINCE CASE INCEPTION THROUGH JUNE THIRTY LAST AND MONTHLY THEREAFTER WITH CUMULATIVE TOTALS ONLY: (ONE) NUMBER OF MAN HOURS SPENT ON CASE BROKEN DOWN AS TO REGULAR HOURS, OVERTIME HOURS, AND TOTAL MAN HOURS BY FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES (SEPARATE FIGURES FOR EACH CLASS OF EMPLOYEES SHOWN): SPECIAL AGENTS; CLERICAL EMPLOYEES; (TWO) TOTAL MILEAGE (ESTIMATED OR ACTUAL) TRAVELED BY BUCARS USED ON CASE AND ANY PERSONALLY OWNED CARS, FIGURES TO BE SHOWN SEPARATELY; (THREE) ANY UNUSUAL OR OUT-OF-THE ORDINARY COSTS, SUCH AS COST OF CHARTERING AIRPLANE, RENTAL OF SPECIAL OFFICE SPACE, LEASED TELEPHONE LINES, ETC. THESE SHOULD BE ITEMIZED AND COST OF EACH ITEM SHOWN; (FOUR) PEAK NUMBER OF SPECIAL AGENTS WORKING ON CASE DURING MONTH FOR WHICH REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Detached)

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

VIA TELETYPE
JUL 2 1968
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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Cable to All Legats
RE: BURKIN - COST DATA
44-38861

COST DATA IS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CLOSE OF EACH MONTH IN ORDER THAT THE BUREAU MAY MAINTAIN COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE DATA ON CASE.

NOTE:

Foregoing cable to all Legats being sent at request of Budget Unit of Administrative Division.

5-22-64

FBI

Date: 7/3/68

e following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and WFO are two copies each of a letter dated 6/28/68 from [redacted] Dallas, Texas, directed to Mr. LLOYD RHODES, Assistant Attorney General, Memphis, Tenn.

LEAD

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will review the House Un-American Activities booklet entitled "Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations in the United States" for full testimony of [redacted] Mrs. ELOISE WITTE concerning possible assassination on "Mr. King's life." Will ascertain if [redacted] has been interviewed by Bureau Agents concerning the matters contained in her testimony, and if she has not been interviewed, leads should be set forth to have her interviewed. MRS. WITTE

REC-65 44-1987-4754

3 - Bureau (Encs. 2)
2 - WFO (Encs. 2)
2 - Memphis
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EX 109

12 JUL 5 1968

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

68 JUL 12 1968

[redacted]

DALLAS, TEXAS 75219

June/September
1968

Mr. Lloyd Rhodes,
Assistant Attorney General,
Memphis, Tennessee.

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

I hope that your Dallas visit proved productive.

However, what I am writing to you about has to do particularly with evidence which you will need when the suspect, Ray, actually comes to trial.

In the wake of every assassination, a spate of rumors always develops. Most of them, unfortunately lead nowhere.

Incidentally, with reference specifically to the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King, I wonder whether any follow-up has ever been made on the testimony educed during the 1965 and 1966 Congressional hearings about the Ku Klux Klan.

On page 3625, in the testimony of a Mr. Hanna, he said: She (Mrs. Elois Mitte) says, when Martin Luther King arrived in Cincinnati, he spoke at the Music Hall. She said there is two guns shipped into town from a personal friend of her She didn't mention which organization this person represented. She said that one was a German MP-40 Schmeisser submachine gun and one was an M-I Geraud gun 45 caliber." MR. MANUEL (questioning for the Committee): And did she tell you that these would be used in any possible assassination on Mr. King's life? MR. HANNA: Yes sir; she did.

Mrs. Mitte was identified as an active "EMPRESS" in the Klan membership drive.

All of the above, and more, appears in the booklet entitled "ACTIVITIES OF KU KLUX KLAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES." The testimony was given before the Committee On Un-American Activities, of the House of Representatives, 89th Congress, Second Session. This volume may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S.Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. for 65.75.

It appears to me that such a lead should certainly be investigated in connection with the impending legal proceedings against the suspect, Ray.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 7/1/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBAirtel to Bureau dated 6/28/68 regarding the photographing of registration cards of guests of all motels and hotels in the Birmingham, Ala., area for the date of 3/29/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Birmingham are two copies each of FD-302 of [redacted] dated 4/11/68 setting forth the identity of individuals who were residing at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tenn., on the same date that subject was registered under the name of ERIC S. GALT.

LEADS

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

On receipt of pertinent photographic prints of guest registration cards of motels and hotels in the Birmingham area from the Mechanical Section, will compare the names of guests at the Rebel Motel in Memphis as they appear on the enclosed FD-302 with names appearing on the registration cards of the various motels and hotels as submitted to the Bureau to determine if any of these names are duplicated.

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ENCLOSURE

(3)- Bureau (Encs. 2)
2 - Birmingham (Encs. 2)
2 - Memphis
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Special Agent in Charge

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If any of these names are determined to be duplicated, Birmingham is requested to have pertinent offices conduct investigation to determine if the individual or individuals in question are associated with subject RAY.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/12/68

[redacted] Manager, New Rebel Motor Motel, 3450 Lamar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that her records reflect the following:

Name	Address	Room No.	Registration Date
[redacted]	[redacted] Mississippi	3	March 31 - April 6, 1968
[redacted]	[redacted] Louisiana	11	March 31 - April 6, 1968
[redacted]	[redacted] Street, Tomah, Wisconsin	3	March 31 - April 6, 1968
[redacted]	[redacted] Louisiana	19	March 31 - April 6, 1968
[redacted]	Orlando, Florida	23	April 1 - April 6, 1968
[redacted]	Clarksville, Mississippi	20	April 1 - April 6, 1968
[redacted]	North Carolina	41	April 1 - April 6, 1968
[redacted]	Ripley, Mississippi	15	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	St. Petersburg Beach, Florida	38	April 3 - April 4, 1968

On 4/12/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # [redacted]

by [redacted] Date dictated [redacted]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

44-1967

Name	Address	Room No.	Registration Date
[redacted]	[redacted] Adamsville, Tennessee	10	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Ohio	12	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Dallas, Texas	14	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted] and [redacted]	Griffith, Indiana	26	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Memphis, Tennessee	29	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Memphis, Tennessee	30	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Memphis, Tennessee	25	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Memphis, Tennessee	27	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Jackson, Mississippi	7	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Nashville, Tennessee	13	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Kansas City, Missouri	10	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Lorain, Ohio	40	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Minnesota or Mississippi	37	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	Vicksburg, Mississippi	22	April 3 - April 4, 1968

44-1537

Name	Address	Room No.	Registration Date
[redacted]	[redacted] Gadsden, Alabama	33	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	[redacted] Memphis, Tennessee	36	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	[redacted] Mississippi	31	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	[redacted] Fremont, Ohio	35	April 3 - April 5, 1968
[redacted]	[redacted] Memphis, Tennessee	33	April 3 - April 4, 1968
[redacted]	[redacted] Springfield, Missouri	21	April 3 - April 4, 1968
Mrs. S. CALT	[redacted] Birmingham, Alabama	34	April 3 - April 4, 1968

[redacted] advised that during the period from 6:00 p.m. on April 3, 1968, to 1:00 p.m., April 4, 1968, the following individuals were on duty at the motel:

[redacted] Memphis.

[redacted] Memphis.

[redacted], Memphis.

[redacted] Memphis.

[redacted] Mississippi.

[redacted] Memphis.

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FBI

Date: 7/2/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

RE: MURKIN
CR

OO: Memphis

Re Dallas airtel to the Bureau dated 6/18/68 and San Antonio airtel to the Bureau dated 6/25/68.

The following information was furnished telephonically to [redacted] Dallas Division, on 7/1/68.

On 7/1/68, [redacted] telephonically contacted the Waco, Texas, Resident Agency from Dallas pay phone number 214 TA 3-0854.

[redacted] stated he had learned from his wife [redacted] that he was to contact the Waco RA. He stated he is living with [redacted], Dallas, and is working as a jobber for [redacted], all in Dallas.

Nature of the matter to be discussed with [redacted] was not disclosed.

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LEAD:

DALLAS

EX-103

AT DALLAS, TEXAS Will at [redacted] interview [redacted] re information furnished by anonymous caller per Bureau request.

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(3) - Bureau
2 - Dallas (44-2649)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(Info)
1 - Seattle (44-371)(Info)

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 7/3/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMEtel to Bureau 6/25/68 regarding the interview of [redacted] conducted by the Kansas City Division.

GEORGE BEN EDMONDSON

In referenced teletype, Memphis requested that the Bureau through the RCMP at Montreal, Canada, arrange to interview [redacted]

Upon receipt of the results of these interviews from Legat, Montreal, Canada, the Bureau is requested to submit the results of these interviews to the Memphis Division.

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2 - Memphis
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FBI

Date: 7/3/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for New York are two copies of an FBI Laboratory report dated 7/1/68.

LEAD

NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK CITY

Will contact appropriate official of Longines-Wittnauer Watch Co., 580 - 5th Ave., New York, to determine the significance, if any, of the two sets of numbers appearing on the 17-jewel Wittnauer wristwatch described in enclosed FBI Laboratory report.

Memphis desires that if these numbers are significant and could be of assistance in tracing the retail or wholesale outlet for this watch that every effort be made to determine where RAY purchased this watch.

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2 - New York (Encs. 2)
2 - Memphis
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79 JUL RFBJL

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

July 3, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This is to confirm the conversation between you and Special Agent [redacted] on July 2, 1968.

In accordance with your instructions, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is being advised that there is no objection to their utilizing the passport application of the subject under the name of Ramon George Sneyd in connection with their investigation [redacted] The RCMP is being cautioned that every effort should be made to not alter the physical appearance of the original document and the chain of evidence should be clearly documented in the event this application may be needed as evidence in any future proceeding.

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NOTE: This is to confirm discussion with Mr. Pollak in which he advised as indicated above relative to the RCMP's request.

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25 JUL 5 1968

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

8/18/69

Airtel

1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. McDonough

To: SAC, St. Louis

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

Attached are two copies of an article which appeared in the "Washington Evening Star" 8/15/69, indicating that in a statement read by his brother, Jerry Ray, on station KMOX-TV in St. Louis, James Earl Ray claimed that Federal Agents recruited him ostensibly to help overthrow Fidel Castro's Cuban regime and then they killed King and used Ray as the "fall guy."

The St. Louis Office through its appropriate sources should obtain the complete detailed statement of Jerry Ray made on station KMOX-TV in St. Louis and forward this to the Bureau and take no further action at this time. Handle immediately.

Enclosures - 2

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (Enclosure)

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U.S. Agents Killed King, Ray Claims

ST. LOUIS (AP)—James Earl Ray claims federal agents recruited him ostensibly to help overthrow Fidel Castro's Cuban regime, then they killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and used him as the "fall guy."

Ray made the assertion in a statement dictated to his brother, Jerry, at the Tennessee State Prison in Nashville, where he is serving 99 years for murdering the civil rights leader. The statement was read by the brother in a televised program on station KMOX-TV here.

In the statement, the convicted killer said the federal agents employed him during the spring of 1968.

"They told me I was helping them to supply arms and guns to Cuba refugees to overthrow Castro and the Communists in Cuba," Ray declared. "I knew nothing about King being in Memphis until after King had been killed."

The Washington Post
Times Herald
The Washington Daily News
The Evening Star (Washington)
The Sunday Star (Washington)
Daily News (New York)
Sunday News (New York)
New York Post
The New York Times
The Sun (Baltimore)
The Daily World
The New Leader
The Wall Street Journal
The National Observer
People's World
Examiner (Washington)

AUG 15 1969
Date

NOTE:

Although extensive Bureau investigation has not developed any information along the lines of James Earl Ray's purported allegation and since the Department has not dismissed Federal process against Ray and have indicated they desire to have any leads bearing on the assassination of King thoroughly run out, the St. Louis Office is being instructed to obtain the detailed statement which will be reviewed to determine whether any further action is warranted. On the basis of the context of this statement itself there does not appear to be any logical connection between the alleged recruiting of Ray to assist in the overthrow of the Castro regime and the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr. The statement makes reference to Federal Agents and makes no mention of FBI Agents being involved and Ray may be implying CIA Agent involvement.

In previous contacts Ray has been uncommunicative and probably would not furnish any further specifics on this spurious allegation.

Upon receipt of the detailed statement it will be thoroughly reviewed and if warranted, appropriate recommendations will be made as to what, if any, further action is indicated.

This should be routed through Mr. Bishop's Office for review.

KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 62

Report Form
FD-263 (Rev. 5-1-59)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
ST. LOUIS	MEMPHIS	6-25-68	5/7 - 6/21/68

TITLE OF CASE

JAMES EARL RAY, aka -
F U G I T I V E
IO 4182; WF 442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
V I C T I M

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: wmg

CHARACTER OF CASE:
CIVIL RIGHTS -
CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] SLMO, 5-10-68.

STATUS: P

(1) Xerox copy of pages 150-180 of report given to SA [redacted] 7-11-68. wmg

LEADS:

THE ST. LOUIS OFFICE:

AT ST. LOUIS, MO.:

Will continue efforts to determine subject's whereabouts and activities 4/23 to 7/[illegible]/67.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - None
CASE PENDING OVER ONE YEAR - NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS - NO.

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

Bureau (44-38861)
Memphis (44-1987)
Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
Birmingham (44-1740) (Info)
Chicago (44-1114) (Info)
Kansas City (44-760) (Info)
Springfield (44-1987) (Info)
St. Louis (44-775)

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SL: 44-775
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Information copies of this report were designated for the Springfield, Chicago, Birmingham, Atlanta and Kansas City Divisions in view of continuing investigation being conducted by them.

Overlapping investigative period between this and rereport was caused by necessary transcription time.

All St. Louis informants and sources have been periodically contacted for any information concerning subject coming to their attention on which they might obtain, and they have been repeatedly alerted to immediately furnish any information received.

[redacted]

While, further contacts with relatives are not contemplated, as verification might be construed as interference with subject's defense.

All stops bearing on location of subject were cancelled on his apprehension.

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SL: 44-775
WRB:jlb

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Toll Calls from Lafonts Cafe and Lafonce Sinclair Service Station, Portageville, Missouri

MA 8-3401

On May 15, 1968, Special Agent [redacted] determined that telephone number MA8-3401 is listed to the Pemiscot County Packing Company at Wardell, Missouri.

On that date, Mr. V. D. MC MINN and RALPH PERRELL, co-owners of the Pemiscot Packing Company, Wardell, Missouri, advised that they were acquainted with [redacted] and [redacted] at Portageville, Missouri. [redacted] They [redacted] called on several occasions [redacted] They viewed a photograph of subject and stated they were not acquainted with any person of that appearance.

MA 8-9990

On the same date Special Agent [redacted] determined that this number is listed to a pay telephone in the building occupied by the Broseley Laundramat at Broseley, Missouri.

Mr. HAROLD SADLER, Manager of the Broseley Laundramat, Broseley, Missouri, advised Special Agent [redacted] on the same date that his laundramat is a self-service business which operates unattended twenty-four hours a day but that he is in and out of the laundramat at numerous times during the day to check on the condition of the facilities. He is not acquainted with [redacted] or [redacted] in Portageville. He viewed a photograph of subject and stated he was not acquainted with any person of that appearance. He stated that since the laundramat is unattended he would have no way of knowing the identities of any persons receiving calls at the pay booth there unless he happened to be in the laundramat at the time such calls were received.

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SL 44-775
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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Re: CAROL PEPPER'S Telephone

On 5/22/68, [redacted] Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, Mo., confidentially advised that telephone MI5-2948 of ALBERT PEPPER, 2025 Bellvue, St. Louis, had been discontinued. The subscriber has been issued a new non-published number. It is [redacted] This information was obtained by subpoena.

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SL 44-775
SJP/ral

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Re: JERRY RAYNES' TELEPHONE

On 5/22/68, [redacted] Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, St. Louis, confidentially furnished the following information to SA [redacted] The information was made available upon the issuance of a subpoena. JERRY RAYNES, Center, Mo., had his telephone number AM7-3467 changed to a non-published number. The new number is [redacted]

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SL 44-775

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE: CIRCUIT JUDGE JOHN C. CASEY

On May 10, 1968, Judge JOHN C. CASEY, Circuit Court, Division 18, Municipal Court Building, 13th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] that he had originally sentenced subject to 20 years in the Missouri State Penitentiary following subject's conviction of an armed robbery of a Kroger Store in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1959. Subject appealed the conviction and sentence but the findings of the trial court were sustained. The appeal is reported in 354 Southwestern Second, page 840.

Thereafter subject filed a motion to vacate the judgment and sentence under Section 27.26 of the Missouri Rules of Criminal Procedure on August 4, 1966 alleging improper introduction of his signed statement failure to afford him a sanity hearing, allowance by the court of faulty jury instructions, reception of perjured State testimony, and failure of the court to furnish him the advice and assistance of an attorney during the various stages of trial and appeal. Judge CASEY noted that such motion and the argument in support thereof had been prepared personally by subject and that, although they were obviously based on similar motions and arguments of other prisoners which he knows to be on file at the Missouri State Penitentiary as models for individual motions prepared by other prisoners, they were ably prepared, were on a par with similar motions and arguments regularly prepared by practicing attorneys in this area, and evidence a thorough knowledge and preparation on the part of the subject in regard to the specific points of law involved.

Judge CASEY stated that he had thereafter overruled subject's motion but that the Supreme Court of Missouri had on April 12, 1967, reversed him on this matter and ordered subject's motion restored to his docket as of June 15, 1967. Judge CASEY noted that the matter had actually become academic as of that date due to subject's escape. Judge CASEY stated he had appointed Attorney JOHN D. SCHNEIDER of St. Louis to represent subject in this matter, but that to the extent of his knowledge SCHNEIDER never saw the subject or had any contact with him.

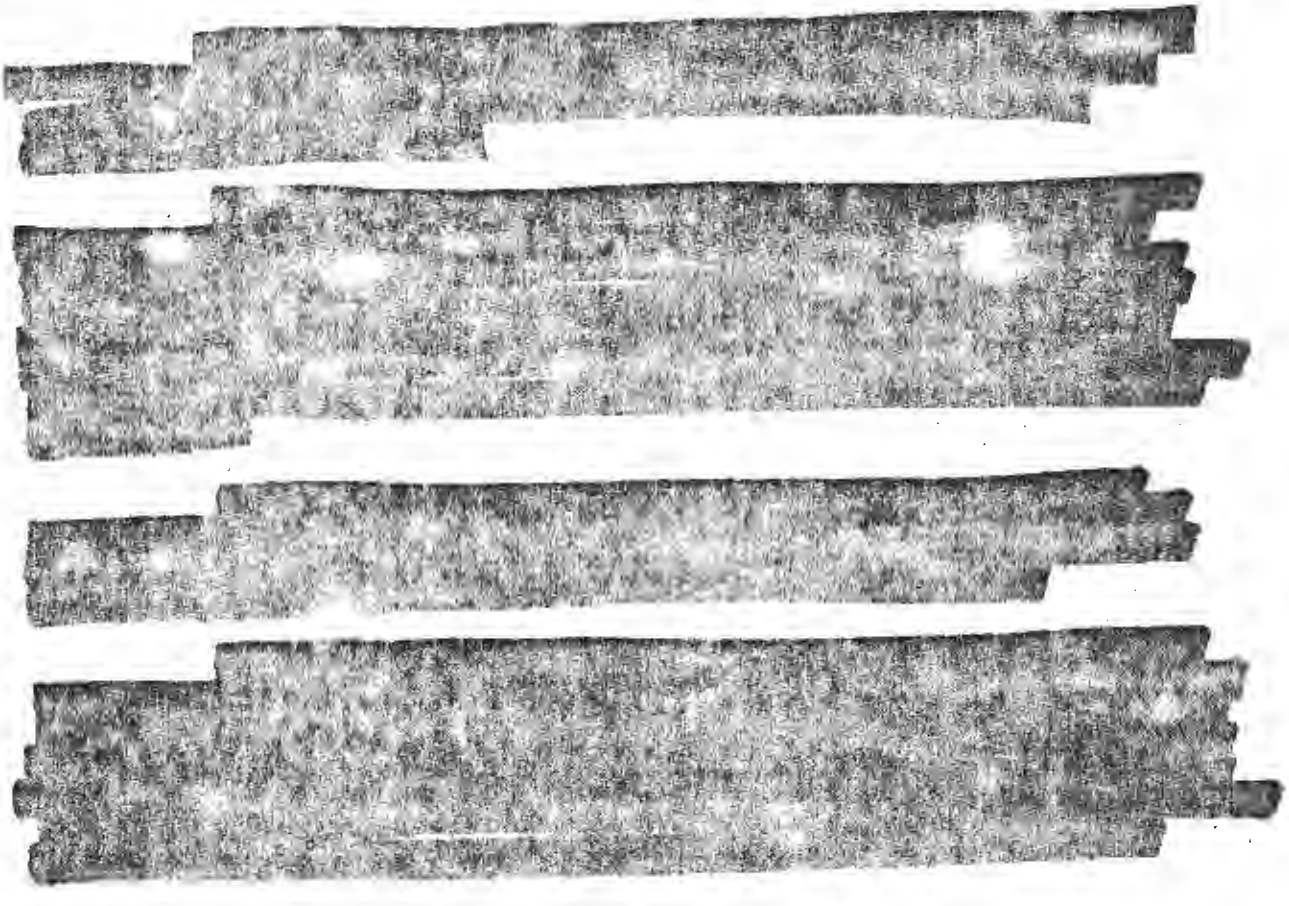
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Judge CASEY stated that he had not become aware of subject's escape until fairly recently and that on receipt of such information he had immediately called the warden of Missouri State Penitentiary and confirmed the fact of subject's escape.

Attorney SCHNEIDER on May 1, 1968, filed a report that subject had escaped and that no action was therefore possible on subject's motion at that time. Judge CASEY stated that a summary of same had appeared in the St. Louis Daily Record on May 8, 1968, and had not yet been picked up by [redacted].

Judge CASEY further stated that the Circuit Attorney had thereafter filed a motion to dismiss subject's motion to vacate on the grounds that the post conviction remedy in Section 27.26 was not available to a person not in custody.



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SL: 44-775
HRD:wsa

ADMINISTRATIVE

Information appearing on the following pages was furnished by [redacted]

In evaluating the information provided by [redacted] as set forth on the following pages, it is to be noted that other investigation conducted by St. Louis in this case, including interviews with [redacted] clearly reflects that the [redacted] referred to by [redacted] are unquestionably [redacted] respectively. Furthermore, it has been determined that [redacted] was incarcerated in the St. Louis [redacted] jail from [redacted] In view of this, [redacted] could not have been engaged in other activities during that period of time which activities are ascribed to him by [redacted] It thus appears certain that information furnished by [redacted] is considered unreliable and that in certain essential respects it is completely false.

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[redacted] was contacted May 9, 1968, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] at which time he furnished the following additional information.

From about 10:00 p.m. on the night of May 8, 1968, until 1:00 a.m. that night, [redacted] was at the [redacted] On this occasion [redacted] told that JERRY RAY was still in the St. Louis area but had been at the residence of their father in north Missouri. JOHN RAY expressed expectation that JERRY would be coming in during the course of the evening while [redacted] at the tavern. JERRY did not appear there, however. At the time of this interview, [redacted] On this occasion [redacted] had no conversation with JOHN RAY regarding subject JAMES EARL RAY. [redacted] has not seen nor talked with CAROL PEPPER since the time [redacted] was previously contacted.

Interviewing Agents made reference to [redacted] during this interview of the information [redacted] to the effect that JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had indicated [redacted] in about the latter part of June, 1967, that they had knowledge of the subject's whereabouts at that time in Omaha and Los Angeles. [redacted] this had not been corroborated in interviews with JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER, who had denied to the FBI that they had any knowledge regarding subject's whereabouts since subject's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). It was explained [redacted] that it was very important to resolve this conflict and inquiry was made [redacted] as to whether he was quite certain that the information he had furnished in this regard previously was absolutely true and accurate. He stated that he was quite certain in this regard and that the information he had furnished was positively true but that he could add no further details regarding the information he had furnished, since this was all the information that had been provided him. It

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was pointed out to [redacted] that under the circumstances it appeared that either he or JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had lied to the FBI, and he was specifically asked whether he had in any manner lied to us concerning this information, and it was pointed out to him that if he had lied in any way, it would be much better for him to correct such falsification now than at a later date. [redacted] said he had positively not lied. He reluctantly acknowledged that if JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had denied any knowledge of subject's whereabouts after his escape from the penitentiary, then they had lied in that regard, although he added in that connection that he could not say that JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER had had direct contact with the subject, but their information may have come to them indirectly so far as source was aware.

With regard to the information [redacted] claimed to have received indicating that subject had been in Omaha or Los Angeles as previously referred to, inquiry was made of [redacted] as to whether it was JOHN RAY or CAROL PEPPER who had made the specific statements and furnished the specific information to [redacted] He stated it was his recollection that although JOHN RAY was the one who did most of the talking in the conversations referred to, CAROL PEPPER also indicated by her comments that she and JOHN RAY both had the same information regarding the alleged presence of subject in Omaha and Los Angeles.

[redacted] commented that he had read in the papers that subject, under the name GALT, had apparently had considerable amount of money and had been able to peel off $20 bills from a large roll of money when he purchased an automobile. In that regard [redacted] said he had some idea as to what might have been the [redacted] of that money and he hoped and expected that within a week or so he would be able to furnish his ideas in that regard. When pressed for further details at this time, the following information was elicited from source.

After [redacted] was released on bail from the [redacted] on June 23 or 24, 1967, he read in the Chicago "Tribune" newspaper a few days later, possibly only a day or two after his release from jail, of a bank robbery which had occurred in a southern state. He recognized this bank and

its location as a bank which [redacted] subject RAY had cased on two Fridays during the period in 1950 when [redacted] and subject were closely associated. They traveled by automobile from St. Louis on those occasions in casing the bank, and on two or three subsequent occasions when subject and [redacted] were in the same vicinity they again looked the bank over. They had planned to hit the bank in a robbery on a Friday as they were aware that that was a payroll day when the bank handled considerable amounts of money. When they initially cased the bank they observed several police officers in uniform who were around the bank, but on later occasions they did not observe the presence of police officers. At that period of time, when they were casing the bank and planning a possible robbery, [redacted] was suffering a physical disability because of injuries [redacted] Because of this, [redacted] explained that he was not physically able to go on the robbery at the time they were casing the bank and the job never came off, and subject was thereafter apprehended at St. Louis in a robbery and sentenced to the penitentiary.

A few days [redacted] read in the Chicago "Tribune" of the robbery of this bank, he was visited at his residence by an unnamed middle-aged man, whom [redacted] had previously known in St. Louis in 1950, and whom he thinks he probably introduced to subject in 1950. This man, whom [redacted] declined to name, told [redacted] he had been on a bank robbery and he displayed a valise full of money. [redacted] during the visit, had told his visitor that he was hard up and broke at that time and the man took $250 from the valise and gave it to [redacted] which [redacted] assumed was in the nature of a loan. Information furnished by the man to [redacted] was to the effect that the money in the valise was the loot from the bank robbery. Either from what the man told [redacted] or from the news article previously referred to, [redacted] learned that the amount of loot obtained in the robbery was approximately $50,000, and that an additional sizeable amount of money has been missed in the robbery, which money was in the bank vault. The $250 given to [redacted] by the man consisted of one $50 bill, according to [redacted] recollection,

and other smaller bills. [redacted] is uncertain in his recollection, but either from what the man told him or from what [redacted] had read in the newspaper he understood that the bank referred to by the man was the bank referred to in the news article.

It is [redacted] recollection that the visit from this man who gave [redacted] $250 occurred a few days prior to his conversations with JOHN RAY and CAROL PEPPER, in which they indicated to [redacted] that they had knowledge of subject's whereabouts, including his alleged presence in Omaha and Los Angeles.

[redacted] has had contact with the man who visited him as referred to on only one subsequent occasion, and he estimates this was about six weeks ago, at which time the man again stopped by [redacted] residence for a short visit. Although [redacted] had originally assumed that the $250 was a loan from this man, the matter of the $250 was not brought up by either of them at the time of this latter visit. From his conversation with this man, [redacted] learned that the man's accomplice in the bank robbery previously referred to was subject, JAMES EARL RAY, and [redacted] gained the impression from the man that there were probably one or more additional accomplices who were not identified to [redacted].

[redacted] stated he was not ready at this time to furnish further details regarding the exact location of the bank or the identity of the man who gave him $250. He was pressed for information pertaining to the identity and location of the bank, and it was elicited from him that the bank was in a southern state. He acknowledged that by a southern state he meant a state far south, such as Louisiana or Alabama, and he added "or Mississippi" but denied that the state was actually Mississippi. He said the place where the bank was located was not just a small town and that the city or town was located near a river which constitutes a state boundary. [redacted] learned from the unnamed man that the persons who robbed the bank were in the bank for only a minute or two and made a getaway in which they crossed the river on a bridge into an adjoining state. [redacted] said that it was entirely possible that they could have been across this bridge and in another state within five minutes from the time they left the bank.

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[redacted] said he wanted to wait at least a few days before he furnished further information, implying that within that period of time he might again be in touch with the unnamed man and would endeavor to ascertain the identities of any additional accomplices. He said he was not sure he was ready at this time to reveal the identity of the unnamed man and wanted to defer this decision. It was discussed with [redacted] the possibility of whether he might immediately reveal all details in his possession if a payment of money could be made to him for such, and he indicated he would be receptive to such payment, but concluded after some apparent consideration that he felt it would have to wait for at least a few days. He made a comment to the effect that he wanted to make sure he was "clear" himself. It was elicited from [redacted] that the unnamed man he referred to has not been a resident of St. Louis but is believed by [redacted] to be from the "southwest part of the country", and [redacted] believes he has served time in a penitentiary, possibly in Arkansas. [redacted] also indicated he has gained an impression that the man has probably spent some time in Mexico.

[redacted] said the reason he had not mentioned the matter of the bank robbery earlier was because he had felt that there was already enough of a rap against subject RAY, and he did not believe if there would be any great interest in the additional charge involving the robbery. [redacted] said that he hoped to be able within a few days or a week or so to furnish additional details and that he would do so at a later time if possible.

[redacted] advised no further mail has been received at his residence for JOHN RAY.

Inquiry was made of [redacted] regarding the manner in which he first learned that subject RAY had escaped in April, 1967, from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) and he furnished the following information in that regard:

After [redacted] arrest in St. Louis on [redacted] a fugitive, he was thereafter in the St. Louis City Jail in [redacted] there were also confined in the jail three other persons all of whom had apparently been confined previously at the MSP and it was one or all of these three persons, according to [redacted] recollection, who first informed him that subject RAY had escaped. One of these persons was [redacted] Another was [redacted] (phonetic). [redacted] cannot recall the identity of the third person and has never seen this third man again and does not know anything else about him.

Inquiry was made of [redacted] as to who it was that had come to his residence on the night of [redacted] in an automobile and visited him there. He said that [redacted] (he was uncertain regarding the last name of this person but believed it was [redacted] or something like that) and another man had [redacted] residence at about 8:00 p.m. or [redacted] had known acquainted with [redacted] following [redacted] arrest on [redacted] was first held for three or four days in the Central District Holdover of the Police Department before being transferred to the city jail. [redacted] were cellmates during these few days in the holdover. Later, while at the city jail [redacted] source also saw [redacted] a few times in the jail but they were on different tiers in the jail and they did not actually converse with in the jail. While they were cellied together in the holdover, however, [redacted] learned from [redacted] that he had served sentences previously in the MSP.

When [redacted] came to [redacted] residence on the evening of [redacted] was accompanied by another man and [redacted] mentioned the other man's

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[redacted] was contacted on May 14, 1958, by SA [redacted] and [redacted] Inquiry was made of [redacted] at this time regarding other occupants of the two buildings at [redacted] It was ascertained that [redacted] is currently in the unit occupied by [redacted] unit which he occupies is on the [redacted] The last previous occupant of the unit on the [redacted] floor numbered [redacted] according to [redacted] moved in there about the first of [redacted] 1957. [redacted] and [redacted] were both arrested on [redacted] by the St. Louis Police Department on a burglary charge for which [redacted] was a prisoner confined in the city jail as has been previously referred to.

[redacted] receiving a sentence of nine months probation which he believes expires on [redacted] He is [redacted] left [redacted] St. Louis, and returned to [redacted] with the permission of his probation officer.

With regard to the building at the rear of the building referred to above, [redacted] occupied the rear building [redacted] only the number [redacted] It also is a [redacted] but neither of the [redacted] units on the first floor were occupied at this time. The second floor front is currently occupied by a woman named [redacted] phonetic and the second floor rear is occupied by a woman named [redacted]

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first knew [redacted] did not pay attention and does not remember the name, [redacted] stated this other man were at [redacted] restaurant about 10 or 15 minutes. When they first arrived [redacted] asked [redacted] whether there was anything doing and [redacted] understood from this that [redacted] meant did [redacted] have any burglary jobs going. [redacted] told him there was nothing doing at this time.

During the conversation [redacted] indicated he was down on his luck and asked [redacted] for money for meals. [redacted] gave him either $2 or $4 in cash. Also during this visit [redacted] asked [redacted] whether he knew JAMES RAY and [redacted] replied, "Well yes, I know his wife." [redacted] asked [redacted] whether the latter knew RAY was out and [redacted] replied to the effect that he knew RAY was out and heard it also that RAY was "red hot" and that they were really looking for him. [redacted] said there was no further conversation that he could recall and that [redacted] and the other man left after they had been there about 10 or 15 minutes.

During the time that [redacted] and the other man visited [redacted] on the evening of May 21, 1968, a friend of [redacted] was present inasmuch as [redacted] was there visiting [redacted] before [redacted] and the other man arrived. [redacted] had formerly stayed part of the time with [redacted] occupying the residence on the [redacted] lives at [redacted] very often visits [redacted] of the latter's residence on the evening after [redacted] gets off from work.

Inquiry was made of [redacted] concerning the bank robbery which he referred to by him in a previous interview and he was strongly advised and [redacted] to furnish further details in that regard at this time. [redacted] insisted he was not yet ready to furnish further details. He was advised that a review of the "Chicago Tribune" newspaper for the latter part of June and entire month of July, 1968, disclosed reference to a bank robbery such as he had described. [redacted] insisted that he had, nevertheless read the news article concerning the robbery in the "Chicago Tribune" as he had previously stated, describing

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the news article as being a small article, either from the Associated Press or the United Press.

In reviewing with [redacted] the information he had previously furnished concerning the alleged bank robbery he referred at this time to the amount of the loot as having been $48,000. He said that he had read of the robbery in the "Chicago Tribune" a short time after his release from jail on [redacted] and when pressed for a more precise estimate of the time interval he said that it was within a few days or perhaps several weeks after his release from jail and could have been as much as a month after he was released from jail.

[redacted] said it was either a few days or a few weeks after he had read of the robbery in the "Chicago Tribune" that the unnamed man gave him $250. It was at the time of this man's first visit and on the occasion when the man gave [redacted] $250 that the man told [redacted] the identity of the bank that the money in the valise had come out of and it was at the time of this same first visit that the man told [redacted] that JIMMIE RAY had been with him on the robbery.

Regarding the identity of the unnamed man [redacted] said he was not yet ready to reveal the identity of the man. He added that he does not actually know the man's name but had always known him only by a first name which he had always thought was probably a phony name and he said that he cannot now recall even this first name.

When inquiry was made of [redacted] as to how the man could have known where [redacted] lived or could have found him there, [redacted] said he assumed that the man learned [redacted] information from JIMMIE and he suggested that JIMMIE might have obtained that information from some of JIMMIE's relatives. [redacted] however, said he did not know specifically at all how the man might have found him.

Concerning the second and last visit of the man to [redacted] on this occasion said that this second visit occurred three or four weeks after the man's first visit to [redacted] At that time the man indicated he was just coming through St. Louis and had merely stopped in briefly to see [redacted] The man had a [redacted] coffee with [redacted] and subject

RAY was not mentioned on the occasion of this second visit nor was the fact that the man had previously given [redacted] $250 mentioned on the occasion of this visit.

Various inconsistencies in the foregoing information furnished by [redacted] on this occasion were pointed out to him, including the fact that [redacted] now said the man's second visit occurred three or four weeks after the first visit whereas he had previously said the second visit had occurred about six weeks ago. [redacted] said he could not be sure and that "as I've told you, my brain doesn't always work right."

During the rather lengthy interview with [redacted] efforts were made to identify the town in which this alleged bank robbery occurred during the summer of 1967. He indicated the bank was about eight blocks from the central business section of town in a city of about 50,000 to 60,000 population, that there was a residential area near the bank which was a new building in 1959, and was located on a corner with a parking lot adjacent to the bank. He indicated that it was not far from a bridge across the Mississippi River. During the getaway the individual who gave him the $250 got out of the car and walked maybe one-fourth or one-half mile north of the bridge and with the loot walked across a railroad bridge while apparently subject RAY reportedly drove across the bridge. He indicated the police department was on the road leading from the bank to the bridge. At one time he indicated the city was Memphis. On another occasion he said that it could have been Memphis or was close to Memphis or was laid out like Memphis. At the conclusion of this extended inquiry concerning the location of the bank he again indicated that he would wait until he thought the time was right to tell us because he wanted a few more days to determine if someone else was also aware of the robbery to older that [redacted] might not be necessarily fingered as a [redacted] of the information. He said that he thought in a few days he might be able to work it out so that someone else might actually be blamed in that regard. He did say that the bank was on the east side of the Mississippi River. When pressed as to whether the story of the bank robbery which he had related and in which he had now furnished various conflicting details was

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[illegible]lly true he insisted that the basic facts as he had related them were the truth.

[redacted] was advised that information had been received to the effect that in about May, 1967, subject RAY had been reportedly seen on various occasions in the immediate vicinity of [redacted] residence on South Eleventh Street, such information indicating that RAY was actually very possibly with [redacted] and that [redacted] may have been keeping him at that time. [redacted] emphatically denied this and also denied that he had any contact with RAY since the latter's escape from the penitentiary in April, 1967. [redacted] said that if RAY had in fact been near [redacted] residence he certainly never contacted [redacted] or came [redacted] residence. He said that any information to the contrary was positively a "bum steer".

During the course of this interview it was ascertained from [redacted] that he had in the previous interview erroneously referred to the bowling alley in St. Louis which he and subject RAY operated in [redacted] as being the [redacted] Bar but at that time had the name [redacted] Bar and was later known as the [redacted].

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[redacted] advised that no additional information regarding the possible threatening of JAMES EARL RAY had come to his attention. He advised that within the past several days he had not had occasion to talk with CAROL PEPPER, although during that period he had talked a couple of times with JOHN RAY, but the latter mentioned nothing concerning JAMES EARL RAY on those occasions.

[redacted] stated he was not aware that JOHN RAY may have made a trip to California or elsewhere in the summer of 1967.

With regard to a bank robbery to which [redacted] had referred in previous interviews, [redacted] at this time furnished the following information. The bank which was robbed was a bank in Alton, Illinois, but [redacted] does not remember the name of the bank. The amount of loot obtained in the robbery was approximately $28,000. In previous interviews [redacted] had intentionally furnished incorrect information regarding the location of the bank and the amount of the loot in order that the bank robbery to which he had referred might not be identified. However, the other information which he furnished regarding the bank robbery in previous interviews was correct.

[redacted] was released from the St. Louis City Jail on about June 22 or 23, 1967. About a couple of weeks later he read in the "Chicago Tribune" out in one of the St. Louis newspapers about the robbery of the bank in Alton in which approximately $20,000 in cash had been obtained. The news article indicated that the robbers had given an additional $20,000 because they ducked out very quickly while a teller went to the vault to get additional money.

Upon reading in the newspaper of this bank robbery, source recognized the bank as one which [redacted] JAMES EARL RAY had cased in 1966.

A few days after reading in the newspaper about this bank robbery, a man came to [redacted] at the latter's

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[redacted] last name. This man's first name is [redacted] and [redacted] cannot remember his last name. [redacted] had originally become acquainted with [redacted] in 1959 in the vicinity of Sarah and Olive Streets in St. Louis, and he believes he introduced RAY to [redacted] in 1959. The name [redacted] which [redacted] had furnished in a previous interview as the possible name of this man [redacted] was in error, and [redacted] now is certain that the man's sir name is not [redacted] When [redacted] came to [redacted] home a few days after [redacted] had read of the robbery in a newspaper, he came by himself and was carrying a valise or briefcase, which he opened and which contained a lot of money which was strapped. [redacted] told [redacted] this money was from the bank robbery in Alton, the same robbery of which [redacted] had read in the newspaper. [redacted] told [redacted] that [redacted] and RAY had pulled this robbery. [redacted] inquired of [redacted] as to how they got by any road blocks. [redacted] told [redacted] that one of them had crossed the Mississippi River in an automobile via the Lewis and Clark Bridge into Missouri, and the other one walked across a railroad bridge over the Mississippi River, these two bridges being within view of each other. [redacted] did not tell [redacted] whether it was he or RAY who drove across the river in the automobile and did not say which one of them carried the loot. In talking to [redacted] did not indicate that more persons than [redacted] and RAY were involved in the robbery, but [redacted] assumed that there might well have been a "wheel man" to drive the car, and he would have been in addition to [redacted] and RAY. [redacted] told [redacted] that he and RAY were not masked during the robbery but were "tips", which [redacted] understood to mean they were tips on their fingers which had been cut from rubber gloves. [redacted] told [redacted] that when they left the bank the police [redacted] on the way there. During this visit [redacted] asked [redacted] how he was fixed financially and [redacted] told him "not too good". [redacted] then gave [redacted] $250 from the valise or briefcase. This money consisted of two packages of $1 bills totaling $100 each, these two packages being strapped, and one $50 bill. When [redacted] left [redacted] on this occasion, [redacted] commented that he might see [redacted] later. During this visit and their conversation, [redacted] did not indicate to [redacted] any further information regarding the whereabouts of RAY, either at this time or any other time.

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At a time which [redacted] estimates to be two or three months after the above visit, [redacted] again came to [redacted] residence. [redacted] was alone and came in an automobile, but [redacted] did not observe this car sufficiently to be able to describe it at all. On the occasion of this visit, [redacted] merely passed the time of day with [redacted] and had a cup of coffee with him. [redacted] commented that he was "going down south" but did not specify where or why he was going. There was no mention made during this visit of the bank robbery or of any of the $250 [redacted] previously gave source.

[redacted] believes he did not see [redacted] again on any other occasion until Monday, May 13, 1968, when [redacted] came to [redacted] residence at about 9:00 p.m., after [redacted] man that [redacted] never had seen before came with [redacted] introduced the other man by the first name [redacted] told [redacted] he was from New Orleans and mentioned that he had "taken a fall" in Kansas City but did not say what this involved; [redacted] believes [redacted] said it was a murder rap. [redacted] if the latter had any money and stated [redacted] told something to that effect. [redacted] thereupon gave [redacted] some. [redacted] asked [redacted] whether the latter had a "heater" (gun). [redacted] told [redacted] he did not have a heater right now but could have one the next day. [redacted] then told [redacted] to and [redacted] would come back later. [redacted] and [redacted] then left after having been at [redacted] residence about ten or fifteen minutes.

Later that same night, May 13, 1968, [redacted] went out and saw a friend in St. Louis from whom he purchased a .38 caliber revolver, make unknown, which was nickel plated, had a six-inch barrel and had a regular brown-colored grip. This was a five-shot revolver, and when [redacted] obtained it from his friend, one chamber was empty and the other four chambers were loaded with live ammunition. [redacted] does not desire to reveal the identity of the friend from whom he borrowed this gun stating, however, that the friend is in St. Louis.

The next evening, May 14, 1968, at about 8:00 p.m., [redacted] and [redacted] both came back to [redacted] residence, and while they had a couple of beers with [redacted] in the latter's

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backyard, they went inside [redacted] residence. [redacted] at that time gave [redacted] the gun he had borrowed from his friend. During their conversation at this time, [redacted] commented to the effect, "I'm on the north side this time", by which [redacted] understood [redacted] was living in the north part of St. Louis. Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] specified to [redacted] the purpose for which they desired the gun, but [redacted] understood from their remarks that they wanted it for some unspecified robbery. [redacted] commented to [redacted] to the effect that "I'll have to skip. I've about $1,000 worth of clothes which I'll bring here for you to hold for me." [redacted] expressed to [redacted] his willingness to hold the clothing for [redacted].

During their conversation at this time, [redacted] or [redacted] noted that a piece of the gun located at the rear of the cylinder was broken off in such a manner that the bullets in the cylinder could fall out. Either [redacted] or [redacted] asked [redacted] whether he had any adhesive tape, and [redacted] did then produce a roll of adhesive tape. [redacted] then put tape on the gun behind the cylinder so that the bullets would not fall out.

It is the recollection of [redacted] that his friend, [redacted] arrived at [redacted] residence, but not until after [redacted] had departed, and he believes [redacted] did not see them there.

[redacted] has not had any subsequent contact with [redacted] or [redacted] and they have not returned the gun. [redacted] has been carefully watching the newspapers and listening to news reports, but has not heard of any job which he believes they might have pulled. [redacted] recalls that on the occasion when he gave [redacted] the gun, [redacted] commented to the effect, "I'll see you [redacted] or the next day", and also to the effect, "We'll remember you for the favor."

[redacted] describes [redacted] as a white male, about 45 to 50 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches and of slender build. He does not recall a description of [redacted] hair. [redacted] recalls that [redacted] sometime previously had been served time in the [redacted] and [redacted] spoke of having served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City.

[redacted] described [redacted] as being about 31 to 35 years of age, clean cut in appearance, black hair, sharp features, medium stature and heavier than [redacted]

[redacted] is the same person who shared a cell with [redacted] in the St. Louis Police Department Holdover for two or three days after [redacted] was first arrested in early [redacted] and [redacted] is the same person whom [redacted] later saw during the month of [redacted] in the St. Louis City Jail, after [redacted] they were not in the same tier in the jail.

[redacted] feels certain that the bank [redacted] robbed as reflected in the notebook [redacted] as referred to by [redacted] is the same bank which [redacted] JAMES EARL RAY robbed in 1967. This bank is in Alton, Illinois. [redacted] and RAY cased it on two or three occasions in 1967. They planned that in the robbery [redacted] would carry a sawed-off shotgun which he already had in his possession and would stand inside the bank [redacted] with the shotgun while RAY carrying a pistol would take the money from the bank tellers. It was planned that [redacted] would guard the door at the bank until RAY completed taking the money from the tellers, and then they would both leave the bank. They planned to use as their getaway automobile an old car of some sort which RAY then had and which they planned to park in the bank parking lot immediately adjacent to the bank. They planned to use a stolen license plate on the car. After the robbery they planned to go to a rooming house in Alton, where they would already have obtained a room and where they would already have stored food and necessary supplies. They planned to remain in this rooming house for at least a week after the robbery. [redacted] had already spotted the particular rooming house where they expected to obtain a room, and he had located it because it had a sign in front stating there were rooms for rent there. [redacted] and RAY planned to park their getaway automobile in an area immediately behind the rooming house which is reached off a small street in alley behind the bank, and by parking the car in this position immediately behind the bank, it could not be [illegible].

[redacted] accompanied interviewing Agents to Alton, Illinois. He directed Agents to a location

[illegible] pointed out the Bank of Alton, and he stated that was the bank to which he had referred. In the course of locating the bank, [redacted] commented that he had not been in Alton since 1959, but he remembered that there was a drugstore near the bank bearing in its name the word "Dick's". He also commented during the course of locating the bank that he remembered that a Washington Avenue bus passed on the main street in front of the bank. Upon locating the bank building and viewing it, [redacted] commented that the building had apparently been remodeled since he last saw it in 1959. He said that in addition to the present main front door there had been in 1959 a side door on the side of the bank where there are now located drive-in windows. He recalled that in 1959 the drive-in windows were not on the side of the building where they are now located, but were on the back wall of the building. [redacted] then accompanied Agents and directed them to the rooming house to which he had referred. The house to which he directed Agents and which he then pointed out is a house bearing the address 1209 Fourth Street in Alton. Upon viewing this house at this time, [redacted] commented that there were steps going down from the front of the house to a basement level and it was the basement level in which he and RAY had hoped to obtain a room in 1959.

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[redacted] advised that no further information whatever had come to his attention bearing on the possible whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. [redacted] said he had not seen JOHN RAY or CAROL PEPPER during the preceding week but he thought he might see CAROL PEPPER within the following day or two since [redacted]

A photograph of [redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation [redacted] was exhibited [redacted] He identified this photograph as being a photograph of the person he had referred to in the previous interview who visited [redacted] in about [redacted] and told [redacted] at that time that he and JAMES EARL RAY had robbed the bank at Alton, Illinois. He identified the photograph as being of the person previously referred to by [redacted] as [redacted] who gave [redacted] $250 on the occasion referred to above. He further identified the photograph as being of the person he referred to as [redacted] who visited [redacted] on May 13, 1968, and May 14, 1968, with [redacted] (last name unknown), and to whom [redacted] had provided a .38 caliber revolver.

[redacted] was then advised that it had been determined that the person depicted in the photograph was actually in the St. Louis City Jail at the time of the alleged visits to [redacted] in [redacted], and at the time of the robbery of the bank at Alton, Illinois. It was pointed out to him that the information he had provided in that regard was, therefore, false. [redacted] then said he had realized for the past eight days that he had given the Federal Bureau of Investigation

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[redacted] information [redacted] concerning [redacted] regard to the Alton bank robbery. In reference to [redacted] at this time [redacted] stated to him [redacted] he had been referring to.

[redacted] said that during the past eight days he had been thinking about this matter and had decided it was actually [redacted] had given him the story and told him he had robbed the bank with JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was the person who [redacted] with [redacted] on May 14 and June [redacted] 1953, and to whom [redacted] sold guns. [redacted] said he also believed he actually became acquainted with [redacted] for the first time in [redacted] when they were in jail together in St. Louis. He said [redacted] he had returned by the one who [redacted] 5258 and told [redacted] robbed the bank at Alton with RAY was a person [redacted] who became acquainted in 1956 in St. Louis. He indicated [redacted] was the last one of this [redacted] and [redacted] possibly of anyone else who might know [redacted] JAMES EARL RAY. [redacted] insisted that it was not [redacted] he had in mind when [redacted] and RAY in jail.

It was pointed out to [redacted] when the informant [redacted] and the bank robbery now appeared to be false, [redacted] lying about his participation of RAY in the bank robbery. [redacted] insisted that [redacted] was telling the truth, and stated that [redacted] would be willing to take a polygraph test with [redacted] in this matter.

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Re: [redacted] - Police Intelligence
Matters - Civil Rights

On 5-11-44, [redacted] contacted records of the St. Louis Police Department and obtained information regarding the arrest of [redacted] by the St. Louis Police Department [illegible] reports [illegible] from the St. Louis Police Department.

With regard to [redacted] accomplice, [redacted] as reflected in the foregoing reports pertaining to the burglary, the following additional information was obtained by SA [redacted] from records of the St. Louis Police Dept. on 5-14-68:

[redacted] St. Louis Police Dept. [redacted] listed his parents as [redacted]. He listed his wife as [redacted]. His FBI identification record and his photograph as contained in the police files reflect conclusively that he could not possibly be identical with subject RAY. (The identification record for example includes entries during the period of time subject RAY was in the Missouri State Penitentiary.) [redacted] is described in the police records as a white male, born [redacted] at [redacted], black or gray hair, brown eyes, sallow complexion, slender build, [redacted].

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted on May 23, 1968, by SA [redacted]

Mrs. MARY J. CROSS, Chief Clerk, St. Louis City Jail, exhibited to SA [redacted] a record at that jail reflecting the following information:

[redacted] a laborer, entered the jail on [redacted] on a charge of burglary. He was released on [redacted] He indicated his nearest relative was a daughter [redacted], ELDER.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his residence. He stated he had no additional information to offer in view of subject's apprehension. He reiterated he had not seen or been contacted by subject since 1959.

He was unable to recall any further information concerning the robbery of the BANK OF ALTON, ALTON, ILLINOIS, and stated it was entirely possible that the person who had contacted him, who was known to him as [redacted]" might have a different true name, as it is common for former convicts to use aliases, even among friends.

It was his understanding JERRY RAY had made an application for a passport, and that JOHN LARRY RAY was endeavoring to sell the GRAPEVINE TAVERN for enough money to finance a trip to England.

He stated he would immediately contact this office in the event he receives any information deemed by him to be pertinent in this case.

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On May 28, 1968, [redacted] furnished the following information to Sa [redacted]

[redacted] was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary beginning in [redacted] and he thereby knew JAMES EARL RAY casually until RAY's escape in April 1967. He occasionally exchanged greetings and a few words with RAY on the infrequent occasions when he encountered RAY in the penitentiary. [redacted] and RAY never worked in the same area or resided in the same hall except for a brief period in [redacted] when they were both assigned to [redacted] Hall. [redacted] observed that RAY was quiet and appeared to be a "loner" who kept to himself, never joking or mixing with the other inmates. There was no indication to [redacted] knowledge that RAY was on narcotics or junk. [redacted] knew nothing of RAY's reading habits although he assumed RAY might well have been reading on occasion when RAY was in his cell inasmuch as RAY would appear to stay in his cell a great deal of the time. [redacted] heard on one occasion from some inmate that RAY [redacted] to sell amphetamine powder to some inmate and [redacted] suggested a possibility that RAY might have been selling it for [redacted] who was an inmate from Kansas City who would have been a logical person from whom amphetamine powder might have been obtained for selling. There was "scuttlebutt" in the penitentiary indicating that [redacted] did deal in amphetamine.

[redacted] had no specific knowledge of RAY's having been in a "loan shark" business in the penitentiary although many inmates do engage in such activities and RAY might have done so.

It was [redacted] observation that RAY attended to his own business and never appeared to have trouble with anyone. [redacted] gained no indication of RAY's attitude with respect to Negroes.

RAY did not appear to have any close associates but persons whom informant recalls now having seen in frequent conversation with RAY on some occasions were the following: [redacted] from Arkansas, believed to have been released from the Missouri State Penitentiary about July or August 1967, and

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[redacted] an inmate from Kansas City whom informant believes is still an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary.

[redacted] has not seen nor heard anything of RAY since the latter's escape except what informant has learned from public news sources.

In April 1967 [redacted] RAY reportedly escaped from the penitentiary. [redacted] at that time was assigned at Renz Farm (the number two honor farm of the penitentiary) and as the [redacted] prison truck [redacted] made daily trips in the truck between Renz Farm and the main prison halls accompanied by a guard. The truck was used to obtain supplies, equipment, food, and various other things such as laundry for Renz Farm from both the main prison and other places in the town of Jefferson City. Every morning seven days a week [redacted] drove the truck to obtain bread for Renz Farm from the bakery at the main prison. On such occasions [redacted] as an inmate at the farm was not permitted actually to go behind the prison walls at the main prison but left the truck at the truck tunnel (entrance) and the guard then accompanied the truck to the point behind the walls where the bread was loaded on the truck. [redacted] understood that the customary procedure was for other inmates so assigned in the bakery to place the bread in a bread box which in turn was loaded on the truck. It is [redacted] recollection that the box being used for the bread in the period of RAY's escape was a box about three feet by two and one half feet by three and one half feet and the top of the box opened on hinges. The bread, which was already sliced but was unwrapped, was placed in the box in layers which were separated by brown wrapping paper. The guard on the truck during this period of time was a guard named BURKHARDT and he was the guard on the truck at the time RAY reportedly escaped [redacted] recalls that the day of RAY's reported escape [redacted] On Sundays the truck made no scheduled stops upon leaving the main prison until it reached Renz Farm except for numerous stop signs and traffic lights. On arrival at Renz Farm on the day of RAY's reported escape the truck was stopped as was customary after it entered the entrance at Renz Farm in order to make a delivery of a small amount of

bread to the residence of CARL MILLS, Superintendent of the farm whose residence is inside the gate. Two or three wrapped loaves, which were placed at the top of the bread box, were customarily delivered to MILLS' residence. On this particular occasion when [redacted] went to the back of the truck to get the loaves of bread for delivery to the MILLS residence [redacted] bread was scattered in the truck. [redacted] called the attention of the guard BURKHARDT to this situation and when the truck arrived at its destination at Renz Farm other guards there were also advised.

Neither [redacted] nor anyone else so far as he was aware realized at first that the condition of the bread was an indication that someone had escaped. Upon arrival at the destination it was noted that the bread box was not as full as usual. A few hours later on the same day [redacted] heard of a report to the effect that RAY had been found missing at the penitentiary at the time of a head count there and [redacted] then heard that it was believed RAY had escaped in the bread box in the truck. [redacted] understood that since RAY had on some previous occasion hid out at the penitentiary prison officials apparently assumed that he may have hid out again inside the penitentiary and, therefore, the escape was not immediately reported officially according to what [redacted] understood.

[redacted] expressed the observation that whoever loaded the bread box on the truck at the penitentiary must have known that RAY was inside the bread box. These persons would have been inmates assigned in the bakery but [redacted] did not know their identities. [redacted] understood that RAY was assigned in the penitentiary kitchen which adjoins the bakery at the penitentiary.

[redacted] advised that the guard, BURKHARDT, was with [redacted] the truck continuously from the time the truck left the main prison until it reached Renz Farm. [redacted] understood that BURKHARDT was subsequently reprimanded because the possibility of escape was not immediately recognized when the scattered bread was found in the truck.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE: JERRY RAYNES - FATHER

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Center, Missouri, 5-16-68:

[redacted] obtained the file for [redacted] bank's business [redacted] receiving a check, dated 9-3-67, payable to [redacted] in the amount of $1900 drawn on the [redacted] signed CAROL PEPPER, endorsed JERRY RAYNES and [redacted] by HAROLD WALKUP, trustee.

[redacted] stated that this was part of the payment for 46 acres foreclosed by the bank, and sold 8-8-67, at a Sheriff's foreclosure sale, said property being purchased by JERRY RAYNES.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX PROJECT

On June 5, 1968, MR. [redacted], advised SA [redacted] that, as a matter of self protection, all banks and financial institutions in the Met. area of St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri, are participants in a [redacted] initiated by him whereby it is possible, within a relatively short time, to determine if any named individual has utilized the financial or other services of any of such institutions at any specific time. A check completed on that date, pursuant to a request by SA [redacted] made on May 31, 1968, failed to disclose that any individual using subject's name, or any of his aliases known to that date, was the record holder of a safety deposit box at any of such institutions during the period from April 23 to July 18, inclusive, 1967.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Re: OBSCENE PEN-PAL CLUB

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on June 5, 1968:

[redacted]
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Postal Inspector [redacted], Federal Court House, St. Louis, Missouri, advised [redacted] does not operate a pen-pal club as such. He said he has written to club and possibly to individuals sending them his nude photographs in effort to get them interested in various types of sex parties. He said [redacted] lives at [redacted] telephone [redacted] desires to be informed if [redacted] is to be interviewed.

[redacted] advised [redacted] stands for [redacted] He said [redacted] has been somewhat active since July, 1967, and he specializes in sending out pornagraphic photographs upon request. Said he does not use commercial mailing lists and does not take his own pictures. Stated just getting started and is practically unknown.

[redacted] pointed out, however, that [redacted] is under active investigation by his department and does not want [redacted] interviewed as it would jeopardize his case.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

RE: FORMER NEIGHBOR - [redacted]

[redacted] (protect identity), Missouri, on May 29, 1968, advised SA [redacted] there is no record that [redacted], or [redacted] are presently or have ever received mail through this post office. [redacted] stated he has lived here for 24 years, [redacted] but in these occupations has never heard of [redacted] or [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Re: RAY Associates

Prison records, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, reflected that subject listed as "friend" "JERRY RYAN, Box 113, Lancaster, Missouri", while an inmate there 1955-1958.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted].

[redacted] (protect identity), Lancaster, Missouri, on 5/7/68, advised he has no record or recollection of any person named JERRY RYAN, RAYN, or RAYNES ever living or [redacted] during the past twentyfive years. He stated that [redacted] was rented in September, 1953, by Mr. TOM WEBSTER, now deceased, who kept it until 1964 when he died.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

[redacted]

On May 16, 1968, inquiry at the Post Office at Pascola, Missouri, disclosed that [redacted] was residing in care of her son, [redacted] at Lebanon, Missouri. It was suggested that the U. S. Postmaster at Wardell would have information concerning additional relatives of [redacted]

On that same date, DALLAS WICKERSON, U. S. Postmaster, Wardell, advised that [redacted] is the father of [redacted] approximately 90 to 95 years of age and who lives near Wardell, was a half-brother to [redacted] He further related that [redacted] and [redacted] were not very close due to their difference in their ages and that [redacted] is now senile and almost completely irrational.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:
RE: [redacted] - FORMER INMATE

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri:

Teletype from Kansas City to the Bureau, May 22, 1968, indicated that former inmate, [redacted] was paroled [redacted] from the Missouri State Prison and was to reside with his wife, name not listed, at [redacted] Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri.

Several unsuccessful attempts were made on May 24, 1968, to contact the residence at [redacted]

On May 27, 1968, [redacted] mail carrier for the St. Louis Post Office, [redacted] advised that he has been delivering mail for the past 10 years and did not recall the name of [redacted] residing at [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the house was purchased approximately 8 to 9 months ago by an elderly man and wife by the last name of [redacted] (phonetic). He said that the house was vacant prior to that for approximately 6 to 7 months. [redacted] said that he did not know the man's name but the wife's name was [redacted]

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

FELLOW PRISONER - [redacted]

Pursuant to information received from the Kansas City Division that prior to RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, he was allegedly urged by inmate, [redacted] to "beat up" a girlfriend of his named [redacted] (phonetic) at Doe Run, Missouri, when he got out, the following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on May 7, 1968:

Contact with the following persons failed to further identify [redacted] or indicate that a person by that name is residing or has been known to reside at Doe Run, Missouri:

Sheriff KEN BUCKLEY [redacted] Farmington, Missouri;

[redacted] Directory for Doe Run, Missouri;

Magistrate Judge FRANCES RENTRO [redacted] Doe Run, Missouri;

Corporal [redacted] Missouri State Highway Patrol, Farmington, Missouri.

It should be noted that an interview with the father of [redacted] set forth in the body of this report indicates that the name [redacted] and the address of Doe Run, Missouri, was used by several girls, whose identities are unknown to him, in corresponding with his son.

The foregoing was placed in the administrative section of the report due to the [redacted]

[redacted] is a prime suspect in the recent robbery of the BANK OF [redacted], MO., and intensive efforts to locate him are reflected in that file.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

During the period May 9 - 13, 1968, all laundry and dry cleaning establishments in the St. Louis City and County were mailed a circular re JAMES EARL RAY, including the current IO and background information. This mailing list included every such business listed in the current issue of SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE YELLOW PAGES DIRECTORY which would approximate 340 establishments.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA [redacted] Office: ST. LOUIS
Date: June 25, 1968

Field Office File No.: SL: 44-775 Bureau File No.: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR -
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: RAY unknown to St. Louis Bartenders' Union, and did not seek employment as bartender at country clubs, St. Louis or St. Louis Co., Mo. MSP inmate [redacted] alleged he and wife observed subject and JAMES LOWE OWENS at entrance of Jefferson-Gravois Bank, SLMO, Summer, 1967. OWENS claimed he was at once only time he met [redacted] at that location 1965. [redacted] unable to recall incident. Bank has no record of business with RAY or OWENS, 1967. Former inmate [redacted] alleged he observed subject three times between 5/66 and 12/67 in 1800 block of South 11th St., SLMO [redacted]. Neighborhood negative. [redacted] alleged former inmate [redacted] told him he had observed RAY briefly in 1800 block of Miss. Ave., SLMO, two weeks following MSP escape. [redacted] denied. No 1800 block of Miss. Neighborhood surrounding area unproductive. SLMO Field Interrogation Reports of individuals questioned, but not arrested in above areas for 1967 negative as to persons of RAY's name and aliases. No unidentified cadavers, St. Louis - St. Louis Co., Mo., 4-4-68 to date. RAY unknown to Salvation Army and other charitable type missions. [redacted] denied acquaintance or association with RAY. Interviews with fellow prisoners set out. Relatives JERRY RAYNES, CAROL PEPPER and JOHN LARRY RAY repeatedly denied contact with RAY or knowledge of his whereabouts subsequent to MSP escape. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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RE: RAY BACKGROUND: EDUCATION

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted], at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 22, 1968:

ROBERT ODELL BROWN, [redacted] Brentwood, Missouri, [redacted] advised upon interview that he has been teaching commercial subjects in the Parkway High School District for the past eleven years. He went to grade school in Ewing, Missouri, and his picture recently appeared on the front page of Life magazine in a group photograph, along with subject JAMES EARL RAY and other members of the Ewing grade school.

A letter written by BROWN appears in the current issue of Life magazine on the page reserved for letters to the editor.

According to BROWN, this letter has been edited to the extent that it is hardly recognizable from the letter he actually sent to Life magazine. He stated his reason for writing this letter to Life magazine was to register a protest with the magazine in connection with the story they ran about subject RAY in a recent issue in which he was described as a "mean kid" and a "bully."

BROWN, after graduating from high school at Ewing, Missouri, in 1946, attended the Gem City Business College at Quincy, Illinois; the State college at Kirksville, Missouri; and the University of Wyoming. He does not recall having seen subject RAY since their grade school days at Ewing and has no information whatever as to where subject might be at the present time.

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RE: FORMER NEIGHBOR: [redacted]

Information was received from the Springfield Division that one [redacted] former bootlegger, had formerly resided in the same neighborhood as subject's family in Quincy, Illinois, during the 1940's. It was believed [redacted] currently resides at LaGrange, Missouri.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

The following persons, all long-time residents of the village of LaGrange, Missouri, were contacted in an effort to locate [redacted] formerly of Quincy, Illinois, and his girlfriend, [redacted] but none had ever heard of either:

[redacted] LaGrange State Bank, May 29, 1968;

[redacted] May 29, 1968;

[redacted] Richie Garage, May 29, 1968;

[redacted] Commercial Fisherman, May 29, 1968.

[redacted] Commercial Fisherman, on May 29, 1968, advised that [redacted] has never lived in LaGrange, Missouri. He stated that he knew [redacted] as a commercial fisherman several years ago, and his last account of him was that he lived in Quincy, Illinois. He advised that [redacted] a commercial fisherman who lives in Quincy, Illinois, will know [redacted] whereabouts. He stated [redacted] can be located, and probably [redacted] also, by contacting YANCEY'S FISH MARKET at the foot of Broadway in Quincy, Illinois.

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Prison records, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, reflected that subject listed as "friend" "JERRY RYAN, Box 113, Lancaster, Missouri", while an inmate there 1955-1958.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

On May 7, 1968, Mr. THOMAS MITCHELL, Cashier, Bank of Lancaster, Mr. HARRY MELVIN, President, Bank of Lancaster, Judge WALTER HIGBEE, Mrs. FLORA REDMAN, County Clerk, who maintains the permanent Voters Registration for Schuyler County, Mrs. MARSHA JUDD, Clerk of Magistrate Court, and Sheriff GLEN LEFLER, Sheriff's Office, all Lancaster, Missouri, and life residents, each checked his records and advised there is no record of any JERRY RYAN, JERRY RAYN, or JERRY RAYNES. None could recall any such person as ever living here. Mrs. TOM WEBSTER stated she knew no such person.

On May 8, 1968, [redacted] Adair County Credit Bureau, Kirksville, Missouri, which also covers Schuyler County, advised there is no record for any JERRY RAYN, RAYN, or RAYNES.

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RE: RAY EMPLOYMENT

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On May 16, 1968, [redacted] Local #51, Bartenders Union, 3630 Grandel Square, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] after checking her records that they contained no information concerning subject JAMES EARL RAY under his true name or any of his known aliases.

[redacted] advised Local # 51 is the only Bartenders Union in the St. Louis - St. Louis County area, and covers bartenders at country clubs in that area.

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COUNTRY CLUB PROJECT

Due to the possibility that subject could have inquired of country clubs concerning employment as a bartender, the following country clubs in St. Louis and St. Louis County, Missouri, were contacted on dates indicates, with the result that no one person of subject's appearance was found to have sought such employment personally and no person of subject's name or aliases was found to have inquired or applied by mail:

CLUB	ADDRESS	DATE	AGENT
BATH AND TENNIS CLUB A. BRUCE CORNELL - Manager	1600 Log Cabin Lane	5-21-68	[redacted]
BELLEFONTAINE COUNTRY CLUB, C. E. FREDERICKS - Manager	900 Fry	5-21-68	" "
BELLERIVE COUNTRY CLUB MICHAEL DREAS - Manager	12925 Ladue Road	5-21-68	" "
BOGEY GOLF CLUB STANLEY COULTER - Owner	9266 Clayton Road	5-21-68	" "
CRYSTAL LAKE COUNTRY CLUB VID FOSEN - Owner	2224 Bopp Road	5-21-68	" "
DEER CREEK CLUB JACK BURROUGHS - Manager	9861 Deer Creek Hill	5-21-68	[redacted]
FOREST HILL COUNTRY CLUB RAY KARR - Manager	Clayton and Clarkson	5-21-68	[redacted]
GLEN ECHO COUNTRY CLUB MIKEY BIERMANN - Office Manager	Lucas and Hunt Road	5-21-68	" "

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GREENBRIAR HILLS COUNTRY CLUB, J. H. DIEKREGER - Manager	12665 Big Bend	5-21-68	[redacted]	
HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB 8100 Fine JOSEPH W. SMITH - Manager		5-21-68	"	"
LOG CABIN CLUB J. V. TAYLOR - Owner	9456 Clayton Road	5-21-68	[redacted]	
MEADOWBROOK COUNTRY CLUB HELEN WALLERSTEIN - Secretary	CLAYTON and Kehrs Mill Road	5-21-68	"	"
NORWOOD HILLS COUNTRY CLUB 5500 Lucas and Hunt 5-21-68 " " DORIS SCHAEPER - Secretary				
OLD WARSON COUNTRY CLUB ELLEN CAPRA - Secretary	9841 Old Warson	5-21-68	"	"
ST. LOUIS COUNTRY CLUB THOMAS MOBERLY - Manager	400 Barnes Road	5-21-68	"	"
SUNSET COUNTRY CLUB JAMES EIDEN - Manager	9555 Geyer	5-21-68	[redacted]	
TRIPLE A GOLD AND TENNIS CLUB ERNEST SCHWARTZ - Secretary	Forest Park	5-21-68	"	"
WESTBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB MARIE CANTONY - Secretary	631 South Berry Road 5-21-68 " "			
WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB CARLO SADDE - Manager.	11801 Conway Road	5-21-68	"	"

II. ALLEGED APPEARANCES IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, SUBSEQUENT TO MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY ESCAPE.

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RE: FELLOW PRISONER: [redacted]

[redacted] The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On May 14, 1968, the Kansas City Division advised that a review of Missouri State Prison records reflected [redacted] was employed as a boiler maker for the [redacted] in 1947.

On May 15, 1968 [redacted] advised that his company has no record of [redacted] employment, but he personally recalls [redacted] was employed there approximately twenty years ago. He explained that [redacted] has been subjected to a records retention evaluation, and as a result personnel records are now maintained for only ten years.

[redacted] was a fair employee, a good worker, but was ultimately discharged for raffling off stolen guns on company property. [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been suspected of the activity for some time before finally discharged upon being caught in the shop with a loaded rifle. [redacted] advised he has no knowledge of any associates of [redacted] still working at the plant but that one [redacted] would be able to advise if any of [redacted] friends still remained.

On May 15, 1968, [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, advised he knew [redacted] at the [redacted] plant nearly 20 years ago but has not heard of him since [redacted] was fired for raffling stolen guns. [redacted] advised he knows of no one who is an associate or friend of [redacted] at the plant, and has no idea of who else might know [redacted] or where he is at.

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RE: FELLOW PRISONER [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] May 15, 1968:

AT ELVINS, MISSOURI

[redacted] stated her son is currently employed as a salesman at [redacted] Crystal City, Missouri. She stated she could furnish no information concerning [redacted] RAY or his possible current whereabouts.

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Date May 17, 1968

[redacted] DeSoto, Missouri, (Jefferson County), telephone number - Justice [redacted] who stated he is currently employed as an [redacted] Missouri, furnished the following information:

In [redacted] while on parole from the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, Illinois, on a conviction for [redacted] was residing at the St. Louis Rescue Mission located at approximately [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, which was a sort of "half-way" house where ex-convicts and parolees resided. It was at that Mission in 1959 that [redacted] first met and became acquainted with JAMES EARL RAY. [redacted] recalls that "BLACKIE" AUSTIN, who was also on parole out of Menard, was also residing at the same Mission in St. Louis at that time and brought RAY around to the Mission as a friend and it was as a result of this that [redacted] became acquainted with RAY.

[redacted] as one of the conditions of his parole, was employed at that time at the St. Louis Rescue Mission, as a barber.

After [redacted] became acquainted with RAY, he learned that RAY's mother and grandmother were then operating a rooming house on Hickory Street near Mississippi Avenue in St. Louis and [redacted] assumed that RAY was living with the mother and grandmother there, although he did not have specific information in that regard. [redacted] does recall on one or two occasions he accompanied RAY to the rooming house operated by the mother and grandmother.

[redacted] has always liked RAY, characterizing him as a quiet fellow, who never pried or bragged. He was a thinker and a reader. He read a wide variety of things and [redacted] does not recall that he had any special interest in any particular subject or topic of reading material. RAY also liked automobiles and liked guns. The type of guns which RAY apparently liked and the only type of guns [redacted] knew of him to have were pistols and handguns, not rifles or shotguns.

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On 5/16/68 at Jefferson County, Missouri File # SL: 44-775

by SA [redacted] SA AJR:jfb Date dictated 5/16/68

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[redacted] learned that RAY was an excellent shot and that RAY sometimes went to secluded spots for target shooting. [redacted] once went with RAY somewhere in Illinois for target shooting, at which time RAY had with him two .38 caliber pistols. [redacted] shot with RAY on this occasion and observed that RAY was extremely expert and could shoot at a can and keep it bouncing by firing at it and hitting it repeatedly before it stopped rolling.

In association with RAY in 1959 [redacted] learned that RAY was a moderate drinker, who did not drink beer and whose favorite drink appeared to be Bourbon highballs. [redacted] knows of no particular tavern where RAY frequented but observed that RAY usually drank at taverns in the vicinity of Sarah and Olive Street in St. Louis, which was in the vicinity of the Mission where [redacted] usually saw RAY when the latter came by the Mission.

[redacted] observed that RAY had no employment during this time but was obviously a professional thief who apparently pulled mainly robberies and occasionally some burglaries.

[redacted] characterizes RAY as a "[redacted] man." RAY was definitely a "loner."

In conversations, [redacted] learned from RAY that RAY had served a Federal sentence following a theft of money orders with another man and it appeared from comments made by RAY that he mistrusted other people and would not go on jobs with another person.

RAY impressed [redacted] as having sympathy for common people and for the working man and RAY expressed a philosophy that he would only hit places of businesses such as would probably be covered by insurance.

On two or three occasions RAY came to the Mission with an older man, about sixty years of age, whose first name was JACK and whose surname was something like COAN (phonetic). [redacted] learned that this man JACK was on parole out of Menard [redacted] was considered by RAY as an old friend. [redacted] He gained the impression that this old man, JACK, was an old professional burglar and that he was "kinky" (still pulling burglaries) even then. [redacted] has no definite information as to whether RAY and JACK ever went on any jobs together but observed that they were obviously very friendly.

During this period in 1959 RAY always appeared to have money and to be "well-heeled," although he never worked. It was obvious to [redacted] that RAY was obtaining his money from robberies and burglaries. RAY was thrifty and [redacted] to save his money. On one occasion, at RAY's request, [redacted] a bank in St. Louis located on South Broadway near the Anheuser-Busch Brewery and RAY told [redacted] on this occasion that he had an account at that bank. [redacted] waited in the car outside while RAY went in the bank and RAY then returned to the car and showed [redacted] $1,000.00 worth of Travelers Checks, which understood had been purchased by RAY in the bank. [redacted] did not positively know whether RAY had taken cash into the bank to purchase these Travelers Checks or had withdrawn the necessary funds for the purchase from the account which RAY said he had in the same bank. RAY told [redacted] that he had purchased these Travelers Checks for the purpose of taking a trip to Canada.

It was about a month later when [redacted] next saw RAY, at which time RAY said he had been to Canada. RAY did not at any time explain to [redacted] why he had gone to Canada. This was characteristic of RAY, however, who was always extremely close-mouth and did not generally explain his activities to anyone.

With regard to the possibility of any other money that RAY might have had in a bank, [redacted] has some vague recollection in the back of his mind that RAY might have at some time mentioned having money in a bank other than the one referred to

above, but [redacted] can recall no specific information in this regard.

[redacted] can recall only one additional associate or acquaintance of RAY during the 1959 period and that person was "BLACKIE" DE CORE, who was from Chicago and who was a gambler and former professional prize fighter. DE CORE was then about forty years of age and was on a life parole out of Menard and was staying at the St. Louis Rescue Mission at the time. DE CORE did not appear to be nearly as close or as friendly with RAY as did "BLACKIE" AUSTIN and the old man named JACK.

RAY did not gamble and did not fool with narcotics or "junk" of any kind. He seemed to have the attitude regarding women that they were something to use and forget. Actually he appeared to prefer a girl who was a "bum" and was not known to have had any girlfriend as such or any continuing association with any girl or woman.

On the one or two occasions when [redacted] was at the rooming house on Hickory Street operated by RAY's mother and grandmother, [redacted] also learned that RAY had a young kid brother named "BUZZY," who resided with the mother and grandmother. OWENS has never known or heard specifically of any other relatives of RAY.

RAY always appeared absolutely to have no dislike for Negroes. On the contrary, he always seemed to take a man for what he was, regardless of color. In [redacted] opinion, if RAY killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, as alleged, he did not do so out of any kind of racial hatred and such an act in [redacted] opinion would have had to be for money.

During the period of their association in 1959 RAY used various names, always with the first name JIM. The only three surnames which [redacted] can recall as having been used by RAY were the names O'CONNOR, RYAN and RAY. When [redacted] initially became acquainted with RAY at the St. Louis [redacted]

RAY was using the name JIM O'CONNOR. The name ERIC STARVO GALT is completely unknown to [redacted] and he has no idea where RAY might have obtained or thought of such a name.

Regarding the robbery of the [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted]

The police then went into the house and arrested RAY [redacted]

[redacted] RAY, insisted on going to trial and was sentenced to twenty years.

[redacted]

While in the Missouri State Penitentiary, [redacted] RAY were never assigned in the same residence hall, nor were they assigned in the same working area at any time. [redacted] worked the entire time in the [redacted] in the Penitentiary. RAY worked in the prison cleaning shop and in the bakery during the time [redacted] was in the Penitentiary. However, [redacted] did see RAY from time to time outside on the Penitentiary yard and occasionally talked to RAY there.

There has never been any animosity of any kind between [redacted] and RAY and the latter has never indicated any resentment or any cause of resentment toward [redacted] in connection with the [redacted] or for any other reason. RAY has always appeared to be extremely friendly toward [redacted] and has never indicated in any way that he felt [redacted] had anything wrong in connection with the robbery or at the time of their arrest in St. Louis.

While in the Missouri State Penitentiary [redacted] became aware that RAY was apparently dealing in pills, such as Benzedrine and amphetamine, which RAY was in some manner obtaining outside the Penitentiary and was selling to inmates in the Penitentiary. [redacted] occasionally saw exchange of money to RAY from other inmates. [redacted] never knew the manner in which these pills were being conveyed to RAY in the penitentiary but was aware that this type of practice was being carried on by other prisoners in addition to RAY and that there were various ways wherein such items could be brought into the penitentiary. It has been [redacted] general understanding for example that sometimes guards have been used to bring in such items, as well as relatives of the inmates on the occasions of their visits, or such items have been brought in by prisoners who work on the Honor Farm and who are not carefully searched when returned inside the walls.

[redacted] did not acquire any knowledge as to how much money RAY made in this practice but would estimate that he might earn as much as $500.00 or $1,000.00 in the course of a year or two. [redacted] does not know how RAY may have gotten his money outside the penitentiary but again is aware that there are various means by which inmates have been able to accomplish this.

[redacted] also became aware while in the penitentiary that RAY was apparently engaged in making small loans to inmates. Although RAY himself did not ever comment to [redacted] concerning this business [redacted] at one time had a cellmate who [redacted] understood had borrowed money from RAY. [redacted] understood that it was the general practice for inmates such as RAY who made loans to receive repayment at the rate of $3.00 for $2.00. [redacted] does not believe on the basis of his general knowledge and information that RAY might have accumulated an amount such as several thousand dollars as a result of his handling pills and loans in the penitentiary.

[redacted] was still an inmate in the penitentiary on the occasion when RAY, while working in the cleaning plant, attempted to escape by putting two old ladders [redacted] the wall behind the cleaning plant. According to what [redacted] heard immediately after this attempted escape, the ladders broke with RAY, as a result of which he was injured, knocked out and discovered by the prison guards.

Subsequent to [redacted] release from the penitentiary, he heard of the incident in which RAY allegedly hid out for a few days inside the penitentiary. [redacted] recalls that on one occasion, while in the penitentiary, RAY mentioned [redacted] he was too young to remain in the penitentiary and serve his entire sentence and RAY spoke in general terms of the possibility that he might some day attempt to escape. RAY referred to no specific plans in this regard, however.

During [redacted] association with RAY, he learned from RAY that prior to [redacted] becoming acquainted with RAY [redacted] RAY had

made several trips, apparently at least a dozen trips, to Mexico. RAY spoke of having been in various places and the only specific places [redacted] can recall which were mentioned by RAY were Mexico City, Veracruz, Acapulco and Nogales. RAY did not at any time discuss with [redacted] the details of his trips to Mexico, although RAY did mention in at least one instance that he had gone to Mexico to "cool off." RAY did not discuss with [redacted] the details of his activities in Mexico or who he knew there, but did briefly mention on one occasion that one time when he was in Mexico City he had become involved in an altercation with a man in an alley, who came at RAY with a knife, at which time RAY struck the man in the head with a pistol and thereafter had to leave Mexico City.

[redacted] is of the belief that RAY could not speak Spanish, despite his trips to Mexico. To [redacted] knowledge, [redacted] said he knows a few words of Spanish but RAY did not know any Spanish.

[redacted] believes that on the basis of RAY's having made trips to Mexico in the past, RAY might have conceivably gone to Mexico after his escape in 1967. [redacted] has also been aware from RAY that the latter was a military policeman in Germany while in military service and [redacted] would assume that RAY might, therefore, also go to Germany.

[redacted] characterizes RAY as very smart, a thinker and not a talker. RAY plans every angle before he makes a move. [redacted] feels that upon RAY's having escaped from the penitentiary and even before the incident involving the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING, RAY would not be expected to be in contact with relatives or previous acquaintances at any time after the escape.

[redacted] felt, however, in the event RAY had an outside contact who was assisting him in his illicit traffic within the penitentiary and who might owe either money or a favor to RAY in connection with the business, RAY might quite logically contact this party after his escape.

With regard to the old man named JACK, who was friendly with RAY in 1959, as previously referred to, [redacted] has never seen or heard of that man again since 1959 with the exception that [redacted] did hear somewhere afterward that JACK had gone back to Menard as a Parole Violator.

[redacted] has had checking accounts at the following banks in St. Louis, since his release from the Illinois State Penitentiary at Menard, in May, 1965:

The Jefferson-Gravois Bank, where [redacted] opened a checking account in [redacted] which was closed in about [redacted] when [redacted] went to California,

The Manchester Bank, where [redacted] opened an account in [redacted] and where there is still a balance in the account of about $3.00 or $4.00, the account having been inactive in recent months.

Since [redacted] has had a checking account at the American Bank, [redacted] Missouri, where he currently has an account.

Except for the above [redacted] has had no banking business, including accounts of any kind, loans or safe deposit boxes, at any other bank in St. Louis since his release from Menard in 1965.

Since [redacted] release from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, he has had no contact of any kind, either direct or indirect, with RAY and they have never had any correspondence. [redacted] has also had no contact whatsoever with any of RAY's relatives, since [redacted] was released from the Missouri State Penitentiary. The last contact [redacted] has had with anyone known to him to be an associate or acquaintance of RAY, was "BLACK" AUSTIN, who was in the Illinois State Penitentiary

at Menard, while [redacted] was there [redacted] "BLACKIE" AUSTIN was still at Menard when [redacted] was released there.

Since about [redacted] OWENS has not on any occasion been inside the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, nor has he been on foot outside that bank on any occasion during that period. At the very most, he may have passed by the bank in an automobile on one or two occasions.

While [redacted] was at the Missouri State Penitentiary, he became acquainted with [redacted] who was an inmate there. He did not know [redacted] at all until he became acquainted with him in the penitentiary. [redacted] definitely was not raised with [redacted]

[redacted] during which time [redacted] had a checking account at the Jefferson Gravois Bank in St. Louis, he recalls an occasion when he parked his car on the bank parking lot to go to the bank. As he started in the door of the bank for the purpose of making a despoit to his account, he saw [redacted] who was standing on the street corner outside the bank, with a girl. As [redacted] was going into the bank, [redacted] stated to the effect, "Are you taking some out or putting some in?" [redacted] replied to the effect, "I'm putting some in." They had no further conversation.

[redacted] was definitely alone on this occasion. [redacted] never on any other occasion saw or knew the girl who was with [redacted] and he paid very little attention to her, as a result of which he cannot describe her, except he had impression that she was a white girl, who was rather heavy-set and "was no raving beauty." [redacted] is certain that this encounter at the Jefferson-Gravois Bank occurred in the summer time, because he recalls that the girl was not wearing a coat and that both he and [redacted] were wearing short-sleeve shirts and warm weather clothing.

The checking account [redacted] at the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, as previously referred to, was a joint checking account [redacted]

[redacted] denied that he was ever in the company of JAMES EARL RAY at the Jefferson-Gravois Bank on the occasion referred to above or on any other occasions, since [redacted] release from the Penitentiary.

He repeatedly reiterated his denial that he has seen RAY or had any kind of contact with him or any knowledge of his whereabouts since RAY escaped from the penitentiary in 1965.

[redacted] cannot recall ever having known anyone by the name of "COOLEY," either in the Missouri State Penitentiary or elsewhere and that name has no meaning or significance to [redacted]



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Date May 17, 1968

[redacted] Missouri, (Jefferson County), who stated she is a [redacted], currently employed as a [redacted] Missouri, was present during an interview conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] with her husband at the residence on May 16, 1968.

At the conclusion of the interview with [redacted], advised that she and her husband were married on [redacted], at St. Louis County, Missouri; that they have continuously resided together as man and wife since their marriage; that she has never seen JAMES EARL RAY in her life and never heard of him until there was recent publicity regarding him, at which time her husband told her of his previous knowledge of RAY.

[redacted] said she has no information in addition to that furnished by her husband which might be of assistance in locating JAMES EARL RAY.

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On 5/16/68 at Jefferson County, Missouri File # SL: 44-775

SA [redacted] AJR:jfb 5/16/68

by SA [redacted] Date dictated

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Date May 24, 1968

[redacted] Missouri (Jefferson County) telephone [redacted], was contacted by telephone and inquiry was made of him as to what publications were habitually read by JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted] said that RAY was indiscriminate in his reading and that he read almost anything and everything he could get his hands on. [redacted] said he did not believe he could identify any specific publication which RAY read. [redacted] said however, that RAY read all the newspapers he could lay his hands on and particularly read the two major daily newspaper publications in St. Louis.

Inquiry was made of [redacted] as to whether, in view of RAY's interest in automobiles and guns, as previously indicated by [redacted] RAY might not have read magazines pertaining to automobiles and guns. [redacted] said he could not recall that RAY read any particular magazines devoted to those subjects but he did now recall that among all the various things that RAY read were included various sporting magazines. [redacted] said that although he could not recall what specific magazines wouldhave been included, he believed that the type of such magazines read by RAY would have included the type represented by Field and Stream and Argosy.

[redacted] said he could not be more specific in describing or identifying publications read by RAY.

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Date May 21, 1968

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[redacted] Missouri (Jefferson County), telephone [redacted] was contacted by telephone, and he advised as follows:

The name of "BLACKIE" DE CORE (phonetic) which was mentioned by [redacted] in an interview on May 16, 1968, is the name of that individual as [redacted] knew it. He believes the name was actually spelled DE CORE, but is not certain in that respect. He feels definite in his recollection that the name was not prodounced DE COOK. The man [redacted] knew as DE CORE was certainly not as big as six feet one inch, and 240 pounds, but was approximately five feet nine inches, and 180 pounds. DE CORE definitely had a criminal record and was on parole from the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, Illinois, at the time [redacted] knew him in 1959.

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On 5/17/68 at Jefferson County, Missouri File # SL 44-775

by SA [redacted]:bam Date dictated 5/20/68

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AJR:bam
SL 44-775

The following is the FBI Identification Record as of May 15, 1968 pertaining to [redacted], also known

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SL 44-775 RE: FELLOW PRISONER -
AJR/ral [redacted]

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

On May 21, 1968, Mrs. [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, who operates a [redacted] at the same address, was interviewed by SA [redacted] at which time she furnished the following information:

[redacted] received a letter from her husband, [redacted] an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, which was dated April 25, 1968, and which included the following: "I guess you should remember the one guy that we met that time at the bank. He's the one that they are trying to rap that King's death on." Upon receiving the letter, Mrs. [redacted] realized from her knowledge of the publicity pertaining to the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING that the above portion of the letter referred to JAMES EARL RAY. However, the comments of [redacted] in the letter were puzzling to Mrs. [redacted] because she has been unable to recall any occasion or incident such as that which her husband seemed to be referring to in the letter.

Mrs. [redacted] husband was released on parole from the Missouri State Penitentiary in the spring of [redacted] and was immediately thereafter confined for about four weeks at the Cochran Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Louis for surgery of the ear. From the time of [redacted] parole until April or May, 1967, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] resided together at [redacted] St. Louis, and they thereafter resided together in the [redacted] St. Louis, until December, [redacted] or January, [redacted] when they moved to [redacted] where [redacted] continues to reside. They resided together at the latter address until [redacted] was returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary in March, [redacted]

From the time of [redacted] parole in the spring of [redacted] until about the end of July, [redacted] or the first of August, [redacted] neither Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] had any banking business of any kind at any bank. During that period Mrs. [redacted] is certain they had no occasion to be at the Jefferson-Gravois Bank in St. Louis. On July 21, 1967, Mrs. [redacted] father died, and she thereafter shared in proceeds from Government savings bonds and insurance of her father. From these proceeds

Mrs. [redacted] and her husband opened a joint checking account at the Jefferson-Gravois Bank, and this occurred at about the end of July, 1967, or the first of August, 1967. This account is in the name of [redacted] Mrs. [redacted] also opened a savings account on August 11, 1968, at the Jefferson-Gravois Bank in the name of herself and her mother, Mrs. [redacted]

It is Mrs. [redacted] best recollection that she and her husband went together to the Jefferson-Gravois Bank in late July, 1967, to cash the Government bonds which had been her father's. She believes her husband also went to the bank with her at the time they opened the joint checking account. It is possible, according to her recollection, that her husband may also have accompanied her to the bank on one or two other occasions during that same period of time in the summer of 1967. Mrs. [redacted] recalls no occasion during this period of time in the summer of 1967 when she and her husband drove to the bank by automobile, but instead they walked to the bank on each occasion from their residence on South Jefferson, which was in proximity to the bank.

Upon searching her memory at this time, Mrs. [redacted] believes that she does recall a specific instance when her husband accompanied her to the bank during the period referred to in the summer of 1967. She recalls that they went to the bank on this occasion at approximately 6:00 p.m. or between 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. It was still daylight on this occasion, and she feels certain that it would have been on a Friday since the bank closes at 2:00 p.m. on other days of the week, but is open on Fridays until 7:30 p.m. Mrs. [redacted] recalls that on this occasion it was very warm summer weather, there had been a summer rain earlier that day and the weather was cloudy and grey. She vaguely recalls that as she and her husband walked out of this bank on this occasion, her husband waved to someone outside the bank. Mrs. [redacted] glanced very briefly at the person at whom her husband waved, and she believes the person was a white male, but since she glanced at him very quickly, she does not recall his appearance otherwise and is unable to describe him further in any respect. She does not recall that there was any conversation at all between her husband and the man on this occasion. After her husband had waved at the man, Mrs. [redacted] inquired of her husband as to

who he was, and her husband replied to the effect that it was a "fellow from the joint", which Mrs. [redacted] took to mean that he was someone her husband had known in the penitentiary.

Specific inquiry was made of Mrs. [redacted] as to whether she could recall any occasion when she was at the Jefferson-Gravois Bank with her husband, at which time her husband saw possibly two men at or near the bank to whom he remarked that he was glad he got his money out before they got in; and whether she remembered that one of the men may have replied to the effect that "they were putting in". Mrs. [redacted] said she could not recall having witnessed any such conversation. She commented, however, that her husband is given to making such joking remarks and such a conversation would not surprise her, although she could recall no such conversation specifically.

Photographs of JAMES LOAMA OWENS and JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to Mrs. [redacted] She stated that OWENS is completely unknown to her, but that the photographs of RAY looked vaguely familiar to her, although she could not at this time relate the photographs to any particular person she had ever seen in the past. She commented specifically that she could not relate the photographs of either RAY or OWENS to the man she saw at the Jefferson-Gravois Bank and to whom her husband waved on the occasion referred to above. Although the photographs of RAY looked vaguely familiar to her, she has no idea where she might have seen such a person, except that over a period of years, including the year 1959, Mrs. [redacted] has frequently attended religious services at a Salvation Army establishment located near the address on Hickory Street where the RAY family once resided according to what Mrs. [redacted] has read in the newspapers. Mrs. [redacted] believes it remotely possible she might have seen JAMES EARL RAY in that area in 1959, although she does not specifically recall such an occurrence. With regard to her vague recognition of photographs of RAY, Mrs. [redacted] originally had that reaction to photographs of him when she saw pictures of RAY in the newspapers and on television at the time he was first identified in this investigation.

Mrs. [redacted] and her husband now have [redacted] children, the youngest of whom is an infant. Over a period of several

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ALLEGED APPEARANCE OF JAMES EARL RAY AT [redacted] ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN SUMMER OF 1967

[redacted] who was contacted at the bank by Special Agent [redacted] on May 14, 1968, advised that he was then unable to locate any account of any type, that is, checking, savings or loan account, as well as a safe deposit box, in the name of JAMES EARL RAY or any of his known aliases. Likewise, he was unable to locate any record or any such account on a safe deposit box in the name of JAMES LAOMA OWENS or JAMES OWENS.

On the following morning, May 15, 1968, [redacted] advised that he had made a further check of bank records but was unable to locate any accounts in the names of these individuals or in any of their known aliases.

He suggested, however, that contact be made with [redacted] or his secretary, [redacted] frequently handle customers coming into the bank.

[redacted] was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to him as being identical with anyone observed by him at the bank at any time.

[redacted] who was contacted by [redacted] at the bank on May 15, 1968, advised that he is unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to him as being identical with anyone previously observed by him at the bank.

Photographs of RAY were also exhibited to [redacted] and also to [redacted] by [redacted] on May 15, 1968, but they were unable to identify photographs of the subject as being identical with anyone previously observed by them at the bank.

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Re: ALLEGED APPEARANCE OF JAMES EARL RAY AT JEFFERSON-GRAVOIS BANK, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN SUMMER, 1967.

Mr. [redacted] Jefferson-Gravois Bank of St. Louis, 2004 South Jefferson Avenue, St. Louis, telephone PR 1-8833, on May 16, 1968, made available for examination records of this bank disclosing sales of travelers checks in the period from January 1, 1967 through August 30, 1967. It is noted that this bank sells travelers checks of American Express Company, First National City Bank of New York, and Bank of America. These records, consisting of duplicate copies of the application for travelers checks signed by the purchaser, did not disclose the sale of any travelers check to JAMES EARL RAY in his name or that of any of his known aliases, nor did the records disclose any sale of travelers checks to JAMES OWENS, an associate of RAY. No travelers checks sales were disclosed to JOHN RAY or CAROL PEPPER, JAMES EARL RAY's brother and sister, respectively.

Mrs. [redacted] teller, Jefferson-Gravois Bank, who handles the sale of travelers checks at the bank, was unable to identify photographs of JAMES EARL RAY exhibited to her May 16, 1968, by SA [redacted] as being identical with anyone she has ever seen at the bank.

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Records of the [redacted] disclosed the following information:

The only available records in existence at this time pertaining to sales of Travelers' Checks by [redacted] in 1959 are contained in a large bound journal or register listing sales of American Express Travelers' Checks in the period from June 9, 1942, to June 29, 1962. This register is comprised of 300 pages and it is being stored for permanent retention. This register in the period August through December, 1958, and in the calendar year 1959 did not disclose any sale of Travelers' Checks to JAMES EARL RAY or JAMES L. OWENS nor did it show any sale listed in any of their known aliases.

These records may be obtained on issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which should be directed to Mr. [redacted]

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RE: ALLEGED BANK ACCOUNT OF JAMES EARL RAY AND ALLEGED PURCHASE OF TRAVELERS' CHECKS AT MANUFACTURERS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY OF ST. LOUIS, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN 1959

[redacted] Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, who was contacted at the bank by SAA [redacted] on May 17, 1968, caused a search to be made of central files of this bank for any record of a checking, savings, or loan account, as well as any safe deposit box, in the names of JAMES EARL RAY and JAMES L. OWENS and all of their known aliases. In the course of this investigation only one account believed pertinent to this investigaion was located. This account was in the name of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR, last known address 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Prior investigation has disclosed that the name of JAMES O'CONNOR has been used as an alias by JAMES EARL RAY and the address of 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, was a prior residence address of RAY's father, JERRY RAYNES, also known as JERRY RAYNS, and RAY's sister, Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, who was then known as CAROL RYAN. Detailed information concerning this account is set forth elsewhere in this report.

The Bureau advised on May 27, 1968, that no latent fingerprint impressions were found on the signature card of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR in connection with the above account (said card being designated Q 354 for identification purposes), and that because of the presence of some characteristics which would not be explained on the basis of the available known writings of subject, it could not be determined whether the "JAMES CARL O'CONNOR" signature on the cardwas prepared by the subject; however, significant similarities were noted between this questioned signature and the available known handwriting of RAY.

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[redacted] Auditor, Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, who was contacted at the bank, furnished the following information and records:

A signature card executed on March 9, 1959, at the time a checking account was opened at this bank in the name of JAMES CARL O'CONNOR, 1820 South 12th Street, whose address was subsequently changed to 1818 South 12th Street and then to 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, bears the handwritten signature "JAMES CARL O'CONNOR." It is believed that this is the only handwriting of O'CONNOR appearing on this card, however, the card contains further handwritten notations indicating that O'CONNOR had no telephone and that he was employed as an attendant at a service station, identity or location of which was not known. The card also showed that he had no former bank accounts.

[redacted] made available for use in this investigation the original signature card. He requested that it be returned to this bank when it is no longer needed.

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Records of the Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company of St. Louis, 1731 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri, telephone MA 1-1230, disclosed the following information:

A checking account, known as a personal check plan, was opened by an individual using the name JAMES CARL O'CONNOR at this bank March 9, 1959, with an initial deposit of $159. This account was closed July 20, 1959, by a withdrawal of $4.

When the account was initially opened O'CONNOR used the residence address 1820 South 12th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, but subsequently his address was changed to 1818 South 12th Street, St. Louis, and then it was again changed to 1727 South 11th Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

This account showed the following additional deposits on the dates indicated:

Date	Amount of Deposit
March 10, 1959	$ 40
March 13, 1959	40
March 18, 1959	30
March 20, 1959	40
March 26, 1959	370
April 14, 1959	100
May 14, 1959	150
June 2, 1959	42
June 9, 1959	30
June 10, 1959	10
June 17, 1959	10.

The account showed withdrawals or charges ranging in amount between $4 and $600. Microfilm records disclosed photographs of the face side only of the following-described checks drawn against this account:

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Date	Payee	Amount
March 25, 1959	Y. P. WEBBE	$ 50
March 26, 1959	"	600
April 10, 1959	CAROL RYAN	6
April 26, 1959	"	6
May 1, 1959	Standard Auto Parts	20
May 4, 1959	JAMES CARL O'CONNOR	40
May 9, 1959	CAROL RYAN	6
May 12, 1959	JAMES CARL O'CONNOR	30
May 21, 1959	"	50
June 19, 1959	"	100
June 23, 1959	"	36
June 27, 1959	Carson-Union-May-Stern	4
June 30, 1959	JAMES CARL O'CONNOR	30
July 12, 1959	CAROL RYAN	4

Only one check item was not located on microfilm records, this being a $30 withdrawal on June 2, 1959.

These records may be obtained on issuance of a subpoena duces tecum which should be directed to Mr. HARLEY E. SCHWERING, Senior Vice President of the Bank.

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RE: 1959 ASSOCIATE
VINCENT P. WEBBE

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 20, 1968:

ANTHONY GROCHOWSKI, [redacted] advised that he was the brother-in-law of VINCENT P. WEBBE, who died a year or more ago. GROCHOWSKI stated that in the years immediately prior to his death WEBBE had been a bondsman. GROCHOWSKI suggested that his wife, EVA WEBBE GROCHOWSKI, would be able to furnish more details regarding VINCENT WEBBE and that she could be located at [redacted]

On May 20, 1968, EVA WEBBE GROCHOWSKI advised that her brother, VINCENT P. WEBBE, died June 28, 1967. She stated that she had been rather closely associated with her brother and frequently kept bond records for him. She advised that he only signed police court bonds and never to her knowledge signed a bond for any substantial amount of money. According to GROCHOWSKI, WEBBE was in the egg and poultry business in St. Louis from 1921 to 1941 and that after 1941 he lived a life of semi-retirement; the bonding business being only a sideline. She stated that VINCENT WEBBE was in ill health for about six years before his death and during that time seldom left home.

According to GROCHOWSKI, ANN WEBBE, VINCENT's wife, still resides at [redacted] but she stated that ANN WEBBE does not read or write English and doubts that any information could be obtained from her if she were contacted.

She stated that her brother kept rather casual records of his bonding business and she has no idea where these records could be located today.

JAMES CARL O'CONNOR

GROCHOWSKI advised that the name [redacted] is entirely unfamiliar to her and she cannot recall a transaction between any such person and her brother amounting to $600. She examined photographs of JAMES CARL RAY and stated that he was entirely unknown to her. She also advised that the name JAMES EARL RAY and his known aliases are unfamiliar to her.

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RE: FELLOW INMATE
ANDREW WILSON DE CORE, also known as
Blackie DeCore,
DeCora

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 20, 1968:

Mrs. MARY LOUISE SAWYER, [redacted] advised that she has worked as a nurse at St. Louis City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette, for approximately four years. She stated that she met ANDREW WILSON DE CORE about two years ago when he was a patient at that hospital. He was confined to the hospital for a considerable length of time because of a broken arm and broken leg. Mrs. SAWYER advised that after his release from the hospital and his subsequent return to the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City she wrote to him a number of times. SAWYER advised that she was not aware that DE CORE had been released from prison and stated that she has no idea of DE CORE's present whereabouts. Mrs. SAWYER examined photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that he was entirely unknown to her. She also stated that none of RAY's aliases were familiar to her.

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[redacted] was re-interviewed at the St. Louis Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and furnished the following information:

He described [redacted] of Birmingham, Alabama, as a good friend with whom he "celled" and also "took care of" in Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). He described [redacted] as a friend who would have no reason to lie about him. He first met [redacted] in the MSP at Jefferson City, Missouri, although they were previously in the Kansas City Jail at the same time but occupied different tanks. He associated with [redacted] while both were inmates at the MSP and after both had been transferred to the minimum security prison at Moberly, Missouri.

[redacted] denied recalling any conversations whatever with subject JAMES EARL RAY and still insists he does not know subject RAY.

[redacted] admitted running a poker game and lottery at MSP and in this capacity had numerous inmates working for him in various halls at the penitentiary. He knew all of these individuals personally and recalls their names. He specifically mentioned one such individual as [redacted]. He specifically recalled that subject RAY did not work for him and recalled no inmate at the MSP with either first or last name RAY with whom he associated or conversed at length.

He denied planning or executing a burglary or robbery of the oil company or any other establishment in Atlanta, Georgia, and advised that if he had pulled such a job it would have been alone.

He denied ever having lived in Atlanta but recalled having stayed there overnight on a couple of occasions when driving through.

[redacted] stated he married his wife, [redacted] nee [redacted] He has no information whatever concerning her present whereabouts. Her last address known to him was [redacted].

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] CBB:pdp Date dictated 5/13/68

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[redacted] emphatically denied being questioned while in jail at Kansas City or at the MSP concerning any gangster in the Kansas City area. He was questioned by Detective [redacted] Kansas City Police Department, in regard to the offense for which he was convicted in Kansas City. This was on a charge of armed robbery of one [redacted] who at that time operated the Drake Hotel in Kansas City. [redacted] stated he was not guilty of this robbery; however, he took a "bum rap" in the matter rather than divulge his actual whereabouts and the person or persons with whom he was associated at the time the robbery was committed. The other violation, according to [redacted] was in the State of Kansas and he would probably have received more time than the 20 years he got in Missouri. He also was of the opinion at the time that he could beat the rap in Missouri.

[redacted] refused to discuss his actual whereabouts at the time of the Drake Hotel robbery, the violation in which he was involved, or the person or persons with whom he was associated in this matter. He stated any investigation in this matter could possibly jeopardize his present parole status even though the Statute of Limitations has run on that crime.

[redacted] denied any knowledge of the connection between New Orleans gangsters and gangsters in Kansas City. He stated he has no relatives residing in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, or Atlanta, Georgia.

[redacted] admitted having considered attempting to escape from the MSP but never planned such an escape with any accomplice. He denied ever having heard of a prisoner's plan to escape to Liberia or having a place he could hide out in a cave in Virginia.

Subsequent to the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, [redacted] admits fighting with a fellow prisoner outside

the Catholic chapel at the MSP because of a derogatory statement made by this prisoner concerning President KENNEDY as a Catholic. He does not recall the name of this prisoner and no charges were filed in connection with the incident. He denied that this individual could have been subject JAMES EARL RAY. He does recall Father SCHAFER was at that time the Chaplain but understands that Father SCHAFER now has a parish in California, Missouri. The above-described incident took place at the MSP in 1963.

[redacted] recalled that when he was in the MSP A Hall was occupied by Negroes; however, he understands it now houses trustees.

[redacted] stated he could recall many prisoners making derogatory remarks concerning Negroes but he advised that inasmuch as he is Catholic, derogatory remarks regarding Catholics were not made in his presence.

When questioned concerning any individuals who might dislike him and furnish false information concerning his alleged association with RAY, [redacted] mentioned the following individuals:

[redacted] white, male, age 28, believed presently back in MSP on an armed robbery charge from Kansas City, Missouri;

[redacted] (phonetic), white, male, age 26, believed to be doing 25 years at MSP on a charge of assault and molestation from Kansas City;

[redacted], white, male, doing life at MSP for killing a priest.

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[redacted] upon re-interview on May 12, 1968, stated after considering the matter he now recalls one JIMMY RAYE (phonetic), a white male, age 27, 6'1", 150 pounds, left handed, who was somewhat active in gambling activities at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). This individual was also a basketball player at the institution. RAYE is still believed to be at MSP and at one time an older brother, believed to be LARRY RAYE, was an inmate at the penitentiary. [redacted] is of the opinion this RAYE may be confused with subject JAMES EARL RAY by the person furnishing information regarding an association between him and subject RAY.

[redacted] recalled JIMMY RAYE (phonetic) having been in trouble in connection with a gambling debt owed to [redacted] MSP inmate, described as a white male doing a 25 year sentence from Kansas City on a rape charge. [redacted] was also active in running gambling games. [redacted] pursuaded [redacted] to "lay off" RAYE in connection with the gambling debt owed him. He further recalled this incident having taken place in 1963 or 1964 at which time JIMMY RAYE was housed in C Hall while he, [redacted] was residing in G Hall.

[redacted] stated his wife's true name at the time he married her was [redacted] While in MSP he corresponded with her under this name as well as under the names [redacted] He was not positive but believed her maiden name to be [redacted] His wife under the name [redacted] Her parents and relatives are believed to reside in Atlanta. He recalled that [redacted] was at one time a member of the downtown branch of the Alcoholics Anonymous Club in Shreveport, Louisiana. She also may have been a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Atlanta.

With respect to a date on which he could have been involved committing a crime in Atlanta, [redacted] advised he was released from the penitentiary at [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] CBB: pdp Date dictated 5/13/68

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of his time as an employee of the [redacted] which operates out of [redacted] operated by a female, one [redacted] (last name unknown). During this employment [redacted] worked under the name and Social Security Number of a sheep herder by the name of [redacted] When the [redacted] closed the season in October he went to [redacted] where he resided with his wife [redacted] until the time he was picked up in [redacted] He stated that he used the name [redacted] in order to avoid possible arrest in the [redacted] where he was wanted for investigation armed robbery. He advised that [redacted] had placed a detainer against him upon his release from [redacted] but that he had "beat" this detainer at [redacted] Kansas, and was never returned to [redacted]

During the course of the interview [redacted] mentioned the name of a former MSP inmate presently in the St. Louis area, one [redacted] who might be in a position to furnish information concerning activities of subject RAY in the MSP.

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Date May 23, 1968

[redacted] called to indicate his concern that individuals, unknown to him, had linked his name with that of subject RAY, whom he could not actually recall. He expressed the opinion that certain individuals would like to see him charged with violating his parole and returned to the Missouri State Penitentiary to "get even with him" for things he had not done.

He expressed a desire to cooperate in any way in connection with this investigation and mentioned he had visited with another former inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary who claimed he had seen subject JAMES EARL RAY in St. Louis approximately two weeks after the escape of RAY from the Missouri State Penitentiary. He declined to identify this person over the telephone but advised he might furnish this individual's name in a personal interview at a later time.

[redacted] indicated that in the conversation with this individual they discussed the fact that RAY was supposed to have walked out of the Missouri State Penitentiary with visitors, rather than having escaped concealed in a bread box.

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[redacted] again called the St. Louis Federal Bureau of Investigation Office to promise his continued co-operation and indicate a continuing feeling of apprehension thatsomething might happen which might possibly lead to the revocation of his parole.

[redacted] mentioned in the conversation that he and [redacted] had visited [redacted] on the previous night. He stated [redacted] mentioned he had been talking to the FBI.

[redacted] advised that both he and [redacted] believed that after having visited with [redacted] that [redacted] probably harbored subject RAY after his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary. [redacted] however, stated that [redacted] made no such admission in any statement actually made by him.

[redacted] promised to be alert for any information which might be of value in efforts to locate subject RAY.

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Date May 31, 1968

[redacted] presently residing [redacted], was interviewed at the St. Louis Office. He reiterated information previously furnished that he could not recall any specific instance in which he met subject JAMES EARL RAY while in the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) although he may have done so. He also advised he had no contact with subject RAY prior to his incarceration in the MSP or since his release from that institution.

He denied that he had recently obtained a revolver from any source and stated that if [redacted] had obtained a gun he know nothing about it. He went on to state that he was doing everything within his power to avoid violating his parole and that obtaining a gun of any kind would be an extremely foolish act on his part.

With respect to his activities since his release from [redacted] he stated he came immediately to St. Louis, Missouri, and for a short period of time was employed by the [redacted]. He resided for a period of time at [redacted] Around [redacted] where he worked until he was laid off [redacted]

[redacted] advised that a former inmate of the MSP one [redacted] advised him in a conversation two or three weeks ago that he, [redacted] had on one occasion observed subject RAY in St. Louis subsequent to his escape from the MSP. [redacted] stated that this was approximately ten days after RAY's escape and he saw him in the vicinity of the 1800 block of Mississippi Street in South St. Louis. He went on to say that [redacted] made the statement that RAY did not escape from the MSP in a bread truck as generally reported but walked away from the institution with a group of visitors who were leaving. According to [redacted] did not indicate he knew of any particular individual who might have assisted RAY in this escape. He could not furnish the exact address o[redacted] but stated he believed he was still on parole to Missouri State parole officers in St. Louis, Missouri area.

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[redacted] was questioned concerning the present whereabouts of [redacted] and he stated that although he had not seen [redacted] in several days he understood he was still residing at [redacted] using the name [redacted] and employed as a cook at [redacted] located at [redacted] He advised he had learned [redacted] may ha ve entered the St. Louis City Hospital to have an eye operation but had been unable to locate him and he also stated that [redacted] had not reported to work for the last two nights at [redacted] He promised to locate [redacted] as soon as possible and have him call the St. Louis FBI Office.

[redacted] advised upon questioning that he had heard nothing whatsoever which would indicate to him that subject JAMES EARL RAY might have been involved in the armed robbery of the Alton, Illinois, Bank which occurred in July, 1967.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS (2);
BANK OF ALTON, ILLINOIS
July 13, 1967
ST. LOUIS FILE: 91-3877

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 29, 1968:

[redacted] advised after checking his records that [redacted] obtained employment at his concern through Dismas House on April 5, 1967, and that his employment was terminated on [redacted] due to reduction in the work force. He stated that [redacted] work as a printing estimater was very satisfactory and that he attended night school during the period of his employment to increase his efficiency in this capacity.

[redacted] advised that the employment records for that concern for July 13, 1967, reflect that [redacted] punched in for work at 7:49 AM and punched out for lunch at 11:59 AM. He punched back in for work at 12:47 PM and punched out at the end of the day at 6:03 PM.

It is noted that the robbery of the Bank of Alton, Illinois, on July 13, 1967, was committed at 1:35 PM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 14, 1968

[redacted] former Missouri State Penitentiary [redacted] presently residing [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed on May 12, 1968 [redacted] at [redacted], he was released on parole from the MSP, Jefferson City, Missouri.

[redacted] was arrested in St. Louis, Missouri, on a charge of armed robbery and although not convicted on this charge he remained in the St. Louis City Jail for approximately [redacted] before being released at the time of his trial.

Shortly after his release from MSP [redacted] advised he met subject JAMES EARL RAY on the street in the 1800 block of South 11th Street and conversed with him for a few minutes. According to [redacted] this date would have been around [redacted] since he recalls he obtained employment on that date in St. Louis. At the time of this first contact subject RAY was wearing a mustache and mentioned the fact that he was "hot" and had to be careful. He was dressed in a sweater and dark trousers and this visit with subject RAY was very short.

[redacted] recalled seeing RAY on another occasion on the street in the 1800 block of South 11th Street three or four days later. On this occasion he and subject RAY had a beer together in a tavern believed to be located on the west side of the street in the 1800 block. Subject RAY stated he was broke and [redacted] loaned him $10. RAY also mentioned he needed a "rod" to get hold of some money and [redacted] told him he was trying to go straight, had no pistol, and would not try to get one.

[redacted] mentioned he saw RAY on one other occasion two or three days later in approximately the same location. At this time he, [redacted] was in an automobile and RAY was on the street. He was of the opinion that RAY did not see him on this occasion. According to [redacted] although he does not recall the exact words of the conversation he got the impression from RAY that he was going to pull a holdup or robbery of some kind in St. Louis to get some money and then travel to the east side or somewhere in Illinois where he had

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] CBB: pdp Date dictated 5/13/68

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friends or relatives. He stated these individuals were not specifically mentioned but he got this impression from conversing with subject RAY.

[redacted] advised subject RAY furnished no information concerning where he was staying in St. Louis and made no mention of associates or relatives with whom he might be associated or living. [redacted] stated he did not observe RAY in company with any other individual on any of the above-mentioned occasions. He did state that RAY mentioned in the conversation that he "walked out" of the MSP with a group of visitors from the outside. It was [redacted] understanding that this was in connection with a ball game that had been played at the penitentiary and that the date, approximately, RAY walked away was April 24, 1967. [redacted] was questioned specifically concerning any information he might have as to the identity of any individual assisting subject RAY in his escape and he stated he could furnish no information whatever in this respect. He further stated he has not seen subject RAY since around May 18, 1967, and is not in possession of any information concerning his possible whereabouts since that time.

[redacted] advised he recalled subject RAY very well from his association with him at the MSP. He described RAY as a "loner" who participated in gambling in the penitentiary. He stated, however, that RAY spent so much of his time in solitary confinement due to his attempts to escape that he did not have much opportunity to participate in these activities. He advised that he was as close to RAY as anyone in the penitentiary and recalled that RAY took narcotics, and often came to his [redacted] cell to converse and offer narcotics to [redacted] With regard to RAY's closest associate at MSP, [redacted] advised that he was as close to RAY as any inmate. He went on to state that based on this association and his general knowledge of RAY it was hard for him to imagine RAY being involved in the MARTIN LUTHER KING slaying. In this respect he stated he did not feel RAY would be motivated by animosity toward Dr. KING and was not the type of individual who would be trusted by people wanting to dispose of KING. He knew of no connections that RAY had while in MSP which

would afford him access to information regarding a planned assassination of Dr. KING. It is [redacted] opinion that if RAY made such connections he did so while on the run subsequent to his escape.

[redacted] recalled an inmate at MSP known as (first name unknown) COOLEY (phonetic) described as white male, 45 years old at the present time, 6' tall, 150 pounds, slender build, black hair. He stated this individual walked with a noticeable limp, believed to be in his right leg, and that the right leg was curved out noticeably. He advised that COOLEY was an inmate at MSP on two separate occasions. He believes that COOLEY was last released prior to 1960 when subject RAY entered MSP. COOLEY worked in the penitentiary kitchen. He described COOLEY as a "fanatic". [redacted] could relate no specific circumstances on which he based his opinion that COOLEY was a fanatic, or what COOLEY was fanatical about. [redacted] merely stated that COOLEY had "way out" ideas, and that he, COOLEY, attempted to appear as an intellectual. He recalled that COOLEY read science and sex books continually. Inasmuch as COOLEY's last release was prior to subject RAY's incarceration at MSP, [redacted] does not believe there was any association between subject RAY and this COOLEY. [redacted] knows of no organization known as COOLEY's organization or any group headed by COOLEY.

During the interview [redacted] mentioned an individual known to him as JACK (last name unknown) who in May of 1967 was in charge of a rooming house at 1805 South 11th Street. [redacted] met this individual while incarcerated in St. Louis subsequent to his arrest on June 1, 1967. It was his recollection that JACK (last name unknown) was arrested on June 2, 1967, suspected of burglary of a tavern located near his residence at 1805 South 11th.

During conversation with JACK (last name unknown), who was described as a white male, age 70, 6' tall, 200 pounds, gray hair, subject RAY was discussed. Although JACK did not specifically say so, [redacted] got the impression that RAY

was probably living with him or staying part-time with him at 1805 South 11th. He also recalled JACK mentioning subject having a brother residing somewhere in the general area. Although [redacted] could not recall the brother's name he thought it to be JOHN. JACK (last name unknown) advised it was his understanding that subject RAY, who was well known to him, was believed to have walked away from the penitentiary following a ball game.

It was [redacted] understanding that JACK (last name unknown) had never done any time in Missouri but had spent approximately 29 years in penitentiarys in Illinois on charges of safe cracking, robbery and so forth. At the time JACK was arrested in St. Louis on June 2, 1967, he was extremely worried because his parole out of Illinois did not expire for a period of two or three more weeks.

[redacted] stated that during his incarceration at MSP he "ran the store" for quite a period of time. He is presently employed [redacted] About the time [redacted] saw subject RAY in St. Louis he was employed for a short period of time as [redacted]

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Date June 24, 1968

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[redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted] located on the [redacted] corner of [redacted] where he spends most of his time. He still resides at [redacted] He has made arrangements to [redacted]

With reference to subject JAMES EARL RAY, [redacted] reiterated information previously furnished in this matter. He stated RAY walked away from the Missouri State Penitentiary in the afternoon of April 23, 1967, and he, [redacted], was released on [redacted] Approximately two weeks subsequent to his release he visited briefly with subject RAY on South 11th Street in St. Louis on two different occasions. On the second occasion he had a drink with RAY in a bar, name unrecalled, in the 1800 block of South 11th and he loaned RAY $10 since he stated he was in need of money. RAY indicated he planned to obtain a gun possibly in East St. Louis, Illinois, and make a "score" in the near future.

[redacted] in his brief visits with RAY got the impression RAY was living with some of his relatives not far from the 1800 block of South 11th, although RAY did not actually make a statement to that effect.

[redacted] stated that subject might have been residing with JACK GAWRON, who resided in that area, but neither RAY nor GAWRON ever made a definite statement indicating that RAY was living with GAWRON.

[redacted] repeated information previously furnished that although he considers himself one of subject RAY's closest friends in the Missouri State Penitentiary, he never heard him make any statements either in the penitentiary or after his escape that would link him in any way with the MARTIN LUTHER KING slaying. He went on to state that he felt certain that if RAY is involved it is through RAY's efforts to obtain money and not through any idealistic feelings or hate feelings that he might harbor.

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SA [redacted]

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

The following investigation was conducted on May 23, 1968, by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Chief Clerk, St. Louis City Jail, exhibited a jail record reflecting the following information:

[redacted] a laborer, entered City Jail on [redacted] on charges of carrying a concealed weapon and robbery with a dangerous and deadly weapon. On [redacted] the charge of carrying a concealed weapon was removed when [redacted] was found not guilty by a jury on that charge. On [redacted] he was sentenced to one year in the City Jail [redacted] He was released from City Jail by [redacted] indicated his nearest relative was his wife [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the record referred to above clearly reflects that [redacted] was continuously incarcerated from June 5, 1967, to March 1, 1968.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 22, 1968

[redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted], St. Louis, Missouri. [redacted] furnished the following information:

He viewed photographs of subject, JAMES EARL RAY, as depicted on Federal Bureau of Investigation wanted flyer 442-A dated April 19, 1968. [redacted] advised that he did not know this man, and had never heard anyone speak of him.

[redacted] at first denied having lived in the 1800 block of South 11th Street, but later in the interview did admit that he resided with one [redacted] approximately four months ago. He advised that he and [redacted] resided at this address for approximately two months.

He stated that [redacted] worked in a shipyard in St. Louis in the vicinity of 8300 South Broadway. [redacted] is currently in Waldenberg, Arkansas, where he supposedly has relatives. [redacted] advised that prior to moving to the South 11th Street address he resided at [redacted] In May of 1967, [redacted] believes that he lived at [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he is acquainted with [redacted] and that [redacted] to work with [redacted] out of Manpower, Incorporated, St. Louis, Missouri. He advised that he last saw [redacted] that morning on the way to work. He explained that [redacted] is a good friend of his and he often sees him both in the morning, prior to going to work, and in the evening after work. [redacted] first denied ever having heard [redacted] mention the name of JAMES EARL RAY. Later in the interview, [redacted] advised that he had heard [redacted] mention the name of RAY. [redacted] had advised him that RAY was his "foster son." [redacted] also told him that he, [redacted] and RAY had "poked up" a couple of places. [redacted] did not mention when or where these holdups occurred, nor did he mention the amount obtained. [redacted] recalled that [redacted] advised him that he had seen subject, RAY, approximately six weeks ago. [redacted] advised that he was unaware of the location or circumstances of this meet.

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] WHW/leh Date dictated 5/17/68

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With respect to associates of [redacted] advised that [redacted] drinks frequently at Peanut's Bar, 1601 Park, St. Louis, Missouri, [redacted] associates with the owner of this bar, known only as [redacted] to [redacted] also associates with one [redacted] who resides at [redacted] often runs poker games at his residence, and [redacted] frequents the poker games held there. According to [redacted] is presently at Koch Hospital suffering from tuberculosis. [redacted] reports to the hospital at given intervals for treatment.

Last Monday, two ex-convicts came to [redacted] home. One of these men was a [redacted] (last name unknown) [redacted] described as a white male, [redacted] The other man, name unknown, [redacted] described as a white male, [redacted] short and thin with black hair. This man is from Louisiana. [redacted] at one time robbed a bar at Grand and Chouteau.

Last night, May 14, 1968, the same two men returned to [redacted] residence. [redacted] gave the man from Louisiana a "silver plated" .38 caliber, snubnose revolver. The man had requested this revolver from [redacted] on the preceding Monday night. Although [redacted] did not specifically state so, [redacted] believes this gun was obtained by [redacted] in Madison, Illinois. [redacted] has spoken to him of connections that he has at a bar in Madison, Illinois. Something was wrong with this gun because when held up the bullet would fall out of it. [redacted] and the man from Louisiana taped the bullets in the gun. According to [redacted] this man wanted the gun to hold up a couple of places.

The man from Louisiana offered him, [redacted] $250 to kill a man. The man from Louisiana did not mention the prospective victim's name or why he wanted the man killed. [redacted] advised that he declined this offer and would not kill a man for $1,000 much less $250.

[redacted] said he is convinced that [redacted] saw subject, RAY, in St. Louis. He pointed out that [redacted] has not left the St. Louis area to his knowledge, and that he visits [redacted] daily.

Approximately one week ago, [redacted] told him that RAY is presently in Algiers. [redacted] understood him to mean

that RAY was out of the continental United States. [redacted] did not say, and [redacted] has no idea of the source of this information.

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Date May 22, 1968

[redacted] was re-interviewed at the St. Louis Federal Bureau of Investigation office and furnished the following information:

He has known [redacted] for approximately 15 years. He met [redacted] when the two of them were working out of Manpower, Incorporated, St. Louis, Missouri. He has associated with [redacted] since that time, but has been very close to [redacted] for only the past five years. When he first met [redacted] was residing in the vicinity of Mississippi and Hickory, St. Louis, Missouri. [redacted] home was near [redacted] Bar. He and [redacted] often drank at this bar. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] is no longer in business and he is presently a bondsman at the St. Louis area.

[redacted] again viewed photographs of RAY as depicted on Federal Bureau of Investigation wanted flyer number 442-A. He advised that he does not recall ever having seen this man. Although he associated with [redacted] in 1958 and 1959, he does not recall subject RAY having lived or associated with [redacted]

[redacted] was shown a standup photograph of subject, RAY, taken by the St. Louis Police Department, at the time of RAY's arrest in 1959. [redacted] advised that he knows this man and recalls having drank with him at [redacted] at Mississippi and Hickory. [redacted] was then quite sure he knew the man and insisted that he had seen him before, however, he advised that he has not seen RAY since [redacted] moved from the vicinity of Mississippi and Hickory.

[redacted] pointed out that he visits [redacted] at [redacted] residence practically every evening after work. He has never seen the subject, RAY, at [redacted] place.

Regarding a conversation between he and [redacted] concerning the subject, [redacted] advised that approximately six weeks ago, the first part of April, 1968, [redacted] started talking about RAY. [redacted] does not recal [redacted] mentioning RAY prior to this time. [redacted] recalls that this was approximately the time that subject, RAY's, photograph

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was published in the newspaper. He advised that just he and [redacted] were drinking at [redacted] house when [redacted] mentioned RAY.

[redacted] refers to subject, RAY, as JIMMY, and told [redacted] that RAY was his "foster son." [redacted] stated that he and RAY "took a couple of joints together." [redacted] understood him to mean that they had pulled armed robberies together. [redacted] did not state when and where these holdups occurred. [redacted] also stated that RAY had escaped from the penitentiary.

[redacted] at first advised that [redacted] stated he had seen RAY approximately six weeks before RAY's picture was published in thepaper. Later in the interview, [redacted] advised [redacted] had stated he saw RAY six weeks ago. This would have been around the first of April according to [redacted] The discrepancy in the dates on which [redacted] supposedly saw RAY were brought to [redacted] attention. He stated he was confused as to exactly when this meet was supposed to have occurred and does not recall if it was six weeks prior to RAY's photograph appearing in the paper, or simply six weeks ago. He did state that the meet supposedly occurred near the intersection of 18th and Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri. [redacted] pointed out that there is a drug store and a couple of bars at this location, and assumes that the meet took place in a bar. At this point, [redacted] advised that it was at this time that [redacted] and RAY supposedly pulled the armed robberies together. [redacted] advised that this was the impression that he got from JACK. However, he advised that it was equally possible that JACK was referring to amed robberies pulled by him, [redacted] and RAY in 1959 or earlier.

[redacted] has advised him that he, [redacted] has been talking to the FBI about RAY. [redacted] did not state whether or not he was telling the truth to the FBI. [redacted] stated he was scared and that he did not like to be bothered by the FBI.

[redacted] advised that he was arrested last September for the theft of a television set. He is now on nine months probation for this offense. He was in the city jail, cell number 22 with a [redacted] (last name unknown). [redacted] has within the past week, began coming to [redacted] home. At the time that he and [redacted] were in jail, [redacted] and [redacted] were also in jail. [redacted] was in jail approximately

two months. [redacted] was released before him, and [redacted] was released only recently. While in jail, he overheard no conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] regarding RAY. He advised at that time [redacted] and [redacted] were in jail for the burglary of Art's Tavern, Soulard and South 11th Streets.

He recalls that sometime ago, the exact date unknown to him, [redacted] and someone else went to Arkansas to rob a variety store. They had previously cased this store. [redacted] recalled that they did not rob this store as they had planned for some reason unknown to him.

Regarding the financial status of [redacted] advised that [redacted] generally has a couple of hundred dollars with him all the time. He stated that [redacted] receives a Government check and plays cards frequently. He advised that [redacted] also has an account at Manufacturer's Bank on South Broadway.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] has no telephone, but frequently goes out to make telephone calls at a pay phone located in front of a Catholic church at 12th and Lafayette, St. Louis.

It is his opinion that [redacted] would not tell the FBI where RAY is, even if he knew. He stated that [redacted] is " a little nuts." He stated he believes this because of the fact that [redacted] keeps approximately fifteen cats in his home and one dog. [redacted] kisses the cats and refers to them as "baby." He stated that [redacted] sleeps with all the cats and his dog.

[redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as a "loud mouth, who would come in on anybody." He stated that he is sure that [redacted] would tell the FBI if he had any knowledge of RAY

[redacted]

Regarding any trips that [redacted] may have taken recently, [redacted] advised that he knows of no trips with the exception of the preceding Monday and Tuesday nights when [redacted] did not come home until two or three a.m. He knows that [redacted] came home this late, only because [redacted] told him so. He advised that this is not like [redacted] and he assumes that [redacted] may have gone to Madison, Illinois, on these nights to pick up a pistol for [redacted] (last name unknown) and a man from Louisiana, who have recently been frequenting [redacted] residence.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] has never mentioned to him anyone ever having given him $250 or any bank loot.

[redacted] advised that it was not possible for RAY to have stayed with [redacted] when he, [redacted] resided at [redacted] He pointed out that at that time he and [redacted] were so closely associated that he would have surely seen RAY had he been in the area.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted]
Telephone	None
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	5'9"
Weight	170 pounds
Hair	Black-gray
Eyes	[redacted]
Employed	[redacted]
Health	[redacted]
Characteristics	Throughout the interview it was noticed that [redacted] is very nervous, easily becomes confused, and often contradicts himself.

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Criminal Record	Admits no felonies, has served time in workhouse, now on probation to [redacted] St. Louis Municipal Courts Building.

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RE: [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on May 16, 1968:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

[redacted] Probation Officer, City of St. Louis, Missouri, advised that [redacted] is no longer employed as a probation officer. [redacted] left approximately one month ago and is presently employed at Magdella House, which is a halfway house for girls located near Missouri and Whitmore in St. Louis, Missouri. Miss [redacted] advised that [redacted] is a probationer currently assigned to her. She pointed out that since she has had [redacted] for only one month, she has never spoken with him. She made available the probation file of [redacted] which reflects the following information:

[redacted] was convicted [redacted] g. He was sentenced to [redacted] the Missouri Medium Security Institution but was granted one year probation. The file indicates that [redacted] and one [redacted] ntered the home of [redacted] admitted his implication in this theft but stated that it was actually [redacted] who carried the television from the house and subsequently sold it.

The file reflects that on [redacted]

On March 15, 1968, through April 29, 1968, [redacted] address was again listed as [redacted] has experienced deterioration of his condition in recent years. He is very nervous, drinks, and has a problem holding jobs. The file notes that [redacted] probably will not get into any more trouble, but that he will not function adequately either.

According to [redacted] he drinks heavily [redacted]

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[redacted] was admitted to Malcolm Bliss Hospital where he stayed for one month [redacted]. A check of the hospital records by the probation officer indicates that [redacted] His condition is chronic [redacted]

[redacted] as an IQ of 72 which is in the mentally defective range. [redacted] as three prior misdemeanorarrests, one in [redacted] for vagrancy and two in [redacted] and [redacted] for stealing over $50. The file indicates [redacted] had a brother, [redacted]

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RE: NEIGHBORHOOD - VICINITY
1800 South 11th Street
St. Louis, Missouri

SL 44-775
WHW/leh

On May 15, 1968, a neighborhood investigation was conducted in the vicinity of 1807 South 11th Street, by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]. The following persons were contacted and interviewed and viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on wanted flyer 442-A dated April 19, 1968, and their comments are as indicated:

[redacted] South 11th Street, advised she has resided in this address since 1962. She has never seen subject, RAY. She advised that she is acquainted with a JACK (last name unknown), who resides 1807 South 11th Street. She stated JACK lives at this address alone most of the time. She has never seen subject, RAY, at JACK'S house.

[redacted] (last name unknown) who resides at [redacted] South 11th Street, [redacted] often stays with JACK (last name unknown). It was noted that an elderly male and female were at that time seated on the rear porch at [redacted] South 11th Street. She pointed to these two individuals as the persons known to her as JACK and [redacted] occupies [redacted] It should be noted that the two apartments located downstairs in this same building bear the address [redacted] South 11th.

According to [redacted] South 11th Street, daughter to [redacted] one [redacted] resides at [redacted] South 11th.

[redacted] also maintains a residence somewhere in the "country" and comes to St. Louis only the first part of each month to pick up his check.

[redacted] advised that a [redacted] (last name unknown) resides at [redacted] South 11th. The mailbox for this address indicates the resident is one [redacted]

[redacted] pointed out that the residence at [redacted] South 11th is presently vacant. She advised that this residence was previously occupied by a Mexican lady, who now resides at an unknown address with her son. [redacted] pointed out that a second Mexican woman formerly resided at [redacted] South 11th. This lady died recently.

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[redacted] stated that residents of the neighborhood frequent Art's Bar which is open only on Sunday's at the corner of 11th and Soulard and Eddie Sang's Bar on the corner of 12th and Soulard. [redacted] advised that she will immediately notify the FBI should she receive any information concerning RAY. It was noted that the apartment house at [redacted] South 11th and the apartment house at [redacted] South 11th were both vacant.

EDDIE SANG, 1800 South 12th Street, owner of Eddie Sang's Tavern at the same address advised that the photograph of RAY looks familiar and he believes he has seen this man before. SANG pointed out that he first noted the familiarity of RAY's face when he saw RAY's photograph in the newspaper. He stated that he associated the face with a customer at his tavern but cannot associate the name with the face. He advised that several ex-convicts of the neighboring area used to frequent his tavern. He recalled one as a JACK (last name unknown) white, male, 45 believed to be from Arkansas. He advised that this JACK was suspected of a shooting in the neighborhood approximately six to eight months ago and that he was also involved in the burglary of Art's Tavern, 11th and Soulard. He barred JACK (last name unknown) from his place of business and does not know where he could be located at present.

[redacted] could furnish no information regarding the subject.

[redacted] has resided at this address since July, 1967. Prior to that time he resided at [redacted] South 11th. He does not recall ever having seen the subject in the neighborhood and pointed out that he frequently visits nearby taverns.

[redacted] could furnish no information concerning the subject. They have resided at this address for approximately four years.

[redacted] has resided at this address approximately two years. She could furnish no information concerning the subject.

[redacted] advised that the center photograph of the subject looks familiar, but she cannot associate the face with a name or place. [redacted] pointed

out she operated [redacted] at [redacted] for a few months during 1965.

[redacted] South 11th Street, could furnish no information concerning subject.

[redacted] South 11th Street, could furnish no information concerning the subject but pointed out that she is new in the neighborhood.

[redacted] South 11th Street, stated that she has resided in this neighborhood 21 years but could furnished no information, concerning the subject.

[redacted] could furnish no information concerning the subject.

[redacted] was interviewed at Sang's Tavern, 1800 South 12th Street, and could furnish no information concerning subject.

[redacted] and [redacted] could furnish no information concerning subject.

[redacted] was interviewed at V.P. Drug Store 1731 South 11th Street. He advised that he has been interviwed by agents in the past and knows nothing.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on May 29, 1968:

[redacted] Missouri State Probation and Parole Officer, 1500 South Big Bend, advised that [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary [redacted] is presently on parole under supervision by that office. He advised that on [redacted] received a 25 year sentence under the Habitual Criminal Act and that his parole supervision is scheduled to terminate on September 10, 1968. According to [redacted] presently resides at [redacted]

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[redacted] was interviewed at his place of residence [redacted]. He is employed at the [redacted] was released from the Missouri State Penitentiary [redacted]. He had been sentenced to this institution on [redacted] in connection with an auto theft at which time he received a [redacted] year sentence under the Habitual Criminal Act.

[redacted] stated during his last several years at the Missouri State Penitentiary, he worked under the immediate supervision of [redacted] and was in charge of [redacted]. In this capacity he felt that he undoubtedly came in contact with subject JAMES EARL RAY but he had no specific recollection of subject's contact. After viewing subject's photograph, he stated that the face looked familiar but he still had no specific recollection of subject RAY. He denied having any contact with subject RAY subsequent to RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary. He mentioned he recalled discussing subject RAY with one [redacted] after [redacted] brought up the subject and asked him if he, [redacted], had any recollection of subject RAY in the Missouri State Penitentiary and if he, [redacted], recalled any contact between [redacted] and RAY while in the Penitentiary.

[redacted] advised when questioned concerning one [redacted] that he knew [redacted] and had seen him occasionally in the recent past. He did not recall having discussed subject RAY on any occasion with [redacted] and stated [redacted] was entering the St. Louis City Hospital in the near future for an eye operation. It was his understanding that arrangements had been made for [redacted] to enter the hospital by a southside St. Louis politician known only to him as "LEISURE" (phonetic).

[redacted] advised that he was born [redacted] Missouri, and that he is presently on parole from the Missouri State Penitentiary and that his parole is up in [redacted]

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[redacted] advised upon questioning that he had not heard any discussion concerning the method of subject RAY's escape as to whether or not he left in a bread truck or walked out of the prison with a group of visitors.

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NEIGHBORHOOD - MISSISSIPPI AVENUE

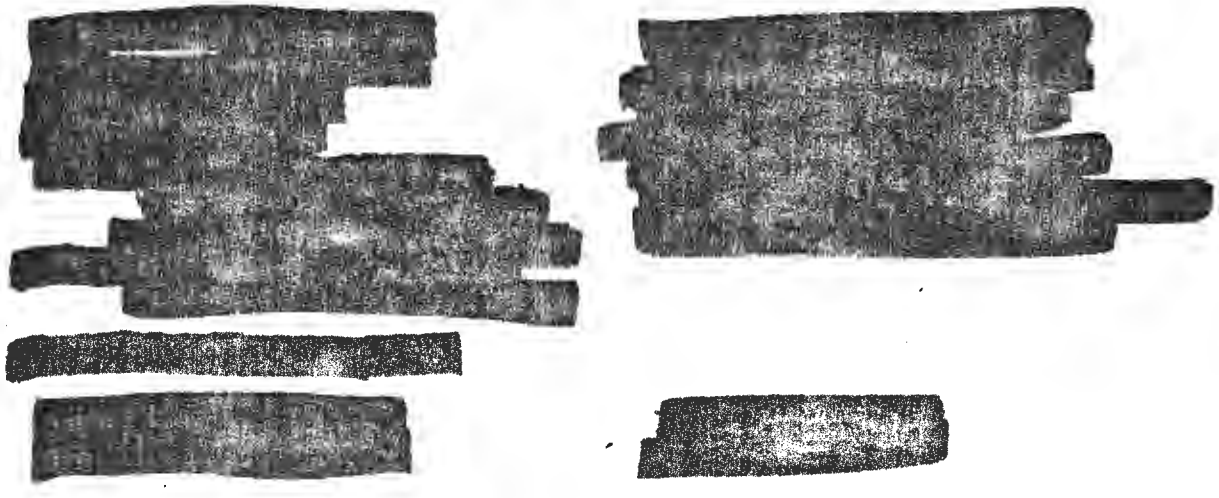
The following was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] on June 3, 1968:

[redacted] indicated an un-named convict allegedly told him he had observed subject in the 1800 block of Mississippi Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, approximately two weeks following subject's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, April 23, 1967.

Observation disclosed there is no 1800 block of Mississippi Avenue in St. Louis, Missouri. At the point where Mississippi is intersected by Geyer Avenue, the numbers jump from 1779 to 1915.

Photographs of subject were displayed to the following individuals on Mississippi and Geyer Avenues, with the result that none of them were able to recall having observed anyone of subject's appearance in the area or ever having been acquainted with anyone of subject's name or aliases.

MISSISSIPPI AVENUE (SA [redacted]



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1924 MAY's CONFECTIONERY [redacted]

1926 J AND S USED FURNITURE [redacted]

1928 [redacted] -

(Mississippi Avenue Intersects)

2000 Geyer Food Shop - [redacted]

2006 MAX AND GENE'S TAVERN [redacted]



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1 Date May 22, 1968

OPAL HIGHLY, [redacted] was interviewed at her residence and furnished the following information:

She formerly was the operator of Opal's Bar, 1805 Lafayette. She advised that she ran Opal's Bar at this location from 1947 until 1961. From September, 1939, until 1945 she operated a bar, also known as Opal's Bar, at a different location near 18th and Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri.

She viewed photographs of subject, JAMES EARL RAY, as depicted on Federal Bureau of Investigation wanted flyer number 442-A dated April 19, 1968. She advised that the two photographs appearing on the left side of the wanted flyer appear to be familiar but that she cannot associate the face with a name or place. She advised that she has read accounts of the MARTIN LUTHER KING slaying in the newspaper and advised that this picture may appear familiar to her inasmuch as she has previously seen it in the newspaper.

HIGHLY pointed out that she does not recall the names of patrons frequently visiting her bar. She did know some of her patrons by their first names. The name JAMES RAY means nothing to her.

She is acquainted with a JACK (last name unknown) who limps, and has been in and out of the penitentiary all of his life. She advised that JACK (last name unknown) would now be approximately 70 years old. He used to live around Kennett Place, or another nearby street. She advised that she did not recall this man until recently when the man spoke with an associate of her, TED RICHARDSON, who also works for her. This man advised that his name was JACK and told RICHARDSON to ask HIGHLY if she remembered him. HIGHLY pointed out that she did not remember him at that time. Later, JACK (last name unknown) again contacted RICHARDSON and told RICHARDSON to tell HIGHLY that he was the man who used to come in her place with a big woman and a boy who liked to dance. Upon receipt of this information, HIGHLY recalled JACK as a frequent patron at Opal's Bar. He always came in with a big woman who drank beer. This was approximately fifteen years ago. The woman who accompanied JACK had a boy

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about fifteen years old. The boy liked to dance and often danced at the bar.

HIGHLY does not believe that the dancing boy was subject, JAMES EARL RAY. She noted that the dancer would only be about 30 years of age at this time.

HIGHLY advised that she was always at the bar during its hours of operation and was well acquainted with the customers. She advised that a LESTER CUIBOR, presently employed at [redacted] used to tend bar for her. She advised that MARIE MC MURTY, [redacted] was employed by her in Opal's Bar as a waitress.

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Date May 22, 1968

MARIE MC MURTY, [redacted], St. Louis, Missouri, was interviewed at her residence and furnished the following information:

She was employed as a waitress at Opal's Bar, 1805 Lafayette, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1958, or 1959.

She viewed photographs of subject, JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on Federal Bureau of Investigation wanted flyer number 442-A dated April 19, 1968. She advised that she does not recall ever having seen RAY at Opal's Bar and that the name, JAMES EARL RAY, had no significance to her prior to the recent publicity concerning him.

MC MURTY advised she would immediately advise the FBI should she gain any information concerning RAY.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted].

On May 15, 1968, [redacted] Computer Section, St. Louis Police Department, advised that Field Interrogation Reports (FIR's - forms filled out regarding suspicious persons stopped and questioned but not arrested or booked) had been searched for a record of subject RAY under his name and known aliases with negative results. These reports cover the period November, 1967, to date for the entire city and were all that are available.

On May 17, 1968, all original FIR's for 1967, which were available at Third District, St. Louis Police Department, which covers the area where subject RAY is known to have frequented, were also searched with negative results.

In addition the FIR's were searched through computer for a record of [redacted] on May 15, 1968, in an effort to ascertain his whereabouts for interview.

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UNIDENTIFIED DEATHS

[redacted], Fingerprint Section, St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department, and MRS. HELEN TAYLOR, City Coroner, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] on May 10, 1968, the Fingerprint Section of the St. Louis Police Department checks all unidentified cadavers in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, and obtains their fingerprints if the condition of the body will allow. These prints are then forwarded to the FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. No unidentified white male cadavers have been found in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, since April 4, 1968.

On the same date [redacted] St. Louis County, Missouri, Police Department advised SA [redacted] the same procedure is followed by his Department in St. Louis County, Missouri, and that no unidentified white male cadavers had been found since April 4, 1968.

[redacted] Missouri State Highway Patrol, Troop C, Kirkwood, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] on the same date, that the Patrol performs a similar service for coroners and Police Departments in the rural areas of Missouri.

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SALVATION ARMY AND OTHER CHARITABLE
TYPE MISSION PROJECT

In view of subject's habit of staying in flophouses and lower class rooming houses, the following charitable type missions were personally contacted, on the dates indicated, and furnished the Identification Order concerning subject. Subject was unknown to persons contacted [redacted]

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

NAME	DATE	AGENT
SALVATION ARMY MEN's SOCIAL CENTER, 3949 Forest Park, JOHN MC ALLISTER - Personnel Director	5-24-68	[redacted]
DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 2827 Clark MILDRED MAYBERRY - Director	"	" "
TOWER GROVE CITADEL, 1324 Tower Grove Captain E. C. ROLLIN - Director	"	" "
TEMPLE, 3110 Iowa Captain LEE SMITH - Director	"	" "
EUCLID AVENUE, 2618 North Euclid FRIEDA HARPER - Secretary	"	" "
HARBOR LIGHT, 915 Market HAROLD RICHARDS - Personnel Director	5-27-68	[redacted]
CORPS AND YOUTH CENTER, 416 S. Main (St. Charles, Missouri), Captain ROBERT BUTTREY - Director	"	" "
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, 915 Market HAROLD RICHARDS - Personnel Director	"	" "

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NAME	DATE	AGENT
LAFAYETTE PARK, 1710 Carroll Captain JACK VAUGHN - Director	5-27-68	[redacted]
7701 Rawnels (Maplewood, Missouri) Captain DONALD LOVEJOY - Director	"	" "
NORTHSIDE, 1323 Sullivan Captain DANIEL UPTEGROVE - Director	"	" "
SOUTHSIDE, 801 Allen THOMAS ONKLE - Office Employee	5-24-68	[redacted]
WELLSTON, 6203 Cote Brilliante Captain J. A. MILLER	"	" "
BEREA MISSION, INC., 3536 Russell CHARLES RUSSELL - Business Manager	"	" "
LUTHERAN MISSION ASSOCIATION, 1323 Herbert DOROTHY HARTON - Secretary	"	" "
OPEN DOOR MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP, 4045 Ashland H. H. PETERS, Secretary	"	" "
DISMAS HOUSE, 903 Cole VIRGINIA BRADSHAW - Secretary	5-27-68	[redacted]
FATHER DEMPSEY CHARITIES, 3427 Washington ELMER WILLIAM - Manager	"	" "
ST. LOUIS RESCUE MISSION, 4023 Olive JAMES CARTER - Sexton	"	" "
SUNSHINE MISSION, 614 Franklin WILLIAM L. BUSCHART - Superintendent	"	" "
SHINING LIGHT TABERNACLE, 1428 Monroe Reverend JESSE GREEN - Pastor.	"	" "

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AGENT [redacted]

HUMAN SERVICE CENTER, 905 North 5th,
Poplar Bluff, Missouri
WILLIAM BRIGDEN - Manager

No other charitable type missions which furnish lodging to indigents were found within the territory covered by the St. Louis Division.

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IV. FELLOW PRISONERS

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1 Date 6-12-68

[redacted] residing at the northeast corner of [redacted] Missouri, was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] Missouri, and furnished the following information:

He was confined to the Missouri State Penitentiary from [redacted] after his conviction for [redacted]

He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as depicted on FBI Wanted Flyer #442-A dated April 19, 1968. He advised that he recognized the center photograph on this wanted flyer as a JAMES RAY with whom he was acquainted in the penitentiary. He advised that he knew RAY only slightly and described RAY as a loner who seldom associated with the other inmates. He stated that RAY was not well liked in the penitentiary and that he came to the penitentiary with the attitude that he was a "big shot" and was going to run things. He advised that RAY was not a gambler to his knowledge nor did RAY collect gambling debts for anyone else.

While in the penitentiary he, [redacted] associated with [redacted] He advised that he is acquainted with a [redacted] from the city of St. Louis. He advised he is unaware of [redacted] present residence but that [redacted] would be approximately 33 years of age at the present. He is unaware of whether or not [redacted] was close to JAMES RAY. He advised that [redacted] had "so many stories" that he tried to stay away from [redacted] He advised that [redacted] was a "liar" and always had some stories to tell.

He is not acquainted with a (first name unknown) [redacted] who was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary. He advised that he may recognize a photograph of [redacted] but that he knew many of the inmates only by their faces rather than their names.

He advised that he is acquainted with a [redacted] doing life at the Missouri State Penitentiary from Kansas City. [redacted] also described [redacted] as a liar.

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by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] WHW:amb Date dictated 6-7-68

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He was aware of no organization at the Missouri State Penitentiary that acted as enforcers or who in anyway "ran" the penitentiary. He advised that if there was any single organization or man who runs the Missouri State Penitentiary that man would be [redacted] whom he described as a small man presently doing 75 years from St. Louis for armed robbery. [redacted]

With respect to known gamblers at the Missouri State Penitentiary he advised that [redacted] from Kansas City and [redacted] (phonetic) also from Kansas City were known gamblers who have now both been released from the penitentiary. He advised that [redacted] and [redacted] were also gamblers. He advised he is unacquainted with a [redacted]

He advised that JAMES EARL RAY resided in B Hall when he was residing in [redacted] Hall at the penitentiary.

[redacted] pointed out that he could furnish no information concerning RAY or the associates of RAY. [redacted] pointed out that he has "gone straight" since leaving the penitentiary, has a good job, and wants to stay on the right side of the law.

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RE: PRISON ASSOCIATE
[redacted]

On June 5, 1968, [redacted] was re-interviewed by SA [redacted] and said he had heard nothing regarding JAMES EARL RAY. [redacted] said he had been extremely busy doing tuckpointing work this spring and did not come in contact with any of his former prison associates.

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RE: [redacted]
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On May 16, 1968, [redacted], Missouri, was contacted at the [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, and arrived there on [redacted]. He stayed approximately [redacted] weeks and was transferred to [redacted] at which time he went back to Jefferson City for a period of [redacted] weeks. He was then transferred to the [redacted] Missouri, Farm. During his stay at [redacted] he went back to [redacted]

As he recalled there were two individuals named RAY at Moberly at the time he was there, one who was tall and thin who escaped but was recaptured the same night, the other he heard had escaped and had not been recaptured. He did not know either of these RAYS on a personal basis and is not positive that either of them is identical with the Identification Order photograph of JAMES EARL RAY. He further advised that sometime in 1966 while he was at Moberly he and several other prisoners were caught gambling, and as a result of this he attempted to make a deal with prison authorities that he would turn over to them a shipment of amphetamine powder that was supposed to be coming into the prisoners. Instead of giving them the real amphetamine powder, he gave them a greenish colored food seasoning. They discovered the switch and as a result he was taken into prison court, given ten days in the hole and a 20 days loss of merit time. To the best of his recollection and knowledge, he never came into contact with JAMES EARL RAY in regard to this amphetamine.

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FELLOW PRISONER: [redacted]

[redacted] of St. Louis indicated that [redacted] was last known to be residing with [redacted] Missouri.

On May 23, 1968, [redacted] advised that her son, [redacted] had recently moved to [redacted] and was going to school [redacted]

Efforts on that same date to contact [redacted] at [redacted] were negative, and he was thereafter interviewed [redacted], who gave his residence address as [redacted] advised that he was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary in [redacted] He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, stated the photograph did not look familiar to him, cannot recall ever having met the individual while he was in the penitentiary, and could furnish no other information of value.

The foregoing was conducted by SA [redacted]

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RAY - FELLOW INMATES

[redacted] was contacted at her residence. After Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] identified themselves, she stated "what do you want now? I'm in a hurry because I'm preparing to go to work." It was pointed out to [redacted] that we desired to get in contact with [redacted] who were former inmates at Missouri State Penitentiary. She stated that she has [redacted] sons and one of them is currently in the Federal penitentiary. She pointed out that the other [redacted] reside somewhere in St. Louis, exact whereabouts unknown and employment unknown, but she is of the opinion that she will see [redacted] on Saturday, May 18, 1968. She was furnished the names of the contacting agents and the telephone number of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Office in St. Louis with the request that she have her sons contact these agents. She hesitatingly agreed to do this.

The foregoing contact was made on May 16, 1968.

A check of the St. Louis - St. Louis County Directories, telephone book, and files of the St. Louis Police Department on the same date failed to disclose current resident addresses for [redacted] Police Department records indicated [redacted] is currently at Leavenworth Penitentiary.

[redacted] advised May 21, 1968, she had advised [redacted] of the FBI interest, but neither had indicated any intention of contacting this office. She continued to profess ignorance as to their places of residence and employment, and claimed inability to contact them.

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RE: [redacted] - FORMER INMATE

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri:

Teletype from Kansas City to the Bureau, May 22, 1968, indicated that former inmate was paroled [redacted] from the Missouri State Prison and was discharged from parole on [redacted], and could be reached through [redacted]

On May 24, 1968, [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, was contacted at his residence [redacted] whereupon he advised that his name was [redacted] and not [redacted] and that he did not know a man by the name of [redacted]. He said that he had a couple of former prisoners staying at his place for a short period of time somewhere around three to four years ago but he could not remember their names. He advised that since his wife left him and ran off with an ex-convict he wanted to forget the past. [redacted] could offer no additional information.

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Date May 24, 1968

[redacted] was interviewed at the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1520 Market Street, St. Louis, at which time he supplied the following information:

[redacted] emphatically denied since last being interviewed by Bureau agents that he has had any contact with or knowledge of the whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. He reiterated what he had previously mentioned that he also has had no contact with RAY since RAY escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). He pointed out that at the present time RAY would have no way of knowing that [redacted] was released from the MSP and, therefore, would not even by aware that [redacted] is in St. Louis, Missouri.

Regarding [redacted] association with RAY in the MSP, [redacted] commented that it was possible that RAY may have used amphetamines on occasion, however [redacted] never knew of RAY to sell or to deal in that or any other narcotic.

[redacted] did say that he knew JAMES EARL RAY to have a four for three loan business at MSP as on several occasions RAY had asked [redacted] if he ever needed any money, RAY had sufficient to loan him. RAY once told [redacted] that he had paid off a debt of an unnamed inmate and asked [redacted] how he could receive the re-payment from the inmate since the inmate had arranged for someone outside the prison to pay off the debt to RAY. RAY desired to know how the money could get into the prison past the warden as the warden had questioned RAY on several occasions regarding money being held for him by prison authorities. [redacted] indicated that it was the warden's belief that this money was in payment for narcotics.

[redacted] was unable to recall whether he had suggested it to RAY or it was a mutual agreement between he and RAY that this outside person send the payment to RAY in the name of oneof RAY's brothers. [redacted] was of the opinion this was how the re-payment was handled, however had no concrete knowledge of which brother's name was used or the amount of the payment. [redacted] estimated that RAY possibly had $300 to $400 at the most when he escaped from MSP but seriously doubts that RAY had any more than that.

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[redacted] stated that while incarcerated in MSP, RAY worked in the bakery as a bread cutter. In addition to RAY in the bakery, there were approximately 150 additional inmates. [redacted] commented that he doubted that over six of these fellow inmates had ever held conversations with RAY totaling more than 30 minutes. He stated that RAY was a good worker, a clever and thoughtful person, a conservative thinker, very closed mouthed and an individual who does not generally do things on the spur of the moment. [redacted] added that at no time did RAY exhibit any foreign language ability nor was there any talk of travel outside of the continental United States by RAY. However, on one occasion RAY did mention to [redacted] that he had been to the West Coast. Although [redacted] stated that RAY did not have any close family ties, the place most often spoken of by RAY was Illinois where [redacted] understands RAY's family are residents.

[redacted] commented that approximately 95 percent of the content of conversations between he and JAMES EARL RAY while incarcerated in MSP was about how to get out of the penitentiary either legally or illegally. [redacted] emphatically denied that he had been engaged in any illegal activity inside the MSP and further stated that he was not the individual who was caught by prison authorities with numerous bullets in his pocket. He also stated that there was no truth to the statement that JAMES EARL RAY ever had an inmate beaten while in the penitentiary for non-payment of debt. [redacted] recalled that on either a Friday or Saturday evening, RAY had sent word to him by messenger that he wanted to meet with him for dinner. [redacted] did join RAY for supper and RAY commented that he had been granted permission to accompany his attorney to a Missouri Supreme Court hearing on the following Wednesday. RAY was desirous of learning the exact procedures in regard to security of him as a prisoner and if there was any relaxation of the security, whereby he may be afforded a chance to escape. [redacted] reportedly assured RAY that there was no opportunity for escape under those circumstances. According to [redacted], RAY replied, "That's okay, I've got something else."

The following Sunday while walking in the yard of MSP, [redacted] stated that he overheard an inmate, name unknown, complain that someone had stolen a set of hidden civilian clothing, however at the time didnot pay too much attention to the remarks

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Date May 22, 1968

[redacted] was interviewed at his residence and advised that he is the father of [redacted] He stated that [redacted] is not living at his residence at this time since [redacted] did not want him to be closely associated with his young daughters. He stated that [redacted] visits his residence on infrequent occasions and comes to borrow money.

[redacted] stated that he had heard a rumor that his son, [redacted] had helped JAMES EARL RAY escape from prison in Jefferson City, Missouri. He stated that his son had never mentioned RAY to him and that he was certain that he would be uncooperative in any interview.

[redacted] stated that his wife, who is [redacted] stepmother, told him that [redacted] had made the remark that the man who turns in RAY is a dead man. [redacted] stated that he did not believe his son had any information concerning RAY's whereabouts.

Mr. [redacted] stated that while [redacted] was in prison some of his girlfriends would write him and use the [redacted] address on the envelopes so that they would pass through the prison censors. He stated he had seen envelopes with the name [redacted] He stated that to the best of his knowledge this is a fictitious person. He stated that he did not know who this person was. Mr. [redacted] stated that if his son contacted him he would notify the FBI. Mr. [redacted] stated that he had no idea as to how [redacted] could be contacted but had heard that he worked part time in Farmington, Missouri.

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RE: FELLOW PRISONER [redacted]

On May 8, 1968, [redacted] Webster Groves, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] that while confined to the Missouri State Penitentiary he had occasion on several different times to have a short conversation with JAMES EARL RAY. He stated, however, that although he knew him by sight, he did not consider himself to be an acquaintance or even to be on a friendly basis with RAY.

[redacted] advised that although he was not aware of it at the time, he apparently drove the bakery truck in which RAY escaped from the penitentiary.

[redacted] advised that he has had no contact with RAY and does not think that RAY would ever contact him; however, promised to advise in the event that he does.

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Date June 13, 1968

[redacted] residence phone [redacted] was interviewed at that location at which time he provided the following information:

[redacted] after being apprised of the identity of the interviewing agent stated that he was released from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) on [redacted] after serving a total of [redacted] months for armed robbery. [redacted] stated that he had received [redacted] sentences and [redacted] sentence, however, would not elaborate regarding his criminal activities leading to his conviction. [redacted] commented that since he has been released from prison he has acquired a good job, has married and is making every effort to "go straight." He added that he has discontinued any association with his previous friends and did not desire in any way to furnish any information to any law enforcement agency for fear of reprisals and possibly getting him involved in illegal activity. [redacted] after being advised of the explicit purpose of the interview stated that he had no objection talking about JAMES EARL RAY because he felt he had very little knowledge of RAY; however, it should not be expected that he would provide the names of any individuals who were connected with RAY or himself at the MSP.

[redacted] indicated that he first met JAMES EARL RAY when he, [redacted] was working as an inmate barber and thus on several occasions had the occasion to cut RAY's hair. He stated he probably knew RAY approximately two to three years and described him as a very closed mouth individual who kept primarily to himself. [redacted] added that by keeping to himself was part of the reason RAY tried so many escapes from the MSP and nearly pulled them off. He stated that no one really knew his plans, therefore, was ahead percentage wise on chances of being successful.

[redacted] commented that he was not aware of anyone who was close to JAMES EARL RAY in the MSP; however, he added "anyone who says they knew JIM RAY real well are liars."

[redacted] related that at the time of RAY's escape in April, 1967, [redacted] was working on the farm and he has no knowledge of any of the details regarding RAY's escape. In regard to RAY's activities after the escape, [redacted] stated that he does not know if RAY would have come to St. Louis, Missouri, and he stated he was not aware of where RAY's home is and attributed this fact to RAY's being extremely quiet in nature and it was not a subject that was ever discussed. [redacted]

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described RAY as being a man whom you would not know how smart or dumb he is simply by his being so quiet.

[redacted] denied having any extended conversations with RAY and those occasions when they did talk most of the discussion concerned prison life, conditions therein, etc. [redacted] acknowledged that RAY did use amphetamines; however, had no knowledge of RAY dealing in same. There was no discussion regarding travel inside or outside the United States and there was no indication by RAY of any knowledge of a foreign language.

[redacted] stated that RAY is not a "muscle man"; however, he does not know if he is capable of killing anyone. He stated he has had no contact with RAY since RAY's escape, since he has no idea of [redacted] current whereabouts. [redacted] is of the opinion that he would not help RAY if RAY should contact him; however, he does not feel that he would advise the FBI if he had been contacted by RAY.

[redacted] was apprised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute and stated he was completely familiar with them; however, again reiterated that he would not help JAMES EARL RAY or anyone else.

[redacted] All the known photos of JAMES EARL RAY were exhibited to and he stated the one taken in 1966 at the MSP is the one most familiar to him and resembles RAY as [redacted] knew him.

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Date 5-24-68

[redacted] advised that he had entered Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, during February, [redacted], after being convicted of [redacted] Missouri. [redacted] indicated that he received [redacted] years for this sentence and was subsequently released from the Missouri State Prison on [redacted].

[redacted] related that while incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary he worked in the [redacted] section as a [redacted] during his entire time there.

[redacted] was exhibited photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that he had recently seen these photographs in the newspaper and on television in St. Louis, however, he was not familiar at all with RAY. He stated that he read the accounts in the St. Louis newspapers regarding RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary and readily acknowledged that he was an inmate when RAY escaped in the bakery truck, however, [redacted] once again emphatically denied ever having any acquaintance with RAY.

[redacted] indicated that he was unaware of knowing anyone who may be familiar with RAY, however, mentioned the possibility that [redacted], also known as [redacted], was possibly an individual who may remember him since [redacted] had a wide acquaintanceship inside the penitentiary.

[redacted] was advised of the provisions of the Harboring Statute at which time he acknowledged that he was familiar with the law in that regard and he promised complete cooperation with the FBI, however, felt he would be of little help since he was not acquainted with RAY.

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On 5-15-68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted] RAH:amb Date dictated 5-20-68

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FELLOW PRISONERS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On May 20, 1968, [redacted], St. Louis, advised he served two sentences at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri. The first sentence was from [redacted] The second sentence was from [redacted] Both sentences were for [redacted] He advised he served all of the second sentence on the penitentiary's honor farm. He stated that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY while he was incarcerated. He advised that on the basis of the subject's name and after viewing his photograph, he believed RAY is possibly identical to an individual who worked with [redacted] for a short period in the late 1950's at Joplin, Missouri. The association between RAY and [redacted] consisted of [redacted] having a [redacted] and [redacted] would finger residences and business establishments in the Joplin area and on the pretext of [redacted] would gain entrance to "case" the establishment for possible burglary or robbery; or if the victims were gullible, an attempt would be made to sell a [redacted]

[redacted] did not know where RAY resided in the Joplin area and knew nothing else concerning his background, and stated he only knew RAY through [redacted] states that as of eighteen months ago [redacted] was working at an [redacted]

He described [redacted] as a white male, [redacted] years of age, short with medium build, and graying hair.

[redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted]

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PRISON INMATES AT THE MISSOURI
STATE PENITENTIARY WITH RAY

On May 14, 1968, Special Agent [redacted] interviewed [redacted] Missouri Training School for Men, [redacted] at Moberly, Missouri. He advised that he was born at [redacted] He was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on [redacted] from [redacted] Missouri, on charges of [redacted] He was transferred to the Missouri Training School for Men at Moberly, Missouri, on April 8, 1968. He knew JAMES EARL RAY as an inmate at Jefferson City, had no personal relationship with him. He recalled that RAY hid out in the prison sometime prior to escaping in 1967. Someone in the training center at Moberly saw RAY's picture on television and brought it to his attention. He could furnish no additional information.

[redacted] Missouri Training School for Men, Number [redacted] on May 14, 1968, advised that he was sentenced on [redacted] from Jasper County, Missouri. He served all of this time until [redacted] at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, until he transferred to the [redacted] He worked in the [redacted] department at Jefferson City and was [redacted] when JAMES EARL RAY hid out in the penitentiary about a week in 1964 or 1965. He knew RAY pretty well, as RAY [redacted] He said that RAY was close-mouthed, had no friends. He said that he lost contact with RAY after RAY went into solitary confinement after he hid out in the penitentiary over a year prior to the time he escaped in 1967. Since he hid out, he [redacted] had not talked with RAY. He never discussed his business with [redacted] as a matter of fact, he did not know that RAY had any close friends in the penitentiary. [redacted] could furnish no additional information concerning RAY.

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RE: [redacted]

On June 4, 1968, Detective [redacted] and Officer [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department advised SA [redacted] that they were unable to suggest the identities of any persons whom they believed might be aware of any acquaintance or association between subject and [redacted]

On June 6, 1968, They advised SA [redacted] contacts with their informants and sources had failed to disclose any additional information in this regard.

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Date June 13, 1968

[redacted] was interviewed at Portageville, Missouri, from 12:25 p.m. to 1:17 p.m., June 7, 1968. Interviewing Special Agents identified themselves to him by exhibition of their credentials at the outset. He was then warned of his rights by Special Agent [redacted] stated he was well aware of his rights and, that while he was quite willing to furnish any information in his possession concerning this case, he did not desire to execute a waiver of his rights or any other document.

He stated photographs of subject had been exhibited to him during previous interviews, and that he had viewed several photographs of subject on television and in various newspapers during recent weeks. He was positive in his own mind that he had never knowingly seen subject. He expressed the opinion that anyone who said he knew the subject would undoubtedly be motivated by personal animosity or by a desire to divert official attention from their own activities.

[redacted] likewise was unable to recall ever having seen any of the subject's relatives. He stated if he could see the relatives face-to-face, he might be able to remember some of them as persons he may have seen while he was living in St. Louis, Missouri, as he understood from newspapers some of them resided in areas where [redacted] located, but in any event, he was certain he had no association with any of them, as their names were in no way familiar to him.

To the best of his knowledge, he worked at [redacted] in St. Louis, Missouri, each day during the period from April 23, to July 18, 1967. He had no records which would substantiate this belief but noted that a [redacted] in St. Louis usually requires the daily presence and effort of the owner to "break even."

He specifically denied making any trips to, or in the vicinities of, the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, Missouri, or the Renz Prison Farm, nearby, during this period. All such trips made by him were subsequent to the escape, apprehension and return of his boyhood friend, [redacted] from the Missouri State Penitentiary during, he believed, September of 1967.

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He recalled that during the fall of 1967, [redacted] had appeared at [redacted] one evening and had confided to him that he had escaped. [redacted] made no mention of the manner in which he had escaped but it appeared to [redacted] that he had probably stolen some civilian attire from a clothesline, as he was not in prison garb. [redacted] indicated he had walked a considerable distance following his escape and had finally managed to obtain transportation on a bus bound for St. Louis.

[redacted] and [redacted] "sat up all night talking." During their conversation, [redacted] attempted, to the best of his ability, to convince [redacted] to give himself up, but was unsuccessful. [redacted] was "scared to death" and appeared to be an extremely desperate individual. It was evident to [redacted] that, unless [redacted] was successful in legitimately obtaining sufficient funds to continue his flight, he would undoubtedly "pull some job in which somebody might get hurt." Therefore, [redacted] gave him $100. Two or three days thereafter, [redacted] was apprehended and returned to the prison.

[redacted] stated he was well aware that his action in this regard constituted a violation of state harboring statutes, but he preferred to consider it as "insurance" against some innocent person getting hurt. He freely admitted what he had done to members of the St. Louis Police Department.

Following [redacted] return to the prison, it became apparent he was suffering from terminal cancer. Due to this fact, [redacted] has since visited him on several occasions and has attempted to secure his release through Jefferson City attorney [redacted]

[redacted] stated specifically he had never visited or corresponded with [redacted] at the prison prior to [redacted] escape and return.

[redacted] stated positively he had never known or aided the subject in any way, and had never been in a position to have assisted him in any manner. Neither he nor any member of his family have owned, controlled, or enjoyed the use of any rural or farm property anywhere, which might be used as a hiding place for an escapee, at any time subsequent to subject's escape.

He expressed the opinion that the subject is undoubtedly dead or out of the country as he would otherwise have been found by this time. He mentioned that the reward for subject's apprehension, which he understood had been offered by Memphis businessmen, was of sufficient size to cause anyone the subject might have contacted to turn him over to the authorities.

[redacted] further expressed the belief that it would be impossible for any prisoner to "simply walk out" with a crowd of visitors at the Missouri State Prison without the gross negligence or the convivance of prison guards.

[redacted] stated he would immediately contact the FBI in the event any information concerning subject or his whereabouts comes to his attention.

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VI. RELATIVES

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Date May 13, 1968

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Mr. JERRY RAYNES, Rural Free Delivery, Center, Missouri, on May 9, 1968, advised that he had heard nothing whatever from subject.

Mr. RAYNES volunteered that his sons JOHN and JERRY had visited him he believed the night of Monday, May 6, 1968, and had departed early on the following morning. He [redacted] stated that most of their visit was spent in arguing. Both were drinking heavily. He said JOHN appeared angry with JERRY and indicated his resentment as well as that of their sister, CAROL PEPPER, of JERRY's action in having sold Life Magazine a story about the family which they both agreed had been half lies.

It was Mr. RAYNES' understanding that JERRY had received money for giving the Life interview and that such money was being used by him during his visit to St. Louis. He indicated his own personal resentment against JERRY for having given the magazine the story.

Mr. RAYNES stated it was his understanding that JERRY planned to return to the Chicago area soon and that he would not spend any further time with him at the farm during this trip. He stated that "JERRY is nuts, and there is no telling what he will actually do".

Mr. RAYNES indicated personal resentment of the article which had appeared in Life Magazine saying that the house in which the family had lived in Ewing, Missouri, had not had a dirt floor when the family lived in it as alleged by the magazine. He stated the house had not been in good shape but that he had worked hard to improve it.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he had lived some time with the children's mother, LUCILLE MAHER, in a common-law relationship before their marriage. He was unable to recall the date of their marriage but did remember that they were married by a Justice of the Peace in the State of Florida. He recalled that they had lived for awhile in Tallahassee, Florida, and indicated that the marriage might have occurred there.

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Mr. RAYNES stated he had little formal education and experiences considerable difficulty in recalling dates, but he was sure that either in the late 1920's or early 1930's he was married to the children's mother in Florida under the name of JERRY RAYNES or JERRY RAYNS. He stated that lack of education was responsible for the two spellings he had used of his surname.

Mr. RAYNES further advised that approximately four days prior to the interview some reporter and his companion had attempted to force their way into his house but that he had refused to talk with them and had ordered them from the premises.

Mr. RAYNES reiterated previous statements that he had no contact with and no knowledge or information concerning the subject or his whereabouts following the subject's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in 1967. He was unable to recall any statements or indications from any of his children that they had any further information concerning the subject in this regard.

Mr. RAYNES was again advised of the provisions of the Federal Harboring Statute.



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1 Date May 20, 1968

Mr. JERRY RAYNES advised on May 16, 1968, that except for his daughter, CAROL PEPPER, who visits him nearly every weekend, he has not been in contact with any member of his family since the recent visit from his two sons, JOHN and JERRY RAY. He recalled that his son, JERRY, had indicated his plans to return to the Chicago area and he presumes he has done so. He has not seen nor heard from his son, JOHN, since the visit. He added that his daughter, CAROL, visits him almost every weekend when possible and brings him such groceries and other necessities as are needed by him for the week. For this reason, he seldom if ever leaves his residence.

Mr. RAYNES stated that during the late summer or early fall of 1967 he had decided to leave St. Louis and had for some time been looking for a small acreage in a rural area. He had seen a real estate listing for a farm in Ralls County priced at $8000. As he did not have that much money he had contacted the banker at the Center State Bank, Center, Missouri, concerning the possibility of obtaining a loan to buy the property. During this discussion the banker had indicated the bank planned to sell 46 acres south of Center, Missouri, at a foreclosure sale at the Court House in New London, Missouri, and that the bank hoped to realize $3000 for the property. Mr. RAYNES attended the sale and since only one other person bid on the property he was able to buy it for $2600. He used money obtained from the sale of his property in St. Louis to buy this small farm on which he now resides, which consists of 46 acres. In paying for the place he used a $1900 check from CAROL PEPPER and $700 of his own money, the surplus being used to pay back taxes.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he has had no contact with the subject directly or indirectly since subject went to prison in 1960. Subject never wrote him and since his escape has not contacted him.

Mr. RAYNES stated that as a matter of pure conjecture, since he had no actual knowledge of his own concerning the matter, it seemed to him that someone else had used subject in the KING case and that if this was so such individual would probably have killed subject following the murder. He was of the opinion that subject as an experienced criminal would know better than

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to leave his fingerprints anywhere. He was of the opinion that someone had "gotten to" subject following his escape.

Mr. RAYNES then stated that he now recalls that during the recent visit of his sons JOHN and JERRY, some statement by his son, JERRY, to the effect that subject was in Chicago, Illinois, during the summer of 1967 following his escape. Mr. RAYNES was unable to recall anything more specific about the statement and admitted that he might have misunderstood. He noted that both his sons had been drinking heavily at the time.

Mr. RAYNES stated that subject had lived with his mother while he was in St. Louis and that he knew very little about subject. He was of the opinion that subject would not kill anyone unless he was under the influence of narcotics. He does not consider the subject smart enough to plan the KING murder alone.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he was very fearful of publicity and was afraid that Negroes might attack him if his relationship to subject becomes publicly known. He stated further that during a recent visit from his daughter, CAROL PEPPER, she had indicated she had been interviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and that they had indicated to her the possibility that subject might have been in St. Louis following his escape. She has not exhibited to him any knowledge or information as to any knowledge on her part as to subject's whereabouts.

Mr. RAYNES again stated he would immediately contact the FBI on receipt of any knowledge or information concerning subject or his whereabouts.

The provisions of the Federal Harboring Statute were again brought to his attention.

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Date May 20, 1968

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Mr. JERRY RAYNES, RFD Center, Missouri, was contacted and asked concerning the location of his property in St. Louis, Missouri, which was sold during the summer of 1967. He stated this property was located at 1819 Park, and he sold it to a man named ROBINSON whose first name he believes is ARCHIE who resides on Hickory Street in St. Louis. He claimed it was an involved transaction, that he first had traded his property to ROBINSON for a farm and $2,500, but they had changed the arrangement and he accepted $3,200 for this property. He stated he turned the money over to his daughter CAROL for safe keeping. He stated he did not loan his son JACK $1,000, but recalls that he did loan him $700 through his daughter CAROL.

Mr. RAYNES was vague about dates and about specifics in general. He was questioned twice concerning this and still stated he did not lend JACK $1,000, nor any money directly, but all transactions were handled through CAROL.

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1 Date June 3, 1968

Mr. JERRY RAYNES, Rural Free Delivery, Center, Missouri, stated he has heard nothing from the subject, either directly or indirectly, and that he is completely unaware of subject's whereabouts. He stated he has no reason to believe that any other members of the family have any knowledge or information as to subject's whereabouts.

He expressed the opinion that subject is probably dead because in his estimation subject would have been unable to evadethe intensive manhunt which has been underway for him.

Mr. RAYNES stated that because news men have called him at all hours of the day and night and due to the further fact he has received one crank call, he had caused his telephone number to be changed to the unlisted number [redacted]

The provisions of the Federal Harboring Statute were explained to Mr. RAYNES [redacted]

Mr. RAYNES stated that he is extremely fearful that Negroes might take retaliatory measures against him should his location and his relationship to subject become publicly known.

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Date June 4, 1968

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Mr. JERRY RAYNES, Rural Free Delivery, Center, Missouri, advised on May 29, 1968, that he had no word from or about the subject and that he had no idea as to subject's whereabouts.

He stated that after his family moved from Ewing, Missouri, they went to Quincy, Illinois, for a short time but that the subject was there only a short while as he went to live with his grandmother MAHER in Alton, Illinois. Subject obtained employment with a shoe company tannery in or near Alton and worked there until he entered the Army. Subject was very frugal, saved his money, and reportedly had saved up $1400 at the time of his entry into military service. He recalled that subject was very shy, had no close friends or associates, and depended on his grandmother to take care of his money as he apparently had no use for banks.

Mr. RAYNES stated that subject had not lived with him except for a period of approximately two weeks in Quincy, Illinois, he believed in about 1943. He thereafter had little contact with the subject except for two or three meetings with him in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1958 or 1959 when subject lived with his mother and grandmother on Hickory Street in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mr. RAYNES stated that as he knew subject he did not believe he would hurt anyone. He expressed the belief that subject lacked the intelligence to plan and carry out the murder of KING and conjectured that someone had probably coached him, payed him, and then after the murder killed him. He reiterated that in his estimation subject was a shy "countryfied" individual.

Mr. RAYNES was asked if the name [redacted] meant anything to him as being an individual who might have lived as a neighbor to the family during their residence in Quincy, Illinois, during the 1940's. He stated that the name seemed vaguely familiar but that he was unable to recall ever having known [redacted] He added that in the event he had known [redacted] it had been a long time ago and that he did not remember him.

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Mr. RAYNES expressed fear that his daughter, CAROL PEPPER, might possibly be ill as she had complained of a toothache during a brief visit with him on the previous Saturday and he has not heard from her since. During the Saturday visit she told him she was nervous because of the publicity attending this case.

Mr. RAYNES stated that CAROL PEPPER had never at any time given him any indication that she had ever been in contact with the subject since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary or that she has any knowledge or information as to his whereabouts.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he had read some publicity to the effect that subject had bad teeth which he did not believe was true. He recalled that subject had good teeth when the family lived in Ewing, Missouri, and Quincy, Illinois, but admitted, however, that due to his infrequent contacts with subject since that time the subject's teeth could have gone bad without his knowledge.

The provisions of the Federal Harboring Statute were explained to Mr. RAYNES and he indicated that he would never entertain even the slightest notion of harboring the subject because in his estimation if subject is alive he is probably extremely ill mentally and is urgently in need of medical help.

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Date June 6, 1968

Mr. JERRY RAYNES, Rural Free Delivery, Center, Missouri, advised he had just returned from shopping. He stated he had driven to New London, Missouri, for this purpose as he also wanted to pay his electric bill. He explained that he has heard nothing about the subject. He stated his daughter, CAROL PEPPER, had not visited him since she was ill two weeks ago, and therefore, he had been forced to do some shopping for himself.

Mr. RAYNES was told that a recheck of Florida Marriage records under the names RAY, RAYNES, and RAYNS had failed to reflect his marriage there to LUCILLE MAHER. He stated he could not understand that and again indicated they were married near Jacksonville by a Justice of the Peace.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he has not been contacted by any member of his family except CAROL, since JACK and JERRY visited him a month ago.

He has not received any word directly from or indirectly about the subject. He again expressed the feeling that subject was "used" in the plot to kill Dr. KING and after the shooting subject had been killed by whoever masterminded the KING killing. He was of the opinion that subject is probably dead or he would have been apprehended by this time. He stated he did not consider subject to possess sufficient intelligence to so successfully evade capture for this length of time, were he alive.

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Date 6-13-68

Mr. JERRY RAYNES, R. F. D., Center, Missouri, on June 6, 1968, was recontacted.

He stated he had been in contact with his daughter, CAROL PEPPER, St. Louis, by telephone on June 5, 1968, and she stated she had been unable to obtain any information as to the whereabouts of the subject. She stated she planned to visit him this weekend, and would bring any groceries he might need.

Mr. RAYNES stated that he has no idea where subject might be. He expressed the opinion that subject would not contact him in any event. He mentioned the assassination of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, stating it "was a terrible thing" and SHIRAHAN SHIRAHAN should be executed for this act. He also stated that if subject is guilty, he should be executed also, as the KING murder was the same kind of crime. He also mentioned the heartache SHIRAHAN had brought on not only the KENNEDY family, but on the killer's own relatives. He stated that all recent killings appear to him to be part of a plan by some evil persons.

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MR. JERRY RAYNES advised he was aware subject had been arrested in England as he had gotten this news on television.

MR. RAYNES stated he had nothing to add to that which he had already told. He stated he has had no direct or indirect contact with subject for years. He added he and subject have never been close and subject has never discussed his problems or plans with him.

MR. RAYNES stated as far as he knows, JOHN is still in St. Louis. He further stated he has heard no talk, nor has he been contacted for money to send JOHN to England to assist Subject. He added such a gesture would be futile and a waste of time and money.

He stated CAROL PEPPER had called him on several occasions since subject's arrest, but never mentioned JOHN, or any collection. He said she was bitter because of the harassment she and her husband are getting from members of various news media who have photographed their home and talked with all their neighbors.

He stated someone attempted to contact him on Monday. This person took pictures of his house and wanted to interview him, but he refused and ordered the men off his land.

MR. RAYNES was asked if he knew subject had visited in Canada in 1967. He said he did not. He was asked if subject had any friends or associates in Canada, and he stated it was possible but he does not know of any connection subject would have there.

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RAY FATHER - JERRY RAYNES

The following investigation was conducted by SA's [redacted] and [redacted]

Mrs. DELIA ROBINSON, [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, advised that she is the wife of ARCHIE L. ROBINSON, who purchased the property at 1819 Park Avenue approximately one year ago.

She made available a General Warranty Deed which reflects that JERRY RAYNS, a single man of the City of St. Louis, sold to ARCHIE L. ROBINSON and his wife, DELIA ROBINSON, property in City Block #484, known as 1819 Park Avenue, for $100 and other valuable goods and consideration. This General Warranty Deed was dated March 28, 1967, and recorded on that date in Book #8747, page 479, Recorder of Deeds Office, City of St. Louis.

Mrs. ROBINSON stated that she is not sure of the exact transaction that took place inasmuch as her husband handled the business matters. She noted that she was acquainted with JERRY RAYNES prior to the purchase of that property, however, was not acquainted with any of his family although she understood he had some children. She observed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and indicated he was completely unfamiliar to her.

On May 21, 1968, ARCHIE L. ROBINSON was interviewed in the vicinity of 1819 Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. He stated that with regard to the purchase of the property at 1819 Park Avenue from JERRY RAYNES, that immediately prior to transfer of the title he gave JERRY RAYNES $2,000 in cash and they were to transfer a piece of property he owns at Naylor, Missouri, to JERRY RAYNES. However, prior to the consummation of the transfer of the property at Naylor, RAYNES wanted to know how much cash ROBINSON would give to make it a straight cash deal instead of transferring the property. Mr. ROBINSON offered him $500 and they then considered the deal closed with no transfer of the Naylor property being made. He noted this made a total cash payment of $2,500, and this was completed on

two separate days immediately prior to March 28, 1967. Mr. ROBINSON stated he knew JERRY RAYNES approximately one year prior to the above-mentioned transaction while JERRY RAYNES resided at 1819 Park Avenue upstairs. Mr. ROBINSON noted that JERRY RAYNES had a daughter and son-in-law who had two children, who visited regularly and sort of looked after the old man. He spoke of a son that was killed and by implication, indicated that this son had sort of been outside of the law and the bad one of the family. He mentioned another son, believed to be named JACK, who occasionally came to visit the old man and on occasion stayed for short periods of time, however, he cannot recall any time that he stayed any great length of time.

Mr. ROBINSON observed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that it is completely unfamiliar to him and he does not recall JERRY RAYNES ever mentioning a son named JAMES or JIM.

On May 21, 1968, CHARLES E. JOINES, 1817 Park Avenue, advised that he recalls about three years ago JERRY RAYNES purchased property at 1819 Park Avenue and lived there by himself upstairs. He remained there about two years and sold this property about one year ago.

Mr. JOINES stated that a daughter and son-in-law frequently visited and sort of took care of the old man and on occasion a son named JACK visited and stayed for short periods of time.

Mr. JOINES observed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that it was completely unfamiliar to him.

SHUN WONG and MUI WONG, 1825 Park Avenue, advised that they have operated a laundry at this address since 1952. They indicated that they did not know any residents at 1819 Park Avenue, nor do they know any of the other current neighbors in this area.

The WONGs viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated it was completely unfamiliar to them.

HOWARD KEYS, 1821 Park Avenue, stated that he has operated a barber shop at this location for less than one

year and is not acquainted with JERRY RAYNES or any former tenants at 1819 Park Avenue.

On May 21, 1968, DAVID and LEO BORNSTEIN, operators of South Side Auto Parts, 1820 Park Avenue, recalled an elderly man residing at 1819 Park Avenue by the first name of JERRY for a couple of years who moved from that address about a year ago. They recalled that he spoke of a son named JACK, however, they never observed any visitors at this residence.

They viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that it was completely unfamiliar to them.

It is noted that the 1800 block of Park Avenue and adjacent streets are in the throes of a detericrating process with a number of the buildings being vacant and a number of them being in various stages of destruction.

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Date May 14, 1968

Mrs. ALBERT B. (CAROL ANN) PEPPER, [redacted] stated her new unpublished telephone number is [redacted]. She was interviewed on May 10, 1968, by SAs [redacted] at which time she furnished the following information:

Mrs. PEPPER is the sister of subject, JAMES EARL RAY, but is 13 years younger than subject and in all of her life has had very little contact or association with the subject having seen him only approximately three or four times in her life. These three or four times when she has seen him all occurred in the City of St. Louis after Mrs. PEPPER came to St. Louis when she was 16 years old to reside with her father in St. Louis and all of the occasions when she saw the subject were brief encounters such as when she saw him on the street. She believes the last time she saw the subject was probably in 1959 or earlier when she encountered him on the street in South St. Louis at which time she was in the company of their brother, FRANK (BUZZY) RAY, who is now deceased. Her first recollection of seeing him was following his discharge from military service.

Mrs. PEPPER was born January 30, 1941, at Ewing, Missouri. She went to school at Quincy, Illinois, where she resided with her mother, LUCILLE RYAN. Mrs. PEPPER's birth certificate showed her name as RAYNES which she understands is an incorrect spelling of the name of her father, whose name is RAYNS and who now resides near Center, Missouri, to which location he recently moved from St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. PEPPER prior to marriage, used the name CAROL RYAN, the same surname used by her mother, LUCILLE RYAN. Mrs. PEPPER is unable to account for the variations in the surnames and she is aware that various ones of her brothers and sister have used the surname RAY. [redacted] She assumes that the variations of the name are simply because her brothers and sisters decided to use the name RAY, a variation of the name RAYNS.

When Mrs. PEPPER was 16 years of age, she left her mother's residence in Quincy and came to St. Louis where she lived with her father at 1727 South 11th Street. She did

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not attend school after she moved to St. Louis but had various jobs including a period of employment at Kresge's, a dime store, located on Delmar Boulevard, University City, Missouri, no longer in existence. She is not now employed. Her last employment having been by the Catholic Archdiocese in St. Louis as a teacher in the Head Start Program which was conducted at St. Joseph's School on South 12th Street in St. Louis. The later employment was for a period of about one year during the latter part of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. PEPPER at 712a Shenandoah, St. Louis, from which address they moved to their present address in the Maplewood in about October, 1967.

Sometime after Mrs. PEPPER came to St. Louis at the age of 16 years to reside with her father, hermother also came to St. Louis and resided with Mrs. PEPPER's maternal grandmother, MARY MAHER, at 1913 Hickory, St. Louis. Mrs. PEPPER however, did not at any time actually reside in St. Louis with her mother, although she occasionally spent brief periods of time with her mother at the mother's address. After the death of Mrs. PEPPER's mother in early 1961, Mrs. PEPPER did reside for a period of a few months with her grandmother, Mrs. MAHER, in St. Louis, until Mrs. PEPPER was married in St. Louis to ALBERT B. PEPPER in December, 1961.

Mrs. PEPPER and her husband have two children, [redacted] age 6, and [redacted] age 4.

After subject, JAMES EARL RAY, was arrested and convicted on the charge for which he was sent to the Missouri State Penitentiary, Mrs. PEPPER has not ever seen him again on any occasion. For a time after he went to the penitentiary she did write letters to him on behalf of her grandmother, Mrs. MAHER and used the latters name in the letters and she continued this practice after the death of the grandmother in 1963, continuing to use the name of Mrs. MARY MAHER, who was an approved correspondent of subject's in the penitentiary. Mrs. PEPPER estimates that after the death of her grandmother she probably wrote no more than three or four letters to the subject at the penitentiary. She is unable to recall the last such letter she wrote to him but the last time may have been as late as the early part of 1967. She occasionally received a letter from subject while he was in the penitentiary and believes she received no more than two or three letters from him. Mrs. PEPPER did not ever visit subject at

the penitentiary or attempt to do so and insofar as she knows her husband didmot ever visit him at the penitentiary. She advised she has understood from her husband that the latter has never seen the subject in his life.

Mrs. PEPPER has not at any time had any contact either direct or indirect with the subject since his escape in 1967 from the Missouri State Penitentiary. She has no knowledge of any person who has had information regarding the subject's whereabouts and stated she could furnish no such information regarding his whereabouts. She, herself, first learned that he had escaped from the penitentiary when she heard it on the radio and she knew nothing about any plans for the escape. She stated she has had no indication that anyone in her family or otherwise has been in any way in contact with the subject or had information regarding his whereabouts since his escape.

Inquiry was made of Mrs. PEPPER regarding whether she recalled anything about the receipt of a money order in approximately January, 1967, which was reportedly in the amount of $15.00 and was sent by an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary to the ALBERT PEPPER Stationery Company, 712a Shenandoah, St. Louis.

In response to direct questions concerning this matter, she advised that she may have received a money order on one occasion but to the best of her recollection, it was for $2.00 or $3.00 and it may have been in payment for magazines which her brother had requested she mail to him. It was her recollection that if she received a money order it was received earlier than January, 1967. She said she never at any time mailed magazines to him and doesnot recall what disposition she may have made of any money order after it was received. Later in the interview she said the money order may have been for as much as $15.00 but she does not recall. She also acknowledged that she might have cashed such a money order but she cannot specifically remember having done so. In this connection, she said her memory is very vague.

[redacted] She also stated that she would be entirely willing to be interviewed further in the event there should be any additional matters on which an interview with her would be desired.

Mrs. PEPPER said that her first knowledge of the subject's involvement in this matter was when she heard the news announcement on the radio and she said she has never had any information regarding the possible involvement other than that which has appeared in the news media. She said she had never known of anything in her brother's attitude or associations which would suggest any motive for his involvement in the killing of a Negro leader such as MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Mrs. ALBERT B. (CAROL) PEPPER was recontacted at her residence, [redacted] Maplewood, Missouri. She again specifically denied that she has had any contact with her brother, JAMES RAY, since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967, or that she has had any knowledge whatever of his whereabouts since that time other than what she has derived from the news media. [redacted] she stated that she would certainly not expect that he would contact her and she noted in that regard that RAY would not be aware of her current address or her new un-published telephone number. She further pointed out that other than their brother, JERRY RAY, who is in the Chicago area, she believes all of the family have moved since RAY's escape from the penitentiary and that JERRY RAY would, therefore, be the only one whose address would be known to JAMES RAY.

With regard to the Grapevine Tavern, Mrs. PEPPER commented that the tavern has barely been making expenses since it was opened about the first of the current year and, therefore, it may not continue in operation very long.

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Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, [redacted] Maplewood, Missouri, was interviewed at her residence, at which time she furnished the following information:

Mrs. PEPPER has received no information regarding her brother, JAMES EARL RAY (whome she refers to as JIM), since the last previous interview with her by the FBI.

Within the past several days, police officers from the St. Louis Police Department came to see Mrs. PEPPER indicating to her that they had received some inquiry from a newspaper, possibly "The Los Angeles Times" according to Mrs. PEPPER's recollection of what they said; this inquiry having to do with the finances of the RAY family. The police officers apparently came to see Mrs. PEPPER just to find out some general information about her, and they suggested to her that if people wanted to talk to her about her finances, she might want to obtain a lawyer. A representative of "The St. Louis Post Dispatch" newspaper also came to see Mrs. PEPPER within the preceding few days, but she refused to talk to him. Mrs. PEPPER has heard from an acquaintance that there was an article a few days ago in "The St. Louis Post Dispatch" which seemed to be a rehash of the erroneous information which appeared in a "Life Magazine" article concerning the RAY family, but Mrs. PEPPER herself did not read this newspaper article.

Mrs. PEPPER and her family went to see her father at Center, Missouri, over the preceding weekend, May 18-19, 1968. She has been customarily going to see him there during weekends and usually takes him groceries. She is the one in the family who maintains contact with the father and looks after his needs. The farm which the father bought about six months ago is believed to consist of about forty acres of which a little is probably tillable, and she thinks her father will grow corn on this part of the farm, but the remainder is suitable only for livestock and grazing. She thinks that he paid some amount in the neighborhood of $2,600 for this farm. Mrs. PEPPER is uncertain in her recollection, but believes it may be correct that she gave him a check drawn on her account in the amount of $1,900 at the time he was purchasing this farm and which was applied to the purchase. If so, this money

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would have been his money. Mrs. PEPPER sometimes keeps his money in her checking account or savings account, and she thinks this may have occurred in this instance. On the other hand, she may have given him such a check as a loan, but she is uncertain in her recollection. Sometime before her father purchased the farm, he sold the property in St. Louis which he formerly owned at 1819 Park, this property consisting of a two-story residential building. Mrs. PEPPER believes he received something like $2,800 from the sale of this property. She believes that the $1,900 which she may have returned to him in the form of her check represented part of the proceeds of the sale of that property which he gave her to keep for him in her account. In any event Mrs. PEPPER is certain that she did not herself pay for any part of the purchase of the farm by her father, and if she gave him the check for $1,900, this was a return of his money or a loan.

While Mrs. PEPPER's father resided in St. Louis before the purchase of the farm at Center, Missouri, he had various jobs, such as, service station attendant, and he also at one time operated a second-hand store where he sold junk. This business was also located on Park Avenue, but was somewhere east of Twelfth Street, a considerable distance from 1819 Park. Her father did not own the property where he conducted this second-hand business.

Until Mr. and Mrs. PEPPER moved to their present residence in the fall of 1967, Mrs. PEPPER was always employed ever since their marriage in December of 1961. During that period of time, they have practiced thrift and economy and have always endeavored to save something from their income. They opened a savings account several years ago at the Bohemian Savings and Loan Association on South Eighteenth Street in St. Louis in the same area where they resided. A few years ago when the Bohemian Savings and Loan Association was moved to a remote section of the city, they transferred their savings account to the Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company, where they have continued to have a joint savings account. ALBERT PEPPER has been employed for more than three years by [redacted] which is affiliated with [redacted] His earnings in this employment is $3 per hour, and in some weeks he works overtime on Saturdays. Mrs. PEPPER's last employment was with

the "Head Start" School Program, and she was employed there by the Catholic Archdiocese being paid at the rate of $60 per week. She had this employment for about a year until Mr. and Mrs. PEPPER moved in the fall of 1967 to their present address. Her last employment before that was in cleaning work at an office building at 1015 Locust in St. Louis. Because she and her husband have always endeavored to be economical and saving in the handling of their family finances, they were able to accumulate funds in their savings account. When they contracted in the fall of 1967 to purchase the house where they now live for a purchase price of $10,500, they withdrew the necessary money for the downpayment from their savings account.

Mrs. PEPPER has no idea and no knowledge as to whether her father may ever have given Mrs. PEPPER's brother, JOHN LARRY RAY, any funds to hold for her father.

Mrs. PEPPER has no information regarding a trip to California made by her brother, JOHN LARRY RAY, in the summer of 1967 and never knew or heard that he made such a trip.

One of the places in St. Louis where Mrs. PEPPER lived with her father prior to her marriage was 1727 South Eleventh Street. She believes her brother BUZZY lived with them there part of the time, but she is certain that her brother JIM never lived with them there. Mrs. PEPPER never had any knowledge of her brother JIM having used the name O'CONNOR, and she never knew of any bank accounts he may have had at any bank at any time. In fact, Mrs. PEPPER had so little contact or knowledge of her brother JIM that she can now recall having seen him only on possibly a couple of occasions when she was small and shortly after he was discharged from military service, and she recalls seeing him on one occasion on the street in South St. Louis at some later time after she moved to St. Louis with her father. Although Mrs. PEPPER was known as CAROL RYAN as of 1959, she has no knowledge or recollection of having received any checks from her brother JIM or from any person under the name JAMES CARL O'CONNOR, either in 1959 or any other time. She can think of no reason why she might ever have received any such checks. Mrs. PEPPER is certain that she has never had any financial dealings of any type with her brother JIM in her life.

With regard to the matter of a money order directed from an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary to the Albert Pepper Stationery Company, 712 Shenandoah, St. Louis, Mrs. PEPPER has still been unable to remember anything further regarding such a matter since she was previously interviewed regarding this matter. She still does vaguely remember that someone told her one time while he was in the penitentiary that he wanted magazines sent to him, but she cannot remember having sent magazines to him and cannot recall that she was ever reimbursed for doing so. She is certain, however, that there was never any Albert Pepper Stationery Company at 712 Shenandoah.

Mrs. PEPPER has no recollection that she has ever known of a person named Y. P. WEBBE or V. P. WEBBE, and this name is not in any way familiar or significant to her.

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Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, [redacted] Maplewood, Missouri, was recontacted. She said she had understood that within the preceding two or three days, an interview with her brother, JOHN LARRY RAY, had been reported in the St. Louis Globe Democrat but she, herself, had not seen the article in the newspaper. She said she understood from her brother, JOHN LARRY RAY, that a reporter from the Globe Democrat had showed JOHN an article which had been written for publication in the St. Louis Post Dispatch newspaper and which was filled with untruths about the family. It was for this reason and in order that the truth might be furnished the press, that JOHN consented to the interview by a representative of the St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Mrs. PEPPER said that she had received no additional information whatever since she was last interviewed bearing on the possible whereabouts of JAMES EARL RAY. She volunteered a statement to the effect that she feels certain that no member of the family has been contacted by JAMES EARL RAY or has been aware of his whereabouts since his escape except for what has appeared in the press. She said she felt sure that if any of the family had been contacted by RAY or had received some information regarding him she would certainly have known of it because the family would have told her.

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Date June 5, 1968

Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL) PEPPER, 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri, advised that she had received no additional information whatever bearing on the possible location of her brother, JAMES EARL RAY, since she was last interviewed.

Inquiry was made of Mrs. PEPPER as to whether, in the event she should receive some pertinent information regarding her brother, she would furnish such information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Mrs. PEPPER then stated that she would have no expectations whatever that her brother would communicate with her in any way, pointing out that he did not know her current address or her current unpublished telephone number. She added that she felt that he did not believe that he could expect any help from her and she said that, as a matter of fact, she would not be at all interested or willing to help him as she did not want herself and particularly her children to be in any way involved with him. She said that if she should hear from RAY and be convinced of his innocence she might find it difficult to furnish such information to the FBI. It was pointed out to Mrs. PEPPER that in the event RAY should be innocent or there should be any extenuating circumstances the entire matter would in any event be most readily resolved through locating RAY at the earliest possible time. Mrs. PEPPER expressed understanding and agreement with this idea.

Inquiry was made of Mrs. PEPPER as to her whereabouts and activities during the period between April and July, 1967. She said she was living at that period of time with her husband and two children at 712-a Shenandoah, St. Louis. She recalled that beginning in about the summer of 1966 and ending in about July or August, 1967, she was employed as a teacher's aide or assistant teacher in the "Head Start Program" at St. Joseph's School located at Twelfth and Russell Streets, St. Louis. In this employment she worked regularly during that period on Monday through Friday, each week, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 or 4:30 p.m. daily. This work involved the teaching of children three to five years of age. She was employed in this work by the Catholic Archdiocese on

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Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, under Sister ANN CLARICE, Supervisor of the "Head Start Program" for this Archdiocese. She was paid for her work by check from the Archdiocese, although she understood that at least some of the funds for the "Head Start Program" were furnished the Archdiocese by the Human Development Corporation. Mrs. PEPPER recalled that she missed only one day from work during the entire period of her employment and that day was due to the illness of her youngest child.

Mrs. PEPPER said her first knowledge of the escape of her brother, JAMES EARL RAY, from the Missouri State Penitentiary was when she heard or read news reports regarding the escape but she is unable to recall the approximate time she heard such reports. However, since reported identification of RAY as the alleged assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING, Mrs. PEPPER has heard or read reports to the effect that his escape from the penitentiary was not officially reported or given publicity for perhaps several weeks after the escape occurred. Mrs. PEPPER, therefore, assumed that she herself would not have learned of the escape from news reports until perhaps several weeks after the escape.

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1 Date June 14, 1968

Mrs. ALBERT (CAROL ANN) PEPPER, residing [redacted] Maplewood, Missouri, telephone [redacted], who was contacted at her residence, disclosed the following information:

She has been truthful in previous contacts by FBI Agents with her that she does not recall having any contact at all except by personal correspondence with her oldest brother, JAMES EARL RAY, since about eight or nine years ago, prior to the time he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), Jefferson City, Missouri. Her only contact with JAMES EARL RAY while he was incarcerated there was via mail. She admitted having written to him under the name of her grandmother who died after RAY was confined to the penitentiary.

She emphasized that she has never at anytime nor does she now know where her brother spent the time between about April 23, 1967, when he escaped from the MSP and July 1967, when his whereabouts have been established through investigation. She did not see or hear from him at all during that period of time, and insofar as is known to her, none of her brothers or sisters have seen him since he escaped from the MSP.

She was very much surprised when she learned that JAMES EARL RAY had been arrested in London, England. She first learned of these circumstances after being called by telephone by a woman friend, name not disclosed, on Saturday, June 8, 1968, the day of his arrest. This friend informed her of the news and she then heard the same news on television. Although she has saved most of the local papers for each day since that time, she has not read from more than one or two of them about her brother. The news is, of course, upsetting and she has formed an opinion that in many instances information is grossly exaggerated and misrepresented. She is somewhat bitter towards the local press, advising that CHRIS CONDON, a St. Louis news commentator, telephoned her, probably on Monday, June 10, 1968, requesting an interview with her. She declined and on the following day, Tuesday, June 11, 1968, in the late afternoon she observed CHRIS CONDON and several other men with him, both in front of the house and in a vestibule at her house. They appeared to be attempting to gain entrance but she declined to answer the door. She observed that they took pictures of the house and then on the 6:00 p.m. television news broadcast, Channel 5, she observed pictures of her house. The pictures disclosed the house number of 2025, and the news announcement indicated the house was located on Bellevue Street in Maplewood.

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On the previous evening, CHRIS CONDON reported photographs and news concerning the Grape Vine Tavern owned by her and operated by her brother, JOHN LARRY RAY, at St. Louis. She believes this news coverage is very unfair to herself and to her brother, JOHN.

At one point she commented that it is rather discouraging to know that she and many other people are paying through taxes the expenses for a representative of the United States Government to travel to London, England, in behalf of the Government for prosecution of her brother when she personally does not have money enough to afford to go there also. She said it might be possible if she had money to "help in his defense" in referring to her brother, JAMES EARL RAY, but she did not comment further. She emphasized she has absolutely no information pertaining to his activities within the past several years.

She became sad and tearful in recalling incidents of her childhood, mentioning that a Catholic children's home, not otherwise identified, was wrong in taking from her mother her three youngest children, namely MAX, SUSIE and BUZZY. MAX, if living, is now about fifteen years old. According to the recent news, MAX was adopted but she has no other information concerning him. She knows that her mother never signed papers or gave any approval for an adoption of MAX, who she heard many years ago was retarded or a "mental case." She would very much like to know the whereabouts of MAX. She has not seen her sister, SUSIE, who is married and who lives in the Chicago, Illinois, area, since BUZZY's funeral. Her mother, of course, was an alcoholic.

Her husband, ALBERT PEPPER, has indicated to her he believes they should obtain a gun of some kind "for protection" in view of recent publicity. She is afraid that Negroes may attempt to harm them. She personally directed JOHN RAY to close the tavern for a few days. JOHN RAY, she believes is at home. She talked to him by telephone when he called her from the tavern where he had stopped for a few minutes on June 12, 1968. She does not know when the tavern will reopen.

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1 Date June 14, 1968

Mrs. ALBERT PEPPER (CAROL ANN), residing 2025 Bellevue, Maplewood, Missouri, telephone [redacted] telephonically furnished the following information at 2:30 p.m.

On inquiry as to whether her brother, JOHN LARRY RAY, is in fact intending to travel to London, England, in behalf of JAMES EARL RAY, his brother, she commented that her brother JOHN is definitely not going to leave St. Louis to travel to England or anywhere else. She said he does not have funds with which to travel and although she personally "has a few dollars" she does not intend to give any of it to JOHN. She said she might consider doing so if either of them could be of any assistance to JAMES EARL RAY, but she is confident that "there is no help for him". She said that if they can in anyway help him, they will have to do so after he is returned to this country.

She said that JOHN RAY does not have a telephone where he may be reached except at the Grape Vine Tavern. He visited her home on the afternoon of June 13, 1968, and he usually telephones her once each day. He has not yet called her today and she expects to hear from him this afternoon. At the request of SA(A) [redacted] she said she will inform JOHN RAY to telephonically contact SA [redacted] at this office.

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CAROL PEPPER -
EMPLOYMENT

Sister ANN CLARICE, Supervisor, "Head Start Program," for the Catholic Archdiocese, 4445 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] June 7, 1968, her records disclosed CAROL PEPPER of 712A Shenandoah, St. Louis, Missouri, was employed as a teachers aide under that program and under her supervision at St. Joseph's School, 12th and Russell, St. Louis, Missouri, from 1966 until she voluntarily terminated such employment on August 18, 1967, due to the fact that she was moving to St. Louis County.

During this period she worked from 8:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. each week day, except for one five-hour absence on one day in February, 1967.

Her services were satisfactory.

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Re: CAROL PEPPER - CHARACTER REFERENCE

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 22, 1968:

ALENA SUTTON, [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, was contacted at her residence, whereupon she advised that she knew CAROL PEPPER, also known as Mrs. ALBERT PEPPER, for just a couple of years and that their association was not a social relationship but rather a teacher-parent relationship. She said that she was an instructor at the St. Joseph Church on Twelfth and Russell Streets, St. Louis, and enrolled in the project "Headstart" government program, and the program required at least one parent of one of the children attending the program to be present. She said CAROL was the parent present at this program.

SUTTON advised that she did not know where CAROL was presently residing with her husband ALBERT and two sons, [redacted], and [redacted], ages 6 and 4 respectively.

SUTTON stated that she did not know any of CAROL'S brothers or sisters and did not know if she even had any.

She stated that she last saw CAROL sometime in August of last year, and the only thing she could remember about any type of conversation about her family was something to the effect that her father was going to buy [illegible] farm up around Hannibal, Missouri, and that [illegible] probably would let her children go to the farm. She [illegible] probably in Hannibal, but she was not sure.

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RE: CAROL PEPPER

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On May 17, 1968, Mr. HENRY A. GRIESEDIECK, Owner and Operator of a proprietorship known as F.L.R. Investments with offices at 3638 Olive Street, St. Louis, was contacted at his place of business by SAA [redacted] Mr. GRIESEDIECK furnished the following information:

On or about May 1, 1968, he received a $320 check from CAROL PEPPER residing 2025 Bellevue, St. Louis, Missouri. Mrs. PEPPER is the operator of a tavern known as "Jack's Place," 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis. He recalled that this check was drawn on an account at Manufacturers Bank and Trust Company, St. Louis, Missouri, but he had no further description of the check received by him. The check was forwarded in response to a statement of F.L.R. Investments forwarded to Mrs. PEPPER under date of March 27, 1968, and it was in payment for a tavern bond costing $20 and a Missouri State Liquor License costing $300. F.L.R. Investments serves as an agent, obtaining liquor licenses and supplying bonds, for numerous taverns and cocktail lounges in the St. Louis area.

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1 Date May 21, 1968

JOHN LARRY RAY was interviewed in a Bureau automobile on Illinois Avenue, south of Arsenal Street.

JOHN LARRY RAY stated that as pointed out previously he was released from Menard Penitentiary in Illinois in February, 1960, and visited his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, who was incarcerated at that time at the City Jail, St. Louis. This incarceration was in connection with a holdup of the Kroger Store in October or November, 1966, by his brother and a man named OWENS.

After JAMES EARL RAY's trial about April, 1960, he was moved to the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri. From that time and until prior to his escape he visited his brother on occasion, exact number of occasions not recalled. He does recall that on at least one occasion on attempting to visit his brother, he determined that his brother was in some type of solitary confinement and could not have visitors. Therefore, although he had signed in to visit his brother, he actually did not see his brother. JOHN LARRY RAY pointed out that this may be the reason for the numerous visits shown to the Penitentiary by him, all of which he does not recall.

JOHN LARRY RAY stated that he has not seen nor heard of his brother or from his brother since his escape from the Penitentiary outside of what he has learned from newspaper articles and news commentaries.

He very emphatically denied having any knowledge, either direct or indirect, of his brother ever being in Omaha, Nebraska. He stated that his knowledge of his brother being in California is limited to what was reported in the newspaper.

When questioned regarding conversation between him and his brother on visits, JOHN LARRY RAY stated that he rarely visited his brother over a half hour because they had very little to say to one another. He indicated that his brother is "close mouthed" and the conversation consisted primarily of the welfare of JAMES EARL RAY.

On one or more occasions he does recall, however, that JAMES EARL RAY mentioned that as soon as he got out of the Penitentiary (not clarified as to whether he intended to escape or whether he meant after his sentence was served) he intended to leave the country.

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On at least one of these occasions when he was talking about leaving the country, he indicated that he thought very highly of the way former German Army officer, I. N. SMITH, was running the Rhodesian Government. JOHN RAY stated that this was merely a passing comment and he did not attach any significance to it but is mentioning it now because he is of the opinion that if JAMES EARL RAY is alive, he is out of the country.

Again, JOHN LARRY RAY reiterated that he has no direct or indirect knowledge of his brother, JAMES EARL RAY's present whereabouts nor has he had any knowledge regarding this since his escape from the Penitentiary.

He said again that his brother was not reported as an escapee but rather on the first news report that he recalls hearing was reported as missing. He denied that he ever spoke to anyone of knowing that JAMES EARL RAY was in Omaha or Los Angeles, California, other than the reported California visit in the newspaper.

JOHN LARRY RAY advised that his brother, JERRY RAY, left St. Louis today to return to Chicago. JOHN LARRY RAY stated that he is of the opinion from conversations with JERRY RAY that JERRY RAY has no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY's whereabouts. He noted that JERRY RAY arrived in St. Louis last Friday night from Chicago as previously advised and while in St. Louis since last Friday visited with him and with CAROL PEPPER, their sister.

JOHN RAY stated that they visited JERRY RAYNES at his farm in Center, Missouri, together using JERRY's automobile. They remained all night on the occasion of the visit to Center, Missouri. During conversations with "the old man" at Center, Missouri, he gained the impression that he has no knowledge of JAMES EARL RAY's whereabouts since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

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1 Date May 23, 1968

JOHN LARRY RAY was interviewed in the vicinity of the Grapevine Tavern in a Bureau automobile.

JOHN RAY stated that, if his brother had been in St. Louis or had visited St. Louis following his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary, he would definitely have contacted him (JOHN RAY), particularly if he needed help in the way of money or place to stay. He emphatically denied that this took place. He stated he would still help his brother if his brother asked him to or contacted him in any way, however, he feels he would tell the interviewing Agent about it after it happened.

With regard to JOHN CAWRON, he stated that his brother is acquainted with JOHN CAWRON, however, is positive that he would never contact him if in St. Louis and a fugitive because he does not trust him. JOHN RAY described CAWRON as an old crazy man, who talks about "jobs" and "cases jobs" but never pulls any. He talks all the time about the past and jobs he pulled in the past, however, tells various versions of the jobs at various times, therefore, believed to be by JOHN RAY a complete liar and "idiot."

He stated that if his brother was dealing in amphetamines in prison thathe would probably have had plenty of money on him at time of escape, because dealers of amphetamines in prison are usually the top money holders.

JOHN RAY stated that he is of the opinion that his brother immediately left the country after his escape and basis this opinion on the fact that during his visits with JIM, JIM indicated thathe intended to leave the country when he got out, inasmuch as he was sick of the law enforcement harassment in this country.

With regard to JAMES L. OWENS, fall partner of JIM in 1959 hold-up of the Kroger Store, he stated that he does not believe that his brother would be in contact with OWENS because he is of the opinion he would kill OWENS if he saw him again. He stated he believes this because he feels OWENS was responsible

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for the arrest and conviction of JIM, however, did not gain this impression from conversations with JIM, merely surmised it because OWENS pleaded guilty and got a lighter sentence than JIM.

On viewing the Identification Order photographs, JOHN RAY stated that the photograph with the crew cut looks more like his brother, JIM, to him, however, he noted this is possibly because he does not recall ever seeing JIM with long hair, noting that he always wore a crew cut.

When questioned regarding his smiling reaction to each question, he stated that his facial reaction is a nervous reaction, which in the past on questioning by the police has caused him trouble. He stated that it is merely a nervous reaction and he is not eluding to any knowledge that he might be withholding.

JOHN RAY stated that the name [redacted] is unknown to him but, when questioned regarding a man known as [redacted] he does recall a man who owned a [redacted] a number of years ago who was known as [redacted]" This individual later owned [redacted] on [redacted] He stated that he does not believe that [redacted] knows him by name. He stated the reason he recalls [redacted] was that on one occasion, while in the [redacted]" "sicked" seven men on him and later he caught [redacted] alone and beat him up because of this. He stated insofar as he knows his brother, JIM, is unknown to [redacted], however, he has no way of knowing whether or not they are acquainted.

With regard to the money sent to the penitentiary in 1963 in the amounts of $35.00, $65.00 and $50.00, he does not recall sending those amounts and again reiterated that he transferred no money from anybody to or for JIM RAY while he was in the penitentiary. He stated that he never sent

JIM more than $15.00 or $20.00 at any given time, and he is of the opinion that he may have sent some money to JIM under JERRY's name, however, it would be amounts of $15.00 or $20.00 or less. He pointed out that he has never given anyone permission to send money to his brother under his name and no one has ever approached him in that regard.

He stated that about 1963 and possibly part of 1962, for about four to six months, he resided at his grandmother's rooming house on Hickory Street and the street which would be directly behind this was commonly called "Callie," however, it is no longer in existence due to the routing of Interstate Highway 55.

He stated that in 1964 and 1965 he went to Florida, where he worked for a very short period of time at Flamingo City, which is about ninety miles from Miami, believed to be in the Everglades National Park. Thereafter, believed during the same period of time, he went to New York City, remained a short time and then went to work for a short period of time at the Concord Hotel in the Catskill Mountains, just outside of New York City. Thereafter, he returned to New York City for a short period of time and drew unemployment.

Sometime thereafter, he returned to the Chicago area where he worked in various country clubs and in about October, 1966, he came to St. Louis. For a short period of time he resided with his sister at 712 Shenandoah and then for a couple of months resided at JOHN GAVRON's residence on South Eleventh Street. Following this he resided for about three months at 1822 North Twenty-first Street. He then obtained a room at 2061 or 2100 Russell for a short period of time and in about October of 1967 rented an apartment at 1912 California Street. He kept that apartment for about three or four months.

He stated to the best of his recollection for a short period of time, about November or December, 1967, he resided at 2010 Shenandoah and he also recollects from about August, 1967, or September, 1967, he resided at 2012 Lafayette

and for a short period of time in the early part of 1967 he also resided at 1806 or 1808 Lafayette.

He stated that in between all of the above-mentioned residences he would stay sometimes a week or two at a time with either his sister on Shenandoah or with JOHN GAMBON on South Eleventh Street and occasionally stayed a few days at 1810 Park, where his father, JERRY RAINES, lived at the time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 22, 1968

JOHN LARRY RAY was interviewed at the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

He stated that with regard to his belief that his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, had plenty of money on him at the time of his escape from prison was based on the fact that he had been questioned regarding his knowledge of his brother's dealing in amphetamines while in prison. He stated that it was pure guess work on his part and he merely felt this way because he recalls that from his experience in prisons that usually the people who deal in narcotics in prisons are among the wealthier inmates. He stated he has no idea how JAMES EARL RAY would have spent any money he earned in prison, either while in prison or subsequent to leaving prison. He reiterated that he has not seen or heard from JAMES EARL RAY since his escape and has never heard anyone say that he was in Chicago, particulary in the summer of 1967. He recalls that in the summer of 1967 he was in Chicago himself at which time he traded cars with his brother JERRY.

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JOHN LARRY RAY, [redacted] was interviewed at that location at which time he supplied the following information:

RAY identified a photograph of [redacted] as a person known to him only as [redacted] who at one time operated [redacted] in St. Louis and with whom RAY got involved in a fist fight with sometime in 1960. RAY is of the opinion that although he knows [redacted] by sight he does not believe that [redacted] knows him. RAY was unable to provide any information whether his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, and [redacted] have ever known each other.

RAY was questioned regarding his stay at the Mac Arthur Hotel in St. Louis at which time he readily stated that approximately two or three months ago he spent a night at the MacArthur Hotel with [redacted] (phonetic). According to RAY he registered as Mr. and Mrs. JOHN RAY and provided a fictitious address. He was questioned regarding the address 1886 Wyoming at which time he stated it is entirely possible that he used that address when registering, however, it does not have any particular significance to him.

RAY stated that in the early fall of 1967, his father, JERRY RAYNES, had sold a house on Park Avenue in St. Louis and gave to RAY $1000 to hold for him. RAY indicated that he had saved approximately $3000 from various employments and indicated that on many occasions carried this cash on his person and stated that even to this date it is not unusual for him to carry $500 or $600 on him. RAY denied any of the money saved by him had been obtained in an unlawful manner. RAY supported this statement by saying that in the operation of the Grapevine Tavern it is necessary to have an abundance of cash for various bills and he also pays the employees at the tavern in cash.

RAY stated that in early August of 1967, he had decided to drive to San Francisco, California, in an attempt to invest the money he had at that time in a bar or other profitable business. He indicated that he drove alone to California, and while in San Francisco, stayed several days

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at various cheap hotels in the downtown area, exact names unrecalled. He did say that he failed to find a suitable business opened and while on the return trip to St. Louis he decided to travel to Tijuana, Mexico. He related that he had heard of the numerous dishonest people and thieves in Mexico so while traveling through an unnamed town in Wyoming he purchased $750 worth of travelers' checks. RAY stated that he then drove to Tijuana and after his arrival there stated it was extremely difficult for him to understand the language, that he did not like the place, and within two hours after his arrival departed en route to St. Louis, Missouri.

RAY stated the entire trip required approximately two weeks and he emphatically denied any knowledge of or contact with his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, during the trip or at any time following JAMES' escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary. He stated he never knew that JAMES RAY was in California, until the current publicity regarding him.

RAY added that upon his arrival in St. Louis during the last week of August, 1967, he opened bank accounts at the Manufacturers Bank and also the Jefferson-Gravois Bank. He indicated that both accounts were opened as the combined business hours of both banks were suitable to his own hours. RAY stated that deposits to open these accounts were made with the remaining cash he had on hand and the travelers' checks which he purchased in Wyoming.

RAY was questioned regarding the financial status of his brother, JAMES RAY, while he was in the Missouri State Penitentiary and RAY stated that he had no idea as to how much money JAMES had, however, he reiterated the previous recollection of statements made by JAMES during visits to the Missouri State Penitentiary that if he got out of the penitentiary he would leave the country. JOHN RAY stated that he assumed that his brother would have had sufficient money to do just that. He denied any knowledge of sources of income for his brother but he again assumed that if his brother was involved in the sale of amphetamine or in the loan business while in the penitentiary he would then presumably have made some money. RAY denied any knowledge or information that anyone outside the penitentiary owed money to his brother or was hdding money for him.

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1 Date May 23, 1968

JOHN LARRY RAY was interviewed in the vicinity of Wisconsin and Illinois Avenue, after a prior telephone contact with him at the Grapevine Tavern.

RAY advised that the basis for the front page article in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" this date was an interview with him by a newspaper reporter from the "Globe-Democrat. He stated that he has been regularly refusing to talk to reporters, however, this particular reporter showed him a story allegedly to be put on AP by the Los Angeles "Times" reporter, whom he had refused to talk to. According to RAY, this article indicated thathe hated his brother, had no close family ties, and was hiding out, all of which he indicated was untruthful. After reading this article, the reporter indicated to him that, if he agreed to an interview, the reporter would put it in a more favorable light and the result would be a refuting of these lies.

He advised this newspaper reporter that his sister, CAROL, whose last name he did not furnish the newspaper, owned the tavern known as the Grapevine, which he was operating. He also indicated to the reporter that he did not hate his brother, as alleged in the supposed AP story and to impress reporter with the closeness of his family, he told him he could go to his father in Hannibal, Missouri, who is alive, or to his sister and borrow $500.00 any time he wanted to. He stated that the purpose of this statement was to impress reporter with the closeness of his family and it had no other meaning.

With regard to the statement in the newspaper article about him running a trucking business, he pointed out this is not true. However, he noted that he had talked to CLARENCE HAYNES, who resides at [redacted] about going into the trucking business together. He noted that HAYNES has one truck and they tentatively agreed that RAY would more or less obtain customers for this trucking business. He noted that HAYNES was supposed to have cards printed up reflecting both their names, however, to date he has not seen these cards, however, they may have been printed and the reporter may have gotten this information either from HAYNES or from the printing company. He pointed out that he is definitely not in the trucking business, yet, however, may enter this with HAYNES.

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He pointed out that since this paper has hit the street he has been dodging newspaper reporters and television coverage all day. He noted that he was contacted by JIM BRADY of Channel 2, St. Louis, and tentatively agreed to meet him at 1:00 p.m. this date for pictures of his place of business and of him for television purposes, however, said he set up this meeting date as only a way of getting rid of BRADY. Thereafter, he did not keep this appointment and thereafter left his place of business so he could not be located.

With regard to mailing postcards to his sister, SUSAN, in Chicago, he noted thathe had sent her one from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, and related the following as incidental to this:

He stated that shortly after his release from prison, he was living and working in the Chicago area and decided to visit Detroit, Michigan, and New York, New York. He drove from Chicago to Detroit and, while in Detroit, drove across the bridge to Canada. En route across the bridge, he was stopped by what he believed to be a United States Immigration Officer who told him that he could not remain in Canada more than twenty-four hours. Thereafter, he proceeded to Windsor, Ontario, and remained that night, during which time he mailed this postcard to his sister, SUSAN. He returned the next morning to Detroit. Then, instead of going to New York City, he returned to the Chicago area.

With regard to the postcard of July 29, 1962, at Washington, D. C., he does not specifically recall mailing this card, however, has been in Washington, D. C., dates not specifically recalled, on more than one occasion. He indicated that he did travel extensively, noting that after he worked for a while and got a few dollars ahead he would take trips to various places in the United States without giving any particular thought as to where he was going. He noted he has visited Florida and all along the east coast up to and including New York City.

With regard to the money that he deposited in his bank accounts last August, he related the following that immediately preceded those deposits:

He stated that his father, JERRY, sold the place at 1819 Park Avenue and received some $2,000.00 or more in cash from this sale. Thereafter, JERRY gave this money to CAROL to deposit in her bank account, however, a portion, believed to be $1,000.00, was to be held by JOHN. He noted this was no specific agreement, merely that they were together and he intended to go to California and try to locate a small business purchase. He noted that JERRY could have the impression that CAROL got all the money to hold, however, recalls that JERRY was present when he got the $1,000.00.

After the above, he proceeded to take a leisurely trip en route to San Francisco and, while in some town in Wyoming he decided that he would change a portion of this cash into Travelers Checks, which he did. He then proceeded to San Francisco, where he stayed approximately two weeks. While in San Francisco, he discovered that in order to get a liquor license you had to buy an existing license and these business licenses were from $6,000.00 to $30,000.00 each, which he could not afford.

Thereafter, he drove south to San Diego and remained approximately one week. On departure from San Diego, he visited Tijuana, Mexico, for approximately two hours and thereafter drove back to St. Louis.

He specifically stated that he does not know anyone in the area traveled above and he does not know whether or not his brother knows anyone in those areas. He again specifically denied that he made any direct or indirect contact with his brother or anybody acquainted with his brother during the above-mentioned trip. He denied remaining in Los Angeles, stating that he drove straight through Los Angeles, not remaining for any period of time. He denied contacting anyone in Los Angeles.

He stated he cannot furnish the specific dates that he was in San Francisco, San Diego or Tijuana, however, would place it as the month or five weeks that immediately preceded the date he opened two bank accounts with the $1,300.00 and $1,350.00 deposits. He stated he opened these accounts either the day or the day after he returned to St. Louis.

He noted that both he, his brother JERRY and his father have at various times given CAROL money to deposit in her account to hold for them. He stated that whenever he needed money he would go to CAROL and get it and has no idea who owes who what or whether the money is a loan or the return of money previously given to CAROL. He stated he assumes CAROL keeps some kind of accounting of this, however, cannot be positive of this because it is never mentioned.

It is noted that JOHN LARRY RAY, in order to avoid newspaper reporters, had left his personal car parked adjacent to the Grapevine Tavern and proceeded to the place of the above interview in a black 1965 or 1966 Mustang, bearing Missouri License [redacted].

Missouri License [redacted] is issued to [redacted], [redacted] for a 1965 Ford Mustang.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 5, 1968

JOHN LARRY RAY was located and interviewed while he was tending bar at the Grapevine Tavern at the intersection of Arsenal and Illinois.

RAY stated that he has not had any contact with his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, since last interviewed nor has he received any information regarding the whereabouts of his brother since he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP). JOHN RAY did make the comment that he did believe his brother was probably out of the country or either he was deceased as he feels he would have been apprehended by this time.

RAY denied any contact with his brother, JERRY RAY, since JERRY was in St. Louis, either telephonically or by mail.

JOHN RAY was questioned regarding the whereabouts of CLARENCE HAYNES, at which time RAY stated that HAYNES is employed with a local drayage firm and is extremely difficult to locate during the daylight hours. He stated that HAYNES does reside at [redacted] however, it is unlikely that he normally spends much time at that location. RAY explained this by saying that HAYNES' wife RUBY is currently in the hospital for treatment of a heart ailment.

RAY stated that NAOMI REGAZZI has returned to work at the Grapevine Tavern since she worked the previous Saturday and several nights during the past week. RAY could not explain if she would be employed on a permanent or temporary basis since he had not discussed work arrangements with her.

An extended interview with RAY was not possible due to the entrance of several patrons into the tavern and, therefore, the interview was terminated.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date June 10, 1968

JOHN LARRY RAY was interviewed at his place of business, the Grape Vine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri.

He was questioned regarding his employment that could be verified or his whereabouts that could be verified during the month of April, 1967. After some thought, he stated that to the best of his recollection, he worked for a short time as a painter and maintenance man at a hotel believed to be 902 North Kingshighway, which is managed by a woman.

He stated that he felt this was after April, however he could not recall specifically but did recall that he sometime prior to that, put an ad in the paper believed to be the St. Louis Post Dispatch, indicating that he was attempting to get work as a painter. As a result of this ad he was contacted by an interior decorator or painting contractor, whose name he could not recall, but whose name he would attempt to locate through records who he went to work for on a day to day basis on a number of occasions. He stated this individual operated from his residence which at that time was believed to be in the 5700 block of Westminster about the middle of the block on the north side of the street where there was usually a painting truck parked. He stated this individual he recalls on one or two occasions, mentioned that he had just returned from the Colorado area and usually did small house painting jobs. After delivering JOHN RAY to a given job on a given day, he would then leave supposedly to make other estimates on other jobs, therefore, JOHN LARRY RAY had little personal contact with him. JOHN LARRY RAY stated that he would attempt to locate any records that would show his employment during the year of 1967.

After considerable thought he advised that he was of the opinion that during April or May, 1967, he was probably residing on the second floor at [redacted], which building is owned by CLARENCE HAYNES.

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Date 6-11-68

JOHN LARRY RAY was interviewed at his place of business, the Grapevine Tavern, 1982 Arsenal Street, St. Louis, Missouri. RAY was asked if he had obtained the name of the painter for whom he was an employee during part of 1967. RAY advised that he could not recall the painter's name but that he had furnished the painter's address to SA [redacted] FBI, St. Louis.

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Date 6/25/68

JOHN LARRY RAY was interviewed outside the Grapevine Tavern, Illinois and Arsenal Avenue, at which time he stated he had been closed the entire previous week for the safety of the patrons of the tavern, since on one occasion earlier in the week three car loads of Negros were reported to be observing the tavern. He indicated that he had also been hiding from reporters but would not reveal the location where he had taken refuge.

RAY indicated he had opened this bar this date for business as usual and NAOMI REGAZZI is currently working as barmaid for him. JOHN RAY stated there was no truth in regards to newspaper accounts of him having received a telephone call from Canada and stated that he does not know anyone in Canada. He indicated that he believed the telephone at the Grapevine Tavern is tapped and that the FBI and other law enforcement agencies would probably be aware of all of his phone calls. He did not specifically state that he believed the FBI was responsible for tapping his phone.

RAY also stated that he has had no contact from his brother, JAMES EARL RAY, and he further has no intentions of going to London, England, to see him. He commented that he doubted if he could get a passport for such a trip. He further denied that he has at this time retained any lawyer for his brother. RAY did state that he has written to his brother in London and told him to get in touch with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, if he needs anything as CAROL is the one who is most accessible. He provided his brother with CAROL's current address and telephone number.

RAY was again questioned regarding source of income for his brother at which time he stated that his brother never had any real needs for money as he was always able to pick it up by ways of burglaries or robberies during his travels. He indicated this was, of course, the reason why he was sentenced to the Missouri State Penitentiary.

RAY indicated that he had recently sold his Thunderbird automobile and had purchased a 1963, four-door, white colored Chrysler for $500 from a private individual.

RAY stated that his brother JERRY RAY had arrived in St. Louis on the previous day from Chicago, Illinois, and stayed last night with his sister, CAROL PEPPER. RAY stated that JERRY was at the time of interview inside the tavern and stated he wanted to talk to the interviewing agent.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 23, 1968

NAOMI REGAZZI, nee Haynes, was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri.

She stated that she was employed from January 1, 1968, to May 16, 1968, as night barmaid at the Grape Vine Tavern, 5:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., six days a week. She stated that her salary was $60 a week which she took out of the cash register once a week leaving a memorandum to that effect.

She stated that she obtained this job through an advertisement in a St. Louis newspaper and first met JOHN RAY as result of answering the above ad. She stated that JOHN RAY was the person who hired her and was the manager of the Grape Vine Tavern. She stated that CAROL PEPPER, JOHN's sister, was the owner and occasionally was in and out of the tavern but never stayed for any great length of time.

She indicated that RUBY (last name unknown) is a day barmaid and either is married to or lives with CLARENCE HAYNES (no relation), owner of a moving business. She stated that RUBY has some type of health problem and is frequently hospitalized for periods of times for some type of care.

Subsequent to being employed there and prior to April 1, 1968, specific date not recalled, she had occasion to get into a personal conversation with JOHN RAY, at which time he indicated he had a brother named JIM and a brother named JERRY in Chicago, Illinois. He never mentioned the whereabouts of JIM and never at anytime indicated he knew the whereabouts of JIM. Additionally, she pointed out he never mentioned the fact that JIM was an escapee or prisoner and, therefore, she had no knowledge of JIM's escape status.

Subsequent to that conversation, she later met JERRY from Chicago, whom she described as a man of very low intellect and who, when he has four or five beers, desires to be in the limelight.

She stated that JOHN's brother, JIM RAY, has never visited JOHN to her knowledge, nor communicated with him in any way since she has become acquainted with JOHN. Further, she is of the opinion from conversations with JOHN, details

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not recalled, that JOHN has not had any contact with JIM for a number of years.

When the news was on television identifying the assassin of MARTIN LUTHER KING as JAMES EARL RAY, she immediately telephonically contacted JOHN and asked JOHN if that was his brother, JIM, that he had previously spoken of. She described his answer as saying, "No, I don't know nothing about it" and hung up.

Later on in a personal confrontation, JOHN said that was his brother but he has not seen him in a long time. She asked him why he had previously stated it was not him. He indicated to her that his reason was that he wanted no knowledge of this connection around the Grape Vine Tavern for business reasons and further for personal reasons wanted no part of it inasmuch as he had not seen his brother in a very long time.

REGAZZI described JOHN RAY as a man of low intellect, however, slightly more intelligent than JERRY, who is close-mouthed and has no close ties with anyone, specifically not having any close family ties.

She stated it was her opinion that JOHN is not close with anyone because of his personality complexes caused by family problems when he was a child and his current speech impediment. She stated that she does not believe that JOHN lied to her about not having any knowledge of JIM because JOHN is completely aware of her background noting that she is the ex-wife of BOB REGAZZI, St. Louis burglar and stick-up man and also associated with notorious St. Louis stick-up men and burglars, [redacted] and others of similar ilk.

[redacted]

REGAZZI stated that she terminated her employment for multiple reasons; one of them being health, however, the real prime reason being that she felt that if the news leaks out of JOHN's relationship to the subject and the fact that

he operates the Grape Vine Tavern, that the Negro element who reside in this integrated neighborhood might take reprisals by using violence around the tavern.

She stated that JOHN had also mentioned to her that the FBI had been around talking to him and he could not understand why because he had not seen his brother in a long time. He was not specific about the time element, however, led her to believe that it had been a number of years just by his method of saying it.

REGAZZI stated that there is no prostitution around the Grape Vine Tavern, however, a certain caliber of illiterate hoosier girls hang out there and on occasion are promiscuous with the customers at the tavern, however, not for pay.

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RAY RELATIVE - JOHN RAY

The following investigation was conducted by SA's [redacted] and [redacted] on May 21, 1968:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

Mrs. ELSIE JULIAN, [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, advised that the residents of [redacted] are currently in the process of moving in, noting that it has been vacant since early part of February 1968. She stated that a white male, black hair, thinning on top, and whose additional description meets that of JOHN LARRY RAY, moved into [redacted] about September or October 1967, and resided there until February 1968. She stated that he was quiet, having no visitors, and working every day, to the best of her knowledge, because he always left the house regularly and returned regularly. She viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that this is not the individual and that the photograph was unfamiliar to her.

She stated that this entire building complex including [redacted] through [redacted] is rented and possibly owned by RENGEL REALTY COMPANY in the 3500 or 3600 block of South Grand, St. Louis, Missouri.

[redacted], and LILLY BENNETT, [redacted] advised the former tenant at [redacted] was unknown to them personally, however, they may have occasionally observed him around the area. They viewed the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated it was completely unfamiliar to them.

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SL: 44-775
HRD:wmd

RE: JOHN LARRY RAY

[redacted] Passport Clerk, Office of the U. S. District Court Clerk, 12th and Market Streets, St. Louis, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] June 17, 1968, the files of his office failed to disclose any application for passport made by JOHN LARRY RAY, as of that date.

[redacted] noted it is possible for a resident of St. Louis to apply for a passport at numerous other locations in this country.

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Date May 15, 1968

JERRY RAY telephonically contacted Special Agent [redacted] at 1:40 p.m. on May 9, 1968. He stated he was leaving for Chicago in approximately fifteen minutes. He indicated his intention to return to his former employment at the Country Club but stated that he would not know until he arrives there where he will live, as telephonic inquiry with his inquiry with his employer indicated the employer has obtained a residence for him as a protection against the press.

He stated that he would contact the Chicago Division on the following day.

He advised further that in his visits to and from conversations with his father, JERRY RAYNES, his brother, JOHN RAY, and his sister, CAROL PEPPER, he had received no information that any of them had been in contact with subject following subject's escape or had any knowledge or information concerning subject's present whereabouts.

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On 5/9/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL: 44-775

by SA [redacted] :jfb Date dictated 5/9/68

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Date 6/25/68

JERRY RAY was interviewed outside the Grapevine Tavern, Illinois and Arsenal Avenue, at which time he stated he had arrived in St. Louis the previous day and spent the night with his sister, CAROL PEPPER. He indicated that during the previous week he was in Chicago, Illinois, where he had been hiding in a Chicago hotel, which he had left un-named, in an effort to avoid reporters and newscastors. He indicated that while in St. Louis he will either stay with his sister, CAROL PEPPER, or at the St. Regis Hotel under the name of JERRY W. RYAN. He exhibited to the interviewing agent a recently obtained Illinois driver's license under that name. RAY stated that he intended to visit his father at Center, Missouri, tomorrow and then intended to return to St. Louis on Thursday, June 20, 1968. He then plans to leave for Memphis, Tennessee, on Friday, June 21, 1968, where he intends to obtain employment until after the trial of his brother, JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY stated that he has not heard from his brother in London, however, did make the comment that he still does not believe that his brother killed MARTIN LUTHUR KING and that he was paid to establish the ERIC STARVO GALT identity.

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On 6/17/68 at St. Louis, Missouri File # SL 44-775

by SA [redacted]:hcv Date dictated 6/21/68

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VII. MISCELLANEOUS

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SL 44-775
ADP/pjh

RE: MISCELLANEOUS - [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

[redacted] Sullivan, Missouri, was interviewed at his home on May 10, 1968. He stated he is employed as a private investigator for DAVIS, a private investigating agency in Chicago, Illinois, although at the moment he is on leave of absence.

In 1962, he married his wife, [redacted] He has never been closely associated with [redacted], however, talked to him frequently. About two days after MARTIN LUTHER KING was murdered, [redacted] made the statement to [redacted] that KING's murderer was out of the United States. [redacted] has talked with [redacted] on several occasions since that time and [redacted] stated that KING's killer is probably in Argentina. [redacted] stated he could not recall [redacted] making any statement about JAMES EARL RAY's escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary and does not know whether or not RAY was known by [redacted] previous to his escape.

[redacted] stated that he has concluded, based upon conversation with [redacted], that [redacted] is a member of the Ku Klux Klan. In view of [redacted] connection with the private investigative agency in Chicago, he reported the above information to his boss, Lieutenant [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, who stated that [redacted] might be a member of the Klan and considered it a possibility that [redacted] might be able to assist in furnishing information regarding the murder or furnishing information regarding the whereabouts of the murderer; and in view of that possibility, felt that there could be a considerable amount of money collected if this information could be uncovered. He, therefore, proceeded to Sullivan, Missouri, where he was introduced by [redacted] to [redacted] as a friend from Chicago, Illinois. His interest in the solution of the murder was not made known to [redacted]. [redacted] talked with [redacted] in private for about 30 minutes and after concluding the interview, he reached the conclusion that [redacted] probably was a member of the Klan. However, [redacted] obtained no information

from [redacted] which would assist in the investigation or the location of JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted], Sullivan, Missouri, a member of the Sullivan Police Department, was interviewed at his home on May 10, 1968. He readily admitted that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, but stated he knows nothing about the escape of JAMES EARL RAY from the Missouri State Penitentiary or the whereabouts of RAY. He stated he had never heard of RAY until after he had been identified in this case. He stated he has discussed this case with several people, however, he has received no information concerning this case through the Klan organization. Any information which he has given, or statement he has made, concerning this case would be his own personal opinion.

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SL: 44-775
ERD: pdp

Re: 1968 Dodge Dart, bearing Georgia License 1D48283, Recovered at St. Louis Airport May 16, 1968

On May 16, 1968, Trooper [redacted] Missouri State Highway Patrol, advised SA [redacted] a 1968 Dodge Dart automobile, Vehicle Identification Number LH41D8B323249, bearing 1968 Georgia license number 1D48283, had on that date been recovered at Lambert-St. Louis Airport; that same had been abandoned at least since May 5, 1968; and that it had been rented from National Car Rental Company, Atlanta, Georgia, on April 2, 1968, by an unknown individual utilizing the stolen credit cards of one SAMUEL SCHNEIDERMAN, [redacted], Richmond, Illinois.

The vehicle was processed by SA [redacted] with the result that eleven fingerprint lifts and other items were forwarded to the Bureau.

The Bureau advised on May 24, 1968, that latent prints of value found were not identical to the fingerprints of subject.

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VIII. LOCK ACCESS
(OTHER OFFICES INVOLVED)

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SL: 44-775
MJW:CSD:jmb RE: LOOK ALIKE - [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

[redacted] Switchboard Operator, Holiday Inn North, advised that she was on duty at approximately 3:00 p.m., May 12, 1968, when ROBERT HULL, Busman for Holiday Inn North, mentioned a suspicious individual whom he had waited on in Room 213 who did not want to go out of his room. Shortly thereafter a girl called into Room [redacted] stated that this was a local call, and she heard a portion of it including the fact the individual in Room [redacted] would be in his room all evening, and that this girl would call back if she would be able to come over and see him. She mentioned Las Vegas and asked him how long it took him to get there. She stated that her girl friend made it in two days.

[redacted] advised that the occupant of Room [redacted] also made several long distance telephone calls, and she believed that they were all to Louisville, Kentucky, however, no record of these calls were made and no calls were recorded because this individual used a telephone credit card and went directly through the telephone operator. [redacted] advised that she never observed the occupant in Room 213 and observed Wanted Flyer 142-A stating she does not know this individual and has not seen anyone resembling him.

The following employees of the Holiday Inn North were contacted, shown photographs of JAMES RAY and could provide no positive information:

MARY FOLK, Busman

JOYCE KETTENHOFEN, [redacted] St. Louis

STEVEN R. NAUMANN, [redacted] Drive, Florissant

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GORDON JOHNSON, Assistant Manager, Holiday Inn North, provided Guest Registration # [redacted] dated May 11, 1968, and provided the following information:

[redacted], Louisville, Kentucky, for Room 213, having party of one, notes Gulf Credit Card # [redacted] used for identification.

He also furnished a copy of the Innkeeper's Form used for Gulf Credit Card purchases. The form # [redacted] indicated that service was sold to [redacted] on May 12, 1968, for the amount of $9.75. The credit card number appearing on the form was [redacted]

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SL: 44-775 RE: [redacted]
MJW:jmb

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

[redacted], St. Louis, Missouri, advised that she is presently employed as a maid for Holiday Inn North, St. Louis County, Missouri, and has been so employed for approximately ten years. [redacted] stated that on May 12, 1968, she and [redacted] were in Room [redacted] of the Holiday Inn North, and that [redacted] was discussing with her the peculiar activities of a guest in Room [redacted] when they heard the occupant of Room [redacted] out in front of his room and she looked up and saw this individual and jumped back in surprise immediately thinking that this was the same person she had seen a number of times as MARTIN LUTHER KING's killer.

[redacted] advised that thereafter she discussed this person's possible likeness to JAMES RAY with employees at Holiday Inn North and after carefully considering what she saw in viewing Wanted Flyer 442-A and St. Louis Police Department photograph of RAY, October 10, 1959, she feels that the individual she saw closely resembles the above photographs.

[redacted] stated that the person she saw and that occupied Room [redacted] was a white male; five feet, ten inches to six feet; medium, stocky build; 170; middle 30s.

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SI: 44-775
WW:jmb RE: LOOK ALIKE - [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

JANET WILLIAMS, Desk Clerk, Holiday Inn North, advised that her hours are 3:00 to 11:00 p.m., and at approximately 9:00 p.m. on May 12, 1968, two white males approached the office desk and one of these men asked her if he could check out. WILLIAMS advised that she does not check people out asked this individual to go down to JACK SERAVY, who is the regualr person who checks guests out.

WILLIAMS advised as he went down to the other end of the counter, she got a good look at the individual who she talked to and observed his profile. After the individual got finished checking out, both individuals went out of the office and got into a large car which had a Kentucky license tag. WILLIAMS could provide no further description of the car.

WILLIAMS stated that she was suspicious of this individual because of his wise-cracking and general appearance, and for this reason paid particular attention to him and observed his face. After he left, she checked his name on the guest registration list. WILLIAMS provided the following description of the individual who checked out:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5 feet, 8 inches to 5 feet, 9 inches
Weight	170 to 180
Build	Stocky
Appearance	Good looking
Age	30s
Peculiarities	Had a "smirky grin" on face

WILLIAMS viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and stated this individual looked very much like the one who had checked out. WILLIAMS was then shown a photograph of subject taken by the St. Louis Police Department, dated October 10, 1959, and WILLIAMS immediately advised that "This is the man." She stated that the side view of RAY was identical to the individual who she saw the day before.

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SL: 44-775 RE: LOOK ALIKE - [redacted]
CSO:jcb

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at St. Louis County, Missouri on May 13, 1968:

ROBERT LEE HULL, Bus driver, (Bellman), residing at [redacted], St. Louis, Missouri, and employed at the Holiday Inn North, North Lindberg, St. Louis County, Missouri, advised on May 13, 1968, that approximately 3:00 p.m., Saturday afternoon, May 11, 1968, a man in Room [redacted] called for a bellman requesting room service.

HULL stated that when he arrived at Room [redacted] the door was ajar and as he stepped into the room, a man who was laying on the bed stated, "Don't get close". He said that he had that he had just come in off the road from California, and that he intended to take a couple of hours of sleep. HULL stated that he asked for his name and said he may be meeting him again. HULL replied, "What for?", and the man responded by requesting to get him a pint of Old Crow, some ice, two cokes, and some hair spray.

HULL further advised that the man said, "Look, I'll show you something" and he took him outside to where a 1966-1967 Lincoln Continental was parked and said that he had somewhere around $1,000 worth of clothing in the trunk. The man then opened the trunk and HULL advised that he saw what he considered well over $1,000 worth of fine clothing.

HULL described the car as a Lincoln Continental, in very good condition, light green with a black convertible top, bearing Kentucky tags. It had a numerical figure 4 in the tag number, which HULL thought to be the second digit. HULL also stated that he saw in the back seat of the car a dark leather golf bag with wheels and a lot of golf clubs.

After the man closed the trunk, HULL then went to Walgreens, located at the Plaza Shopping Center, and made the purchases requested by the man.

HULL further advised that on Sunday, May 12, 1968, at about 3:00 p.m., he saw the man again at Room [redacted] when he again called for room service. HULL stated that the following conversation took place:

The man said, "Look here, I want you to get me something to eat. Is there someplace you can get me some sandwiches?" HULL answered by stating that he could go to the Steak and Shake or Mc Donald's. The man responded, "Is that something where you can get hamburgers?" To this HULL answered "Yes". The man stated "I want two cheeseburgers, one Coke and some ice." The man gave HULL $5 at that time and HULL went to the Steak and Shake to make the purchases. Upon returning, the man in Room [redacted] gave him a $1.70 tip.

HULL stated that he did not see the man again until late Sunday night, May 12, 1968. He said that he was in Room [redacted] talking with one of the maids by the name of [redacted] about the man in Room [redacted]. The door of that room was open at that time. They both heard a noise somewhat similar to that of an electric motor and upon looking out of the doorway, they both saw the man in Room [redacted] by the Lincoln Continental. As the man turned toward Room [redacted] jumped back in surprise or fright and told [redacted] that was the man who shot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

HULL described the man resembling RAY is a man who was medium built, who had brown hair, and who had a small or what appeared to be a small spot or white colored mark on

the upper lip. He was wearing light colored trousers, probably white, a black turtle neck T-shirt or a sweater with short sleeves, and tan cloth-type shoes.

RUSSELL viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and stated that the photograph taken in 1968 of subject RAY was very similiar to the man in Room [redacted].

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SL: 44-775 RE: LOOK ALIKE - [redacted]
CSD:jmb

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

JACK J. SEDIVY, [redacted] St. Ann, Missouri, Desk Clerk for the Holiday Inn North, advised on May 13, 1968, that he saw the occupant of Room [redacted] come into the office with another man. He remembered JANET WILLIAMS asked the men if they were together. SEDIVY stated that he heard a remark similar to "We're not married".

SEDIVY stated that JANET sent the occupant of Room [redacted] down to him and he stated that he did not pay attention to the occupant of Room [redacted] or the man that came in with him because he was in the process of checking the occupant out. He said he believed he remembered seeing the man at about eye level, which would indicate that the man was probably about five feet, seven inches. SEDIVY stated that the man had black hair which was short; he had dark blue eyes; little bit better than medium build; had straight teeth when he smiled; and had no visible scars or marks. He described the other man that came into the room with the occupant as being approximately six feet, one inche; about 30 years old; light brown hair; smartly styled hair; 180 to 190 pounds.

Upon viewing Wanted Flyer 442-A and police photograph dated October 10, 1959, SEDIVY advised that the occupant that checked out of Room [redacted] looked more like the police photograph taken October 10, 1959. He stated, "I could almost swear it was him."

SEDIVY stated that after the men left the office, he saw a car pull around to the vending machines at the side of the building and then take off. He said that was the last time he saw both men and the car.

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SL: 44-775 SE: [illegible] - [redacted]
CSD:jmb

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

ROBERT LEE HULL, [redacted], St. Louis, Missouri, the bus driver at the Holiday Inn North, furnished six $1 bills for fingerprint examination in that one of the bills was part of a tip received by him from the occupant in Room [redacted] denomination and serial numbers are as follows:

$1	A39960488
$1	[illegible]5633
$1	[illegible]
$1	[illegible]
$1	[illegible]33
$1	[illegible]

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SL: 44-775 RE: LOOK ALIKE - [redacted]
LSD:jmb

The following investigation was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at St. Louis County, Missouri, on May 13, 1968:

FRANK ERCKELFORST, [redacted] Florissant, Missouri, Auditor for the Holiday Inn North, advised that he is employed at the Holiday Inn North and that he had worked from 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, until 3:00 p.m. that same date. He stated that he checked a man in at about 1:38 p.m. on May 11, 1968, and assigned him Room [redacted]. He stated that he did not remember what the man looked like nor did he see anyone else with him.

He advised that he questioned the man's signature on the check-in card because it was different from that on a credit card which he presented. The man replied that he was using his sister's-in-law credit card.

ERCKELFORST stated that he checked to see if the credit card was on a list of bad credit cards; he found out that it did not appear. He then rented the room to the man.

ERCKELFORST viewed Wanted Flyer 442-A and photograph taken at St. Louis Police Department October 17, 1933, and stated that he could not recall whether or not the man resembled the photographs.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unit of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order".

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

The third source advised in August, 1964, that the organization has a headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,
KLAVERN #14,
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

A source advised that on October 25, 1965, at a meeting of the National States Rights Party of Missouri, a speaker identified himself as a member of, and organizer for, the Klan and requested all persons interested in joining the Klan to see him after the meeting that on November 30, 1965, the first organizational meeting of Klavern #14 was held at 2806 North Grand Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri; that on January 14, 1966, William Lon Lockhart announced at a meeting held at El Monti Tavern, 5201 Southwest Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, that he had been commissioned by the Grand Dragon of the State of Missouri, and was granted a charter to institute a new klavern in St. Louis, Missouri by James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. On August 9, 1967, source advised that the klavern was called Klavern #14 and currently holds its initiations and meetings at rented halls in St. Louis, Missouri.

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Section 63

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - DeLoach
1 - Rosen
1 - Gale

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: July 2, 1968

FROM : C. D. DeLOACH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. Rosen, very properly, advised me this afternoon that SAC Jensen, Memphis, had called the Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division, relative to a call he, Jensen, had received from Shelby County Prosecutor Canale, as well as a later call received from Assistant Attorney General Stephen Pollak.

Prosecutor Canale called Jensen to say there appeared to be somewhat of a problem involving Stephens, the important witness who saw James Earl Ray leaving the flophouse, 420 South Main Street, immediately following the assassination of King. Stephens is a drunk, is disreputable, and of course there can be no assurance as to his whereabouts unless he is closely followed. Canale called Jensen to indicate a desire that the FBI take Stephens into protective custody and hold him until the trial of James Earl Ray. Jensen, very properly, told Canale that the FBI could not do this. Canale replied that if Jensen didn't mind he would call Assistant Attorney General Pollak about the matter. Jensen told Canale that it was entirely up to him as to whether or not he called Pollak.

Apparently Canale did call Pollak and immediately thereafter Pollak placed a long distance call to our SAC, Jensen in Memphis. Jensen called FBI Headquarters before answering Pollak's call.

I told Rosen to call SAC Jensen back and tell him that he should answer Assistant Attorney General Pollak's call but to flatly inform Pollak that he should deal with FBI Headquarters rather than attempting to deal directly with our SACs in the field.

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In the meantime, I attempted to call Pollak. In his absence, I talked with Bob Owen, Pollak's first assistant. I told Owen that Pollak nor any other Assistant Attorney General should attempt to deal directly with our SACs inasmuch as such attempts merely lead to confusion and inefficiency. I stated also that our SACs, of necessity, would clear with FBI Headquarters prior to putting into effect any instructions issued by the Department of Justice. Owen replied that he agreed and he did not know why

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MEMO TO: MR. TOLSON
RE: MURKIN

Pollak had called Jensen directly. He stated that Pollak probably desired to discuss the Canale call. I interrupted Owen and told him I was well aware of Canale's request, that the FBI had no intentions whatsoever of acting as a "baby sitter" for the Shelby County Prosecutor's Office. I stated this is a problem strictly for the Prosecutor and not one for the FBI. Owen stated that he also agreed with this statement and that in his opinion Canale should attempt to get a capable detective to "sit with" Stephens until the James Earl Ray trial took place.

Assistant Attorney General Pollak returned my call at 5:35 p.m. He told me he regretted getting in wrong channels and that perhaps he should have called Rosen or me prior to attempting to reach SAC Jensen. I told him this was absolutely right and that he should realize better efficiency would be accomplished by going through proper channels. He stated he would be guided accordingly in the future.

We then thoroughly discussed the Canale request and Pollak told me Canale had made no such request of him. He said Canale apparently told our SAC one thing and then when he called Pollak he merely asked advice. I told Pollak nevertheless Canale should realize that the FBI would not be his "baby sitter." Pollak agreed. He stated he had made a record of Canale's call to him and that while he had refused to offer Canale any advice, he had ventured the thought that protective custody of Stephens might ruin him as a witness. He stated that the proposition had been discussed that some detective might take Stephens fishing until the James Earl Ray case took place. I told him this, of course, was entirely up to the Shelby County Prosecutor's Office and not the FBI.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

Very properly handled.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 6/5/68

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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As has been set forth in detail in prior memoranda the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) have located a passport application in Toronto in the name "Ramon George Sneyd" dated April 16, 1968. There is a photograph of "Sneyd" taken April 11, affixed to certain of the papers and the photograph strongly resembles subject James Earl Ray. We have compared, with known writing of James Earl Ray, the hand printing on a letter directed by "Sneyd" to a travel agency in Toronto together with the signatures appearing on the three documents submitted in connection with passport application and have found that these were prepared by subject Ray. The General Investigative Division has been advised and a teletype is being sent to Legat Ottawa, Memphis and to Buffalo.

In addition, a portrait parle comparison has been made between the passport photograph of "Sneyd" and known photograph of the subject and although there are not enough individual characteristics to make a positive identification, the many similarities found strongly suggest that passport photograph of "Sneyd" is actually a photograph of subject Ray.

ACTION: None. For information.

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1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Trotter
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer

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FBI

Date: 6/24/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

On 6/24/68 Mr. NIGEL MAW, the British solicitor who is handling the extradition of RAY on behalf of the States of Tennessee and Missouri, telephonically advised as follows:

MAW is in receipt of a letter bearing letterhead: "GULLETT, STEEL, SANFORD & WHITE, 17th Floor, Life and Casualty Building, Nashville, Tennessee". The letter is signed by "B. B. GULLETT". The letter advises Mr. MAW that Mr. GULLETT has been advised by the Governor of Tennessee that MAW is handling this matter and GULLETT and his wife are scheduled to arrive London on July 10th, staying at the Mayfair Hotel until July 15. GULLETT indicates he is a member of the Tennessee State Legislature. In this letter GULLETT states he would like to have a conference with MAW, lunch and visit an English court.

MAW says he does not want to do anything that could possibly embarrass the U.S. Government in this matter and he would appreciate if he could be furnished any information available denoting whether or not GULLETT is the type of man he should see.

For the Bureau's information, MAW has handled many extradition matters for the Embassy, many involving UFAP fugitives and he has always been extremely cooperative with this office; consequently, the Bureau is requested to check Bureau files and furnish any available information concerning GULLETT or his law firm.

ID 3 - Bureau
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
JTM:vw
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 6-24-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN.: CRIME RECORDS

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN

Relet from Director to THOMAS L. BOARDMAN, Editor, "Cleveland Press", Cleveland, Ohio, 6/17/68.

On 6/19/68, I personally contacted Mr. BOARDMAN, who is an SAC Contact, and again personally thanked him for the editorial entitled "Superb Police Work" in the captioned case, which appeared in the June 10th issue of his paper.

Mr. BOARDMAN indicated at this time he greatly appreciated the personal letter he received from Mr. Hoover on 6/17/68. He indicated that the investigation was a classic example of outstanding police work and certainly a credit to the Bureau. Mr. BOARDMAN indicated that he would see that the original cartoon, which is enclosed herewith, prepared by BILL ROBERTS, was obtained and forwarded to Director Hoover.

It is respectfully requested that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. BILL ROBERTS, Cleveland Press, 901 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, for furnishing his original cartoon concerning the RAY investigation.

Indices Cleveland Division would not preclude honoring this request.

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4-Bureau (Enclosure) 1X-105
3-Cleveland
CGC:DG
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M _____ Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

No Place to Hide



41-3111-411

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 26, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Subject James Earl Ray escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on 4/23/67, and the very first account we had of him after his escape was in Montreal, Canada, where he appeared on 7/18/67. A preliminary survey was made of fugitives apprehended in Canada during the Summer of 1967, and as a result thereof, it was ascertained that one [redacted] who was an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, was apprehended in Campbells Bay, Quebec, Canada, on [redacted] was a [redacted] and was being sought for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Confinement - Armed Robbery.

In view of the above, [redacted] was interviewed at the Missouri State Penitentiary where he was confined and he stated that he was not acquainted with James Earl Ray, the subject of the MURKIN investigation. Since [redacted] had been apprehended in Canada, he was questioned as to the [redacted] at this time, stated that it is very easy to [redacted] It is to be noted that during July and August of 1967, subject Ray resided at 2589 Notre Dame Rue in Montreal, Canada.

As a result of the information furnished by [redacted] our Legal Attache in Canada was requested to contact the appropriate Canadian officials to determine if [redacted] could be made by them for the period of 4/23/67, to the present date. As a result of this project requested by us, it was determined the subject was [redacted] under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Enclosure

REC-18 44-4763

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REL:cs
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COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

The subject was subsequently apprehended in London, England, on 6-8-68, [redacted] under the name of Sneyd. [redacted] has been interviewed in depth concerning his activities in Canada, particularly [redacted] has furnished us complete details of his knowledge [redacted] s in a form suitable for dissemination to Canadian authorities. (Copy attached for information.)

On 6-21-68, Arthur J. Hanes and his son, who practices law with him, visited Scotland Yard where they saw a Chief Inspector. We have been advised in confidence that Hanes requested an interview with Ray and was told he could not see him. He was asked the source of his fee and replied that he expected to collect his fee from Ray. When he was told that Ray is practically without funds, he apparently lost interest in seeing him and requested that Ray be given Hanes' business card, on the back of which he wrote, "Dear Mr. Sneyd. We made an effort to see you but will see you immediately upon arrival in the USA."

The Atlantic edition of "Time" magazine, 6-21-68, has been withdrawn from sale in England because of an article on pages 22-23 captioned "Ray's Odd Odyssey." This article includes details of the subject's prior criminal activities as well as a detailed summary of this case and his activities since July, 1967. Publication of such material concerning a defendant under pending charges is strictly prohibited by British law.

ACTION:

1. We are forwarding to the Legal Attache, Ottawa, the letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to be transmitted by the Legal Attache [redacted]

2. We are pursuing all aspects in a most expedite manner.

June 28, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa

REC-18

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reference Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 6/18/68.

Enclosed for Legat Ottawa are 3 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting interview with [redacted] who is presently [redacted] Missouri. The contents of the letterhead memorandum [redacted]

You may disseminate this letterhead memorandum to appropriate Canadian authorities in view of the contents thereof. The dissemination of this should, in no way, be connected with the MURKIN case.

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COMM-FBI

Enclosures (3)

1 - Memphis (Info)

1 - Foreign Liaison

REL:pah
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NOTE: See memorandum Rosen to DeLoach dated 6/26/68, captioned "MURKIN," REL:cs.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
June 18, 1968

MURKIN

[redacted] who was captured [redacted] after escaping from Missouri State Penitentiary, is currently [redacted] and during re-interview on June 14, 1968, he advised as follows:

It is much easier to [redacted] He said he is not familiar with [redacted] contacts in Toronto, but is [redacted] He advised that there is no difficulty in passing over to Canada from the United States. [redacted] and perhaps light "dope" such as marijuana. He is the type of person [redacted] describes as a "hustler". [redacted] advised that [redacted] this is furnished through a [redacted] stated he was also told this [redacted] to validate the record should any question arise. He said he doubts this, and it could be it was used as a "come along".

[redacted] fills out the [redacted] and puts [redacted] If you do not know a [redacted] he will provide the name of one and [redacted]. The cost of a [redacted] runs from $25 to $150 depending on the amount of work [redacted] said his [redacted] was applied for on Friday and it was furnished to him by [redacted] on the following Monday or Tuesday ready to be [redacted]

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

[redacted]dvised that the best method, and the one he would have used had he had a chance to study the matter, is as follows: [redacted]

[redacted]e did not actually use it because he studied the system in the meantime, and then sent his [redacted]

He said it is also possible to obtain [redacted]. A person does not actually have to have [redacted] as this requirement will be waived.

In connection with "crossing over" to Canada, [redacted] said this presents no problem. He said the first time he crossed it was at Plattsburg, New York, about nine or ten days after he escaped [redacted] He had hitch-hiked a ride from New York City. He showed a drivers license he had as identification. He believed it was in the name of [redacted] This time he was asked why he was going to Canada and for how long. He said he replied he was going for two weeks if his money held out. [redacted] stated he went back and forth six or eight times while he was an escapee, and except this once, he was never questioned or required to show any identification. He said the best plan is to pick one of the busiest places to cross. This could be the International Bridge at Detroit, Michigan, and at Plattsburg, New York.

[redacted] also advised persons entering Canada in a fugitive status like to leave the United States from a busy airport such as New York City, and go to Montreal. He said customs are so busy they merely spot check certain passengers and do not ask for identification.

[redacted] advised that the information he has was picked up by him by reading regulations and [redacted] and the system is not hard to understand.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] He said he met some of these but [redacted] said he recalled one "hustler" who [redacted] and can get about anything one would want in the way of [redacted]. He stated [redacted] also traffics in prostitution and may handle a little "pot".

Another associate of [redacted] deals in "dirty pictures, pot, and generally hustles" for [redacted] He said this man is a "blatant homosexual".

Another associate [redacted] He has been "rapped" in Montreal for "hot" cars.

[redacted] said he was arrested and put in jail at Ottawa, Canada. [redacted] came to see him and offered him a lot of services for a price. He wanted $350 and took care of some things for [redacted] He said for another $1000 he could get [redacted] but he sent this message through [redacted] was the person authorities would not let him re-visit [redacted] advised he turned down the offer of [redacted] and stated he was deported on [redacted] Therefore, [redacted] would have had a visit with him between July 1 and August 9, 1967. [redacted] further advised he was using the name of [redacted] while living in Canada.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

524PM URGENT 7-2-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND CLEVELAND
FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN, CR.

DAVIS SUBSTATION, U. S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, TENN., INTERCEPTED A PACKAGE FROM THE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK SERVICE OFFICES, THREE THREE FOUR WEST CENTER STREET, MARION, OHIO, DIRECTED TO ERIC S. GALT, LORAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENN., ON JULY ONE LAST. THIS PACKAGE CONTAINED THREE VOLUMES OF "THE AMERICAN HERITAGE, HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES." THE INVOICE ACCOMPANYING THIS PACKAGE WHICH WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTYSEVEN DOLLARS FORTY CENTS BORE THE LEGEND E SPACE TWO NINE D EIGHT SPACE FOUR R ZERO ONE SPACE F THREE EIGHT ONE ZERO TWO GLT SPACE E ONE TWO. USPO DEPARTMENT WILL RETURN THESE BOOKS TO THE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK SERVICE OFFICES NEXT WEEK.

CLEVELAND, AT MARION, OHIO, IDENTIFY INDIVIDUAL PLACING ORDER FOR THESE BOOKS. P.

END.

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FBI WASH DC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

DATE: 7/3/68

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (100-2082)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68.

Following are best figures available since case inception through June 30, 1968:

(1) Number of man hours spent on case:

REGULAR HOURS		OVERTIME HOURS	
Special Agents	Clerical	Special Agents	Clerical
61'	43'	43'20"	5'30"

(2) Total mileage: None

(3) Unusual and out-of-the ordinary costs:

Air fare Paris/London/Lisbon/Paris	$202.73
Air fare Madrid/Lisbon/Madrid	40.80
	$243.53
Taxi fares in Lisbon	$ 10.60
10 phone calls to Lisbon @ $6.00	60.00
Contact expenses	30.60
	$344.73

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case - 2.

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3 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
1 - Paris
NWP:AM
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FBI

Date: JULY 3, 1968

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED (Priority)

(44-38861)

TO: Director, FBI ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: Legat, Rome (44-2) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

REBUCAB July 2, 1968.

The following information is based on best figures available since case inception in April, 1968:

(1) MAN HOURS

Regular - Agent	24
Overtime - Agent	2
Regular - Clerical	14
Overtime - Clerical	2

(2) MILEAGE

Bureau cars	0
Personally owned cars	0

(3) UNUSUAL COSTS 0

(4) NUMBER OF AGENTS WORKING ON CASE 2

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4 - Bureau (1 - Liaison)
1 - Rome
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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

457PM URGENT 7-2-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P.2)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY ONE LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED HE LEARNED THROUGH INQUIRY QUINCY, ILLINOIS, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON IN QUINCY WITH ASSOCIATE JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). COVINGTON AND HEINTZ FREQUENTED CANNON'S BAR AND THE BARN IN QUINCY. INFORMAIN ENDEAVORING TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION ON ACTIVITIES IN QUINCY AND ON HEINTZ.

DRIVER'S LICENSE RECORDS REFLECT DRIVER'S LICENSE #C ONE FIVE TWO - THREE FIVE SIX THREE - SEVEN TWO ZERO EIGHT ISSUED JUNE FIFTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYONE TO HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON TWO FOUR FIVE WEST NINETEENTH STREET, ALTON, ILLINOIS. THIS LICENSE EXPIRED JULY TWENTYTWO NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR AND DESCRIBES HIM AS FIVE FEET EIGHT, ONE HUNDRED SIXTY POUNDS, DATE OF BIRTH JULY TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN, BROWN HAIR AND

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BLUE EYES. RECORDS ALSO REFLECT COVINGTON ARRESTED MARCH NINETEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, FIFTEEN MILES EAST OF GRANTS, NEW MEXICO ON U. S. ROUTH SIXTYSIX FOR HAVING NO DRIVER'S LICENSE.

NA CHECK OF MVB RECORDS FOR NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SIXTY-EIGHT FAILED TO REFLECT ANY VEHICLES REGISTERED OR TITLED TO HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON.

ALBUQUERQUE LEADS BEING HANDLED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION RE COVINGTON'S CITATION MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

CORR: ~~PAGE 2 LXX PARA 1 SHD READ A CHECK OF MVB RCXX RECORDS~~---

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JUL 2 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

550 PM URGENT 7-2-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2 P

MURKIN

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL CANALE, MEMPHIS, ADVISED SAC HIS OFFICE HAS BEEN CONSIDERING WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH CHARLES Q. STEPHENS. STEHPENS, AS BUREAU IS AWARE, IS PRINCIPAL WITNESS AS HE WAS RESIDENT OF ROOMING HOUSE IN MEMPHIS WHERE SUBJECT STAYED. STEPHENS HAS PROPENSITY FOR DRINKING AND FREQUENTS LOW CLASS BARS. STEPHENS RETURNED TO MEMPHIS FRIDAY LAST AFTER HAVING SPENT SEVERAL DAYS AT RELATIVE S FARM. SINCE THAT TIME MEMPHIS PD HAS MAINTAINED COVERAGE OF STEPHENS. AG CANALE EXPRESSED SOME FEAR THAT BECAUSE OF STEPHENS' HABITS SOME HARM MIGHT COME TO HIM BEFORE TRIAL OF RAY.

AG CANALE ADVISED THERE APPEARED TWO ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO HIM, THE FIRST TO MAKE EFFORTS TO SECRETE STEPHENS SOMEWHERE UNTIL TRIAL, OR SECOND TO TAKE HIM INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. CHIEF OF POLICE LUX AND SHERIFF WILLIAM B. MORRIS PRESSED CANALE TO MAKE SOME DECISION AS TO WHAT COULD BE DONE IN CONNECTION WITH STEPHENS. CHIEF LUX WAS POSITIVE IN REQUESTING CANALE EXPLORE ALL LEGAL AVENUES TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT STEPHENS MIGHT NOT BE TAKEN

END PAGE ONE

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EX-111

CC -

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. CANALE ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS SOME BASIS UNDER WHICH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE STEPHENS INTO CUSTODY. HE WAS TOLD BY SAC THAT STEPHENS WAS, OF COURSE, MATERIAL WITNESS IN STATE CASE AND SAC HAD NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO HOW FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT TAKE STEPHENS INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO AG CANALE THAT RETURN OF SUBJECT FROM ENGLAND WAS BASED ON STATE REQUEST AND THAT STEPHENS' TESTIMONY WOULD BE GIVEN IN STATE CASE AND THAT DECISION AS TO WHAT TO DO RE STEPHENS SHOULD BE MADE BY HIM. AG CANALE INDICATED HE WOULD CALL ASST.-ATTORNEY GENERAL STEVE POLLACK OF THE CIVIL RIGHT DIVISION, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, TO DETERMINE WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE SOME BASIS ON WHICH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD TAKE SOME ACTION IN REGARD TO CHARLES Q. STEPHENS.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENT AND THIS IS SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION. P.

END.

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FBI WASH DC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. D. J. Brennan, Jr.

DATE: 7/3/68

FROM : B. C. Rachner

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Liaison was requested to discuss with the State Department the feasibility of an inquiry by State of the Swiss Government regarding the possibility that James Earl Ray may have a bank account in Switzerland.

On 7/1/68 Mr. Lawrence Gruza, Office of Security, State, advised that Swiss bank accounts are considered by the Swiss Government to be "sacred" under the Swiss Bank Secrecy Act and that State had had little success in the past in gaining access to such information. Gruza pointed out that through diplomatic channels State has, in isolated cases, been able to obtain Swiss bank information by meeting the following requirements: (1) the U. S. crime involved is similarly a crime in Switzerland, (2) a copy of the indictment is made available to the Swiss, (3) information is furnished strongly indicating that an account actually existed. Gruza explained that the Swiss would undoubtedly deny any request for bank information if at least the above requirements are not met.

ACTION:

For information of the Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division.

BCR:clb
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1 - C. L. McGowan (Long)
1 - Liaison
1 - B. C. Rachner

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FBI

Date: 7/5/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: Legat, Tokyo (173-1) (P) Attn: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68.

As requested in recab, the following figures represent the statistics of the Tokyo Office in the various categories for captioned matter:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total
1. Special Agent	27' 15"	7'	34'15"
Clerical	7' 15"	0'	7'15"
			41'30"

2. Total Mileage: Personally-owned car - 22 miles

3. Unusual Costs: None (All transoceanic calls to Taiwan and Korea made over military lines are gratis.)

4. Number of SA's Utilized: One

3 - Bureau (1 - Liaison Section)
1 - Tokyo

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI
ATTN: Administrative Division

DATE: 7/5/68

FROM : Legat, Bern (88-21) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68.

1 - Number of Man Hours Spent on Case through 6/30/68:

Special Agent	4
Clerical	2
Overtime	None
2 - Mileage	None
3 - Unusual costs	None
4 - No. SAs working on Case	1

(3) - Bureau
(1 - Liaison)
1 - Bern
HDG:rn
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FBI

Date: 7/5/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype 7/3/68.

RE RAYMOND CURTIS
INTERVIEW IN COUNTY
JAIL AT DALTON, GA.

Enclosed herewith for Little Rock and Memphis is one copy of referenced teletype.

PAUL J. DENNIS, Vice-President, Vicksburg Mid River Service, Inc. advised on 7/5/68, that (FNU) WILLETT owned a houseboat known as the "Nell Willie", a diesel-powered ship capable of travel on the Mississippi. (FNU) WILLETT was described as an elderly man who was crippled and used a cane. He and his wife, whose name is believed to be NELL, took vacation trips on his houseboat approximately twice a year, securing the services of a Mississippi River pilot to operate the boat for them. (FNU) WILLETT is believed to have died approximately two years ago. He is believed to have been a resident of the State of Arkansas and to have docked his houseboat at the Greenville, Miss. Yacht Club.

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WILLIE SMITH, a Negro male employee of the Greenville, Miss. Yacht Club, advised on 7/5/68, that the correct name of the houseboat is the "Nell Willis" and that it was owned by a (FNU) WILLIS, who died about two or three years ago. NELL WILLIS, wife of (FNU) WILLIS, is still ~~living and~~

3-Bureau (RM)
2-Memphis (Enc. 1)
2-Jackson
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2-Little Rock (Enc. 1)

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residing in or around Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Following the death of Mr. WILLIS, the houseboat was sold to SONNY (LNU), a member of the Memphis, Tenn. Yacht Club, who is believed to be a Mississippi River pilot.

WILLIE SMITH advised that Mr. WILLIS was always considerate of Negroes and gave no indication of anti-Negro sentiments.

UACB the following leads will be covered:

LEADS:

LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

AT PINE BLUFF, ARK.

Will locate and interview NELL WILLIS in order to substantiate information set out in enclosed teletype.

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Will attempt to locate and interview SONNY (LNU) in order to either prove or disprove the information contained in enclosed teletype.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 5, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At 2:30 p. m., 7/4/68, Legat John Minnick, London, advised that London press reports that Alabama attorney Arthur J. Hanes is due to arrive in London at 8:20 a. m., Friday, 7/5/68, for the purpose of seeing James Earl Ray.

Minnick advised that Hanes has been authorized by British authorities to see Ray as a private person, but not as an attorney with an attorney-client relationship. Minnick advised that this means Hanes and Ray will be separated by a glass partition and prison guards will be present.

ACTION:

This is for information.

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FBI

Date: 7/5/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68.

Figures requested inception through June 30 are:

MAN HOURS - Special Agents Assigned London

Regular - 94 hours 7 mins.
Overtime- 109 hrs. 34 mins.

MAN HOURS - Special Agents MARTINDALE, ZEISS and BOUNDS on Special, London

Regular - 2,090 hours 8 mins.
Overtime- 664 hours 66 mins.

MAN HOURS - GEORGE BONEBRAKE, Identification Division on Special, London.

Regular - 34 hours, 7 mins.
Overtime- 6 hours.

CLERK-STENO HOURS -

Regular - 59 hours, 50 mins.
Overtime- 47 hours 21 mins.

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MILEAGE -

Personally owned automobiles
Miles - 280 @ 10¢ =$28.00

2 - Bureau
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Lon 88-72

UNUSUAL OUT OF ORDINARY COSTS

1. One-way air ticket purchased for SA MARTINDALE, London-Lisbon from Office Fund. $88.72

2. Contacts costs - Office Fund 56.26

3. Office GTRs issued MARTINDALE, ZEISS & BOUNDS, London-Wash.D.C. and return, air economy
   3 @ $517.30 each - $1,551.90

NUMBER OF SAs WORKING ON CASE

Assigned London - Approx. $1\frac{1}{4}$ agents

On Special - London -

ZEISS & BOUNDS, 6 - 9 to Noon 6-19-68.
MARTINDALE, 6/9 to Noon 6-25-68
BONEBRAKE , 6/24 to Noon 6-28-68.

Note no per diem figures or other costs included for ZEISS, BOUNDS, MARTINDALE or BONEBRAKE as presume this will be obtained from their 1012E vouchers.

July 5, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. McDonough

TO: SAC, Memphis

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Attached for your information is pertinent information in this case furnished by Legat London.

Enclosures (2)

EJM:mt
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MAILED 9
JUL 5 1968
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VIA TELETYPE

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

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June 17, 1968

MR. DeLoach:

Attached for your information are clippings from London newspapers in connection with the apprehension of James Earl Ray. These clippings were sent in by the Legal Attache in London.

S. B. Donahoe

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King man

By
OWEN SUMMERS and JAMES LEITHWAITE in London and DONALD McLACHLAN in New York

JAMES Earl Ray, the man America has indicted for the murder of Dr Luther King, played cards and chatted with his police guards yesterday.

Forty-year-old Ray, hunted in five countries since the assassination on April 4, is being held under 24-hour double guard in London's Cannon Row police station.

British and American detectives piecing together his movments during the past two months found that he lived in London hotels for three weeks in between visits to Portugal.

He was arrested on Saturday when he flew into London on his way to Brussels.

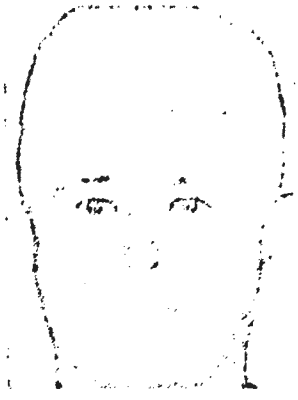
In Cannon Row police station yesterday Ray sat in shirtsleeves on the edge of his foam-rubber mattress in a sparsely furnished cell.

The brown jacket he was wearing when he was held at Heathrow Airport lay folded on his bed.

On the orders of Detective Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler, head of Scotland Yard Flying Squad, two Flying Squad men working in eight-hour shifts must stay with Ray day and night.

And this morning when he is taken to Bow Street court at least 20 Flying Squad detectives, some of them likely to be armed, will drive in the column of cars.

Ray will appear in court at 10.30 a.m. charged with illegally having a firearm and ammunition and with holding a forged passport.



ON APRIL 17 the FBI said this was Eric Starvo Galt, sought for questioning after Dr Martin Luther King's murder



ON MAY 7, the FBI issued this picture of Ray and said it was taken in Mexico last year



ON APRIL 19 they issued this picture of James Earl Ray and said he and Galt were the same man



ON THE SAME DAY, they issued this picture of Ray and said it was taken in California early this year

He is said to have had two Canadian passports when he landed at Heathrow from Lisbon in a BEA Trident on his way to Brussels.

American moves to extradite Ray will be outlined at today's hearing, but the proceedings may drag out over the next few weeks. He has 28 days in which to appeal against an extradition order.

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dition America's A
Attorney-General, Mr
red Vinson, flew to London yesterday. He saw Ray and Superintendent Butler and then went to the United States Embassy.

Ray is almost certain to be remanded to Brixton Jail in South London. He will be put in the maxi security wing and he will wear distinctive prison overalls when moving outside his cell.

Meanwhile Cannon Row, the narrow thoroughfare which runs alongside the police station at the former site of Scotland Yard, was closed to all vehicles.

Only police officers, coming on duty in their own cars, were allowed into adjoining Derby Gate, which leads from the police station entrance into Whitehall.

While Ray sleeps his two guards sit silently under low-power lights.

Civilian staff must show their passes if they have to go near the narrow, guarded corridor leading to the cell.

Ray's cell 'school' is in austere surroundings. There are no pictures on the walls.

The mattress overlaps a plain wooden bed; there are a table and chairs for the detectives.

Captive and captors get their meals from the canteen at Cannon Row: often prepared by one or two of the four coloured kitchen staff.

There is a strong theory that the murder of Dr King, the Negro Civil Rights leader, at Memphis, Tennessee, was connected with a powerful U.S.-based Right-Wing political group with vast connections and financial resources in Europe.

But America's Attorney-General, Mr Ramsey Clark, said on American TV yesterday that there was no conspiracy in this or the two Kennedy killings.

He said the evidence was 'overwhelmingly clear' that a single man in each case was

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THE MAN

behind the murders. 'At this time we have no evidence that Dr King's killer was not acting alone,' he said.

The two-month trail which led to Heathrow Airport began in Canada a few days after the murder of Dr King.

On April 6 Ray checked into a boarding house in the Polish district of Toronto.

He signed himself Paul Bridgeman, the name of a local schoolteacher. Police believe it was chosen at random from a telephone directory.

Mrs Fela Szpakowsky, the landlady, found him a 'perfect gentleman' keeping regular hours.

Ray's bleak 15ft.-by-12ft. lodging-room had a television set, a 'Home sweet home' design and a picture of Christ.

He had a passport photo taken at Mabel Agnew's studio. The photographer, Margaret Eakin, thought he looked 'a normal business executive.'

One day a letter arrived for him from the provincial registrar's office, which issues birth certificates. That day Ray left the house and did not return.

On April 19 Ray moved to the city's Chinatown and rented a back single room in the home of Mr and Mrs Loo Sun. To them he was Ramon George Sneyd, a hotel porter.

Ironically, the real Sneyd is a Toronto policeman.

Mr and Mrs Loo Sun thought Ray a puzzling character. 'He used to disappear for days at a time. He hardly used the room at all,' said Mr Sun.

There were important things to do. Ray booked a 21-day excursion air ticket to London for £117 18s. 4d. at the Kennedy travel bureau on Bloor Street. He filled in a form and swore it was all true.

On April 25 Ray applied for a passport—to the fury of Washington, fugitives find passports easy to come by in Canada.

The passport was granted, but a spelling mistake was made and the name was written as 'Sneya,' a fact that was later to embarrass Ray.

Soon, the Canadian Mounted Police in Ottawa realised that the 'Sneyd' application was false and warned the FBI and London.

The Mounties searched more than 400,000 passport application records in the dead of night to ensure secrecy. They found Ray's picture over the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

FROM PAGE ONE

On May 5 Ray flew to London. But he escaped identification because his passport photograph bore no resemblance to the one issued to security authorities.

On May 7 he took a BEA flight to Lisbon. By this time the G-men were on his heels.

They trailed him through Portugal and Spain. But the order from Washington was here: *Do not arrest him.* The FBI feared extradition delays.

In Lisbon, Ray checked into the Hotel Portugal and took a room at £2 16s. a day on the first floor overlooking the quiet suburban street of João das Regras.

A hotel clerk said he went nightclubbing like a rich tourist,' sometimes until 6 a.m.

But when the 'rich tourist' left the hotel, chambermaid Maria Celeste, 31, said: 'He went without tipping me.'

On May 16 Ray proved once again that Canadian passports are easily obtainable by getting another 'at the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon.

He asked that the spelling of his name be corrected from 'Sneya' to Sneyd.

The Embassy told him the original passport would have to be cancelled, and issued a new one only after he had produced a birth certificate 'proving' his identity.

On May 17 Ray flew back to London with his new passport and stayed in two hotels.

Last week he returned to Lisbon, but stayed there only one day before taking a BEA Trident back to London.

On June 4, last Tuesday, the watching G-men warned Scotland Yard that Ray was planning to fly through London using one of his many aliases.

On June 8, last Saturday, Ray flew to London and the 65-day hunt—'the biggest manhunt in the history of the FBI,' said Attorney-General Ramsey Clark—was over.

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RAY SPENT 'LIKE RICH TOURIST'

LISBON, Sunday.

The man police have identified as James Earl Ray spent May 8-17 in Portgual, spending money in night clubs "like a rich tourist," Portuguese police said today.

Insp. Jose Paco, head of the Portuguese section of Interpol, said the man left Lisbon on May 17th on a flight for London. They had no official record of him after that.—U P I.

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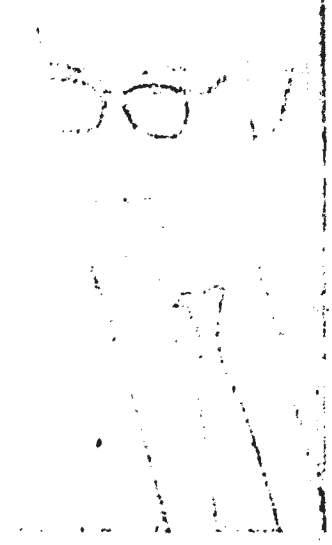
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r. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., United tates Assistant Attorney-eneral, outside the American mbassy in London yesterday.

LAW CHIEF 'LIES IN FOR XTRADITION

By JOHN WEEKS

MR. FRED M. VINSON, Jnr., United States ssistant Attorney-General, w into London yesterday "expedite the extradi-n" of James Earl Ray, o is wanted for question-by American police e-tigating the assassination Dr. Martin Luther King.

r. Vinson held a conference rotland Yard with Det. Chief Thomas Butler, Head of the 'S Flying Squad and Det. Insp. Kenneth Thompson.

y was arrested at Heathrow ort, London, on Saturday ing. He was later charged r the name of Ramon George d, with possessing a forged port and possessing a firearm ammunition without a certi-e. He was on his way to els.

st night Ray was being held annon Row police station. mmaster. A stringent security ation will be put into opera-for his appearance in court ow Street today.

EXTRADITION ORDER

Little difficulty

OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT WRITES: Little procedural difficulty is likely in the extradition of Ray to America to face a charge of murdering Dr. King.

A treaty providing for the extradition of alleged murderers has been in operation between Britain and America since 1794. Before a person can be extradited to America, a court here must be satisfied that there is a good claim for extradition. Final approval for the extradition rests with the Government.

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FBI praise for aid given by Scotland Yard

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT—Washington, June 9

The arrest of James Earl Ray was made on the basis of information supplied by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Scotland Yard, and police forces in other countries.

The announcement of the arrest in London came in the midst of the sorrow surrounding the funeral of Senator Robert Kennedy. Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Dr. King, was told of the arrest as she left St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral in New York yesterday morning. She bowed her head, but made no other response.

The Justice Department immediately announced that it would seek extradition of Mr. Ray on a murder indictment returned against him in Memphis, Tennessee, on May 7. In making the announcement of the arrest, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., praised Scotland Yard and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for their cooperation in the search

In Memphis - the city in which Dr. King was shot on April 4 as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel - the mayor, Mr. Henry Loeb, said he was delighted at the news of the arrest.

It is believed that Mr. Ray arrived in Toronto as early as four days after Dr. King was killed, before the warrant for his arrest was issued on April 17. Officials decline to say how he managed to leave the United States at a time when a general manhunt had begun.

Several times during the search police thought they had been able to trace Mr. Ray to definite locations—first in Florida, then in California, and then in Mexico—but each time the trail vanished. The F.B.I. also quietly concentrated the main emphasis of the search in Canada, because of its long, unguarded frontier with the United States and because it is said that Canadian passports are easy to obtain. It is common practice for criminals to take out a second passport, officials say, because they are able to alter this later to establish another fictitious identity.

It was also known that Mr. Ray had been in Canada previously. The F.B.I. now claims that he was in Montreal in the summer of 1967 when he enrolled, under the name of Eric Galt, in a correspondence course in locksmithing offered by a school in New Jersey.

In Resurrection City, the Poor People's camp in Washington, the Rev. Hosea Williams, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said that he was pleased about the arrest but added: "We are not as worried about that one man as we are about the whole sick evil system which produces violence."

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Photo clue in search for Ray

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT
OTTAWA, JUNE 9

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police have played a vital part in the search for James Earl Ray, wanted in connexion with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tennessee, two months ago.

Vital information concerning Mr. Ray was passed on to Scotland Yard and the Federal Bureau of Investigation a few days ago as the result of an intensive search of passport applications in Ottawa.

As soon as the F.B.I. began its investigations the R.C.M.P. were alerted, as has been confirmed by the Canadian Solicitor-General, Mr. John Turner. There had been reports that Mr. Ray had slipped across the border at Cornwall, Ontario, and had been seen in Montreal and Toronto.

As a matter of routine, the R.C.M.P. asked permission to examine the passport applications in the files of the External Affairs Department.

As the result of what has been described as a month-long search of "colossal" proportions, involving the scrutiny of between 200,000 and 400,000 applications, they found a photograph that looked like the wanted man.

Growing FBI doubts

Peter Hopkirk, who spent three weeks in the United States reporting the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King and the inquiries that followed writes:—

No one will be more anxious than the F.B.I. to discover whether James Earl Ray will be able to help them to find the answer to a question that all along has disturbed investigators into the murder of Dr. King.

Within hours of the shot being fired at Dr. King as he looked down from his Memphis motel balcony, they found themselves asking whether it was simply the work of one man.

President Johnson's Attorney General, Mr. Ramsay Clark, clearly had no such doubts. From the moment he flew into Memphis immediately after the murder he committed himself—and officially the F.B.I., too—to the "lone assassin" theory.

However, F.B.I. investigators to whom I spoke during the days after the shooting grew increasingly less confident of this as the weeks passed without an arrest. Their "massive trail of evidence", which at first had looked so promising, began to appear more and more as though perhaps it had been planted on them.

If evidence of a conspiracy does emerge no one would be more gratified than the F.B.I., for this would go a long way towards explaining how one man was able to tie the world's greatest investigative organization virtually in knots for more than two months.

While the discovery of such a plot—if one does exist—would save their blushes at the expense of their chief, the Attorney-General, this would not worry them unduly. For it is no secret in Washington that F.B.I. officers do not like Mr. Clark. Many of them did not hide their annoyance at his "one lone killer" judgment the morning after the murder.

The reasons that made F.B.I. men come round to the belief that several men might be involved were largely the same reasons that caused many other Americans to have doubts about Mr. Clark's theory.

One puzzling factor is the doubt expressed by several witnesses about whether the F.B.I.'s "wanted" photograph of Mr. Ray showed the man they saw. These witnesses included the man who claims to have sold Mr. Ray a white Mustang car.

There are other curious factors which raise doubts over the "lone killer" theory.

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Dr. KING SUSPECT THERE THREE WEEKS

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In Ottawa: RICHARD JACKSON

SCOTLAND YARD detectives have discovered that James Earl Ray, the man wanted by the F.B.I. in connection with the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, had been living in West London since mid-May.

They have traced four addresses in the area where he stayed—at one time, it is believed, with another man. This man's description has been flashed to police forces all over the world.

Ray, who has been charged with possessing a forged passport and possessing a loaded firearm without a certificate, was about to board a Brussels-bound plane at London Airport on Saturday when he was arrested.

HIS HOTEL

He was travelling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

But contrary to first reports that he had arrived by plane at Heathrow from Lisbon only hours earlier, Yard officers have established he had been in London for about three weeks.

He is thought to have flown from Lisbon between May 16—when he made an appearance at the Canadian Embassy there—and May 20. He is known to have been at a West London hotel on May 22.

Last night, as moves to speed up Ray's return to the United States gathered force, Scotland Yard experts, aided by the F.B.I. and the Canadian Mounted Police, were piecing together a timetable of his movements in the past two months.

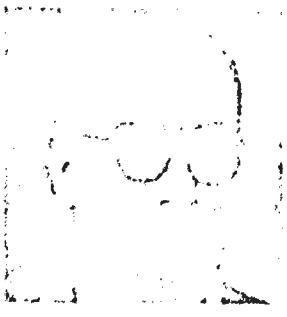
THE TRAIL began 12 days after Dr. King's assassination in Memphis, Tennessee, when Ray walked into a travel bureau in Toronto and booked a 21-day excursion to London for which he paid 345 dollars.

On May 7, he flew from Toronto on an Air Canada DC 8 arriving in London the following day.

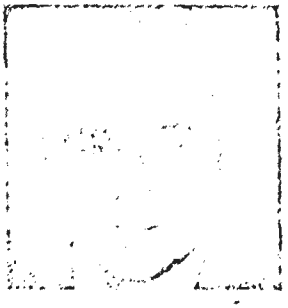
Here he cashed in the return half of his trans-Atlantic air ticket and immediately took a B.E.A. flight to Lisbon, booking a room at the Hotel Portugal at 15s. a day.

In the hotel's register, he gave his name as *Raymond George Sneya*. Under the heading of occupation he wrote "*Non*." He listed his nationality as Canadian.

His room was No. 2 on the first floor, overlooking shabby back street hardware and shoe shops.



FRED VINSON



TOMMY BUTLER

Room clerk Juan Santo described Ray as a quiet guest. "He paid his bill regularly and was extremely well behaved. He spent quite a lot of time in the room at rather odd hours, in during the day time and out at night," he said.

HIS HABITS

ANOTHER employee at the hotel, Louis Gentile, remembered: "Sometimes he would stay for days in his room and then go out and stay away for two days."

For nine days Ray remained in Lisbon. But before he checked out of his hotel on May 17, he paid a visit to the Canadian Embassy — again giving his name as Sneya.

THEN — probably on the same day Portuguese police believe—he returned to London.

His movements in the weeks before his arrest are not known — though Portuguese police can find no trace of him returning to Lisbon.

But the trail was already narrowing.

And when early last Saturday Special Branch men checking checks at London Airport spotted the name Sneyd typed on a passenger list for the 11.50 a.m. B.E.A. flight 466 to Brussels, they acted.

TODAY Ray — after two days in a round-the-clock guarded cell at Cannon Row police station—will be taken to Bow Street Court under heavy escort. At least two armed C.I.D. men will go with him.

Elsewhere, two men will be meeting at Scotland Yard to discuss means of transferring him to America.

They are: Mr. Fred M. Vinson, dapper Assistant Attorney-General and head of the Criminal Division of the U.S. Justice Department, who flew in to London yesterday, and Mr. Peter Brodie, Assistant Commissioner, Crime, at the Yard.

They have already been briefed by Crown legal advisers that formal extradition proceedings may not be necessary.

THIS procedure is only essential in cases where persons are apprehended solely on a charge for crimes in another country.

So the most probable course will be that after a week's remand in custody, the case will be heard fully.

And if Ray is convicted the magistrate will be asked to issue an immediate deportation order.

HIS ROUTE

If this does happen, Ray is likely to be flown from a U.S. Air Force base in a military airplane for security reasons.

Yesterday Mr. Vinson's first call after he arrived was at Scotland Yard — personally to thank Detective Chief Superintendent Tommy Butler and his British colleagues for the part they played in the arrest.

It was Butler who last year pleaded for a year's postponement in his retirement to fulfil his life's ambition—to catch all the Train Robbers.

Said Mr Vinson later: "I am glad I have the opportunity of paying tribute to the work of Scotland Yard—and the Canadian Mounted Police—whose co-operation with the F.B.I. in this matter was simply splendid."

And he added: "The feeling in the United States is one of great relief."

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S JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF INTERVIEWS KING CASE MAN



ed Vinson, of the United Justice Department, speaks alists outside the American Embassy in London.

Court appearance at Bow Street today

Mr. Fred M. Vinson jnr., assistant Attorney General and head of the criminal division of the United States Department of Justice, arrived in London yesterday and interviewed the man said to be James Earl Ray, wanted in connexion with the murder in Memphis of Dr. Martin Luther King, the Negro civil rights leader.

The Justice Department in Washington announced that it will seek extradition of Mr. Ray on a murder indictment returned against him in Memphis on May 7.

Mr. Ray will appear at Bow Street court today. He was arrested by Scotland Yard officers at Heathrow Airport on Saturday, and charged at Cannon Row police station with possessing a forged passport and having a firearm without a certificate.

Mr. Vinson said there were great feelings of relief throughout America at the news of the arrest.

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BY A STAFF REPORTER

Mr. Vinson, speaking from the steps of the American Embassy in Grosvenor Square, said: "The principal reason I am here is to assist in expediting the return of the prisoner to America. I also want to pay tribute to the work of Scotland Yard and the Royal Canadian Mounties for their co-operation with the F.B.I."

He would not comment on the events which had led up to the arrest or say what his next steps would be. He had seen Mr. Ray and had talks at Scotland Yard with officers including Detective-chief-superintendent Thomas Butler, head of the Flying Squad. Mr. Vinson refused to say whether he would be applying for an extradition order, and added that it was doubtful if he would be returning to America with the prisoner.

The man said by the F.B.I. to be Mr. Ray was in transit at Heathrow on his way between Lisbon and Brussels. He gave his name as Ramon George Sneyd, aged 35, born in Toronto, Canada, of no fixed address and unemployed. His arrest was made as a result of contacts between the F.B.I., Scotland Yard, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

F.B.I. men in London were yesterday checking the movements of Mr. Ray. They think he may already have spent some time in London. He was arrested as a result of a secret message from the F.B.I. that he was in Europe.

Detective-superintendent William Marchant ordered an all-ports watch by Special Branch men. Mr. Ray was first seen at London Airport by an immigration officer who called Special Branch officers.

Our Legal Correspondent writes:—

When Mr. Ray appears at Bow Street magistrates' court today it is likely that he will be remanded on the two charges of having a firearm without a certificate and possessing a forged passport.

An application for his extradition is not expected to be made until Mr. Vinson has conferred with the authorities here. Unless Mr. Ray volunteers to return to the United States, proceedings will be brought before the magistrate at Bow Street to effect his extradition.

Such proceedings are similar to a committal; a *prima facie* case must be made out before an extradition order can be made. Mr. Ray must be told of his right to be represented and to be granted legal aid for the purpose if appropriate.

If an extradition order is made, Mr. Ray must be given time to challenge the proceedings by applying for a writ of *habeas corpus* in the High Court, and to go through the normal processes of appeal. This might take several weeks.

The extradition treaty between Britain and the United States applies to offences under both state and federal law. Murder is a state offence for which Mr. Ray, if extradited, would be tried in Tennessee; while conspiracy, for which he is also wanted, is a federal offence.

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Dr King: suspect held in London

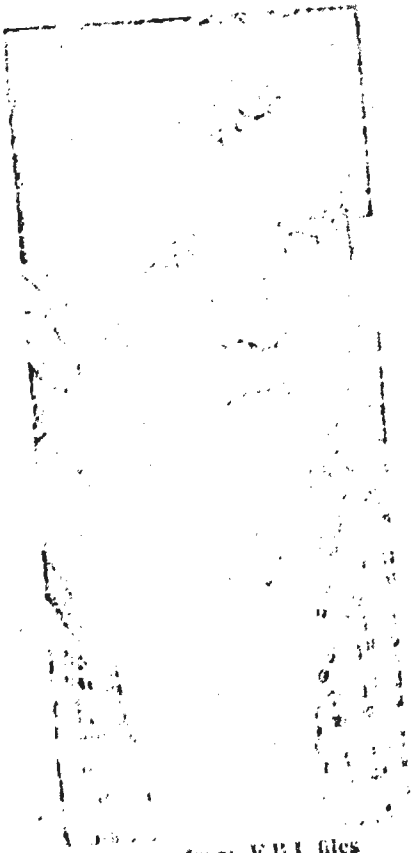
By Anthony Cowdy and Alexander Mitchell

JAMES EARL RAY, the 40-year-old American the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been seeking since the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King more than two months ago, was arrested at London Airport yesterday. The arrest was disclosed in Washington by the Director of the FBI, Mr J. Edgar Hoover, who said Ray had been travelling under the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Ray flew in from Lisbon aboard a BEA Trident jet. Carrying a passport, wearing dark glasses and dressed in light-coloured raincoat over grey trousers and a sports jacket, he went to the immigration desk for the next stage of his journey, a BEA flight to Brussels.

Immigration officers questioned Ray, then called in Scotland Yard. He was arrested at 11.15 a.m. by Chief Superintendent Tom Butler, head of the Flying Squad, and Chief Inspector Kenneth Thompson, also of the Flying Squad. Last night, Ray was being held under maximum security at Cannon Row Police Station.

In New York, Mrs Coretta King, widow of the Negro civil rights' leader, was leaving St.



Ray: from FBI files

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Patrick's Cathedral, after attending Requiem Mass for Senator Robert Kennedy, when she was told of Ray's arrest. She refused to comment. But in Memphis, Tennessee, where Dr King was shot down outside the Lorraine Motel on April 4, the city police chief, Mr Frank Holloman, said he was "elated" at the news.

A world wide hunt for Ray began 31 days ago after a grand jury in Memphis returned a first-degree murder indictment against Ray. Mr Edgar Hoover said that the search for Ray, who had also used the name Eric Starvo Galt, had covered Canada, Mexico, Portugal, Britain, Australia and other countries.

It was in Canada, apparently, that the trail was picked up. In Ottawa yesterday the Royal Canadian Mounted Police explained how they had checked through some 100,000 passport applications. After many days they came across a picture which resembled photos of Ray.

The Mounties were soon talking to the real Sneyd, who happens to be a 35-year-old Toronto policeman. Next it came out that Ray had booked a round trip to London through a travel agency.

In London, on May 6 he apparently changed his plans and went to Lisbon. After that he dropped out of sight, but by now the FBI, Scotland Yard, Canadian Mounties and Portuguese officials were on the look-out for him. When he arrived at London Airport yesterday the search was over.

At the United States Embassy in Grosvenor Square, London, a spokesman said: "We can confirm that Scotland Yard has arrested a man in connection with the assassination of Dr King. Presumably this man is a US citizen and the question of extradition will arise. It could be a question of voluntary extradition, but if necessary we would formally request an extradition order."

As news of Ray's arrest became known, crowds gathered outside Cannon Row police station, close to Westminster Bridge. Some people climbed on to the stonework outside the station to try to get a glimpse of what was going on inside. By evening there were some 300 people, many of them Americans. Finally, police closed the wrought-iron main gates and a policeman with a loud hailer said: "Go home. No one is being moved tonight."

Sneyd, the name Ray was reported to be using when he arrived in London, is a name widely known in Ontario, and dates back to the American War of Independence, when British subjects, fleeing north from George Washington's rebellion, formed the United Empire Loyalists. According to Canadian police, Ray arrived in Canada soon after the death of Dr King and spent a month there.

It was during this time that some 6,000 F.B.I. agents, countless US state and local police were seeking a man with the name of Eric Starvo Galt. The F.B.I. even filed a charge against Galt of conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr Martin Luther King.

Then, after an exhaustive check of fingerprints, the F.B.I. said Galt and Ray were the same person. After that the F.B.I. identified Ray as the owner of an abandoned 1966 white Mustang car which was found in Atlanta, Georgia, seven days after the assassination of Dr King. As Eric Galt, Ray had bought the car in Birmingham, Alabama, on August 30, 1967.

Some time after the shooting, Ray was in Mexico. "We definitely know that," the FBI said yesterday. "We identified him in Mexico." Then nothing, until the trail was picked up in Canada.

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Swoop at London Airport after tip from Mounties

LUTHER KING: MAN HELD

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Sunday Express Reporter

THE MAN hunted by American police to face a charge of murdering Negro leader Dr. Martin Luther King was arrested by Scotland Yard men yesterday as he waited at London Airport to board a plane for Brussels.

He gave the name of Raymond George Sneyd. But in Washington the U.S. Attorney-General, Mr. Ramsey Clark, said the arrested man was James Earl Ray, who has been sought in America for two months by 6,000 F.B.I. agents and countless State and local police officers.

Sneyd—or Ray—was charged at Cannon Row police station with possessing a forged passport and having a firearm without a certificate. He will appear at Bow Street tomorrow.

Extradition proceedings will swiftly be put in force; and Ray will probably be taken back to Memphis, Tennessee, where, on April 4, Martin Luther King was shot on an hotel balcony in the centre of the town.

Two U.S. marshals are flying to London tomorrow to act as escort.

Trailed

Ray flew into London at 6.15 a.m. yesterday from Lisbon. It is understood that police in several European countries, acting in co-operation with the F.B.I., had been trailing his movements during the last few days.

According to the Justice Department in Washington, Ray had been living the life of a man-about-town, spending freely at night clubs.

Ray's plane from Lisbon was 20 minutes late. He had intended to transfer to a plane for Brussels. But an immigration officer stopped him at a control barrier as he was about to enter a transit lounge with other passengers.

He was asked to step into an office while "further inquiries" were made. There he was joined by Special Branch officers who searched him.

A swift round of inquiries started between the airport, Scotland Yard, and the Canadian and American embassies.

Then, shortly after 11 a.m., Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler, head of the Flying Squad who has postponed retirement to complete the Train Robbery inquiry, arrived at the airport with other detectives.

Sealed off

Police sealed off an area which took in two main terminal buildings and all main disembarkation piers. And the arrest was made.

Ray, who was wearing a raincoat and a crumpled grey suit, was rushed to Cannon Row.

The whole operation was carried out swiftly, silently. None of the hundreds of travellers in the airport buildings had any idea of what was happening.

According to reports from America, Ray was "profane and uncooperative" after his arrest.

It was the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who broke the tangled case just when it seemed that the trail was cold.

In Ottawa, a Mounties official said that in a check on 400,000 passport pictures on Canadian files, one was found that looked like Ray.

Ray, according to the F.B.I., is a "drifter" who has come from a poor family and who has a long criminal record, including a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

The reports that he has recently been leading a gay life pose questions which will disturb the American people.

Where did he get his money from? Has he secret backers—and was the killing of Martin Luther King therefore not the act of a deranged "loner," but the result of a powerful conspiracy?

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Luther King murder: man held in London

by PETER DEELEY

JAMES EARL RAY, wanted in connection with the assassination of Dr Martin Luther King, the Negro civil rights leader, was arrested at Heathrow Airport yesterday.

He was detained by Scotland Yard officers at 11.15 a.m. and was held under heavy guard at London's Cannon Row police station.

Three national police forces—the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Scotland Yard and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police—working through Interpol were concerned in the arrest.

Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt, alias Raymond George Sneyd—the name he was travelling under—was stopped by immigration officers at Heathrow and questioned about the Canadian passport he was carrying in the name of Sneyd.



James Earl Ray

He was taken to a search room and the officers impounded certain items from his luggage. An FBI spokesman in Washington said that a loaded revolver was taken from his hip pocket.

Last night a Scotland Yard spokesman said he was being charged in the name of Sneyd "with possessing a forged passport and carrying firearms without a permit."

Ray is due to appear at Bow Street magistrates' court tomorrow where it is understood an application for his extradition to the United States will be made by a legal representative of the American Embassy.

Dr King was killed by a sniper's bullet from a high-powered rifle as he stood on the balcony of a motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4 April, where he had gone to lead a coloured people's march.

Dr King was buried with full honours at his home city of Atlanta, Georgia. His death sparked off rioting in Negro areas throughout the country. In the first 24 hours after his murder police reported 200 fires in the Negro area of Memphis alone.

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20-year sentence

A fortnight after the killing, the FBI issued a warrant charging Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy in the assassination of Dr King. The United States Attorney-General, Mr Ramsey Clark, said Galt was being sought as a fugitive on a Federal charge of conspiring to violate Dr King's civil rights.

The FBI issued pictures of Galt — later identified by the Bureau under his true name of Ray describing him as "a neat dresser of medium build." The FBI stated that he had escaped a year before from the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery, by hiding in a truck.

Pictures of Ray were distributed throughout America, particularly along the Mexican border where it was known he had friends. Other copies were sent to Interpol and to the FBI agents attached to various American embassies abroad. Once, Ray was almost caught in a Northern American town but he escaped his pursuers by minutes. It was the biggest manhunt in the history of the Bureau. For two months 6,000 agents had been following up leads as far apart as Mexico and Australia.

FBI's tip

The search turned to Europe when information was passed to national police forces in Britain, Portugal and Belgium that Ray was believed to be in their territory.

The Canadian mounted police undercover division supplied the first vital evidence when a search of more than 200,000 passport applications revealed that two had been issued to a man bearing a resemblance to Ray — one in Ottawa on 24 April and the other from the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon on 16 May.

The scrutiny of Canadian passports was started by a tip to the FBI that Ray had crossed the American frontier bound for Ottawa. The search of documents took several days, but once the application, in the name of Sneyd, was discovered, it was quickly found to be fraudulent.

Ray had lived for a month in Toronto, arriving there four days after the killing of Dr King, staying in two boarding houses in poorer areas of the city. He flew to London on 6 May on a round-trip ticket but then apparently changed his mind and changed the return half for a flight to Lisbon instead, staying in London only a few hours.

Full details of the forged passport were relayed to all European airports after the travel agent who had supplied Ray with the flight tickets had been seen by Canadian police.

In London, Detective Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler—the man who brought back Great Train Robber Charles Wilson from Canada earlier

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Dr King: Man held

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this year- and Detective Chief Inspector Kenneth Thompson were placed on the inquiry.

Yesterday a man calling himself Raymond George Sneyd arrived at Heathrow on a BEA Trident at 6.10 a.m. He was booked to fly out again at 7.50 a.m. on a BEA flight to Brussels. But the immigration police, reinforced by Scotland Yard special branch detectives, intercepted Sneyd and took him on one side. According to eye-witnesses he agreed to go to the immigration point without any fuss.

Mass invasion

Anthony Howard writes from Washington: The announcement of Ray's arrest broke with dramatic impact here today. Most of the nation learned of it from television when the networks interrupted their coverage of the Kennedy funeral to give the news flash.

At Resurrection City, the poor people's camp here in Washington, a special announcement was made over the loudspeaker system. The news that an arrest had at last been made was received with considerable satisfaction by those taking part in the mass invasion of the nation's capital that Martin Luther King himself was to have led.

But as the day wore on questions began to be asked. Ray's movement half-way round the world in the last month inevitably provoked suspicions that if he was the assassin he could not have been acting alone.

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In London

By News of the World Crime Squad

THE man indicted for assassinating Martin Luther King—last American leader to be gunned down before Bobby Kennedy—was arrested by Scotland Yard detectives yesterday as he tried to leave London Airport on a flight to Brussels.

First news of the arrest was given by Mr J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, to assembled newspapermen in the United States Department of Justice in Washington. They were called together by the United States Attorney-General, Mr Ramsey Clark, for "an important announcement."

Mr Hoover said that James Earl Ray, sought by 6,000 FBI agents and the world's police for two months, was arrested at 11.15 a.m. London time yesterday.

Ray, said Mr Hoover, was travelling under the name of Ronald or Ramon George Sneyd. At the time of his arrest, he had a fully loaded revolver in his possession and two Canadian passports.

Search

One of these was issued 20 days after the murder and one had been used in Portugal.

"This," said Mr Hoover, "is the end of a search that has been carried all over the United States, Canada, Mexico and Europe."

A Scotland Yard statement said: "Ramon George Sneyd, who described himself as being born on the 8th October, 1932, in Toronto, of no fixed abode or occupation, was arrested at London Airport.

"He was charged at Cannon Row police-station with possessing a forged passport and possessing a firearm without a certificate and will appear at Bow Street Magistrates' Court at 10.30 a.m. on Monday."

Martin Luther King was shot dead on a motel balcony in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4. A grand jury indicted Ray on May 7—and launched the biggest manhunt the FBI had ever known.

The drama in Britain, it was learned on high authority last night, began when the FBI contacted Scotland Yard and said they thought that Ray was either in, or likely to try to enter, this country.

A full description of him and his aliases was provided. Scotland Yard checked and found that nobody fitting the description was about—but, airport and port immigration checking facilities were especially alerted.

From Lisbon

Continual contact was maintained between the FBI, the Canadian Mounties and Chief Det Supt Tommy Butler, head of Scotland Yard's Flying Squad.

Then, yesterday morning, a man wearing glasses and dressed in a light coloured raincoat, a sports jacket and grey trousers arrived at London Airport on a flight from Lisbon and went with other transit passengers to transfer to a Brussels-bound plane.

Tommy Butler and Det Chief Inspector Ken Thompson pounced. . .

News of the arrest was broken to Luther King's widow as she left St Patrick's Cathedral, New York, at the end of the Requiem Mass held there for Bobby Kennedy.

She has been at Mrs Ethel Kennedy's side almost from the moment she too was widowed by an assassin's bullet.

Meanwhile, Ray was under heavy guard at Cannon Row. Outside a crowd gathered.

One American tourist sobbed: "They've got him. Thank God."

There was an egg-and-chips meal for the arrested man as he settled down in a cell to wait for tomorrow's appearance in court.

At one stage a police car pulled up at Cannon Row and two detectives got out. One of them was carrying a small "air case" with a BOAC label on it.

He snatched off the label and crammed it in his pocket.

Meanwhile, news of the arrest reverberated round the world.

In Washington, Mr Hoover praised what he called "outstanding co-operation" between police forces.

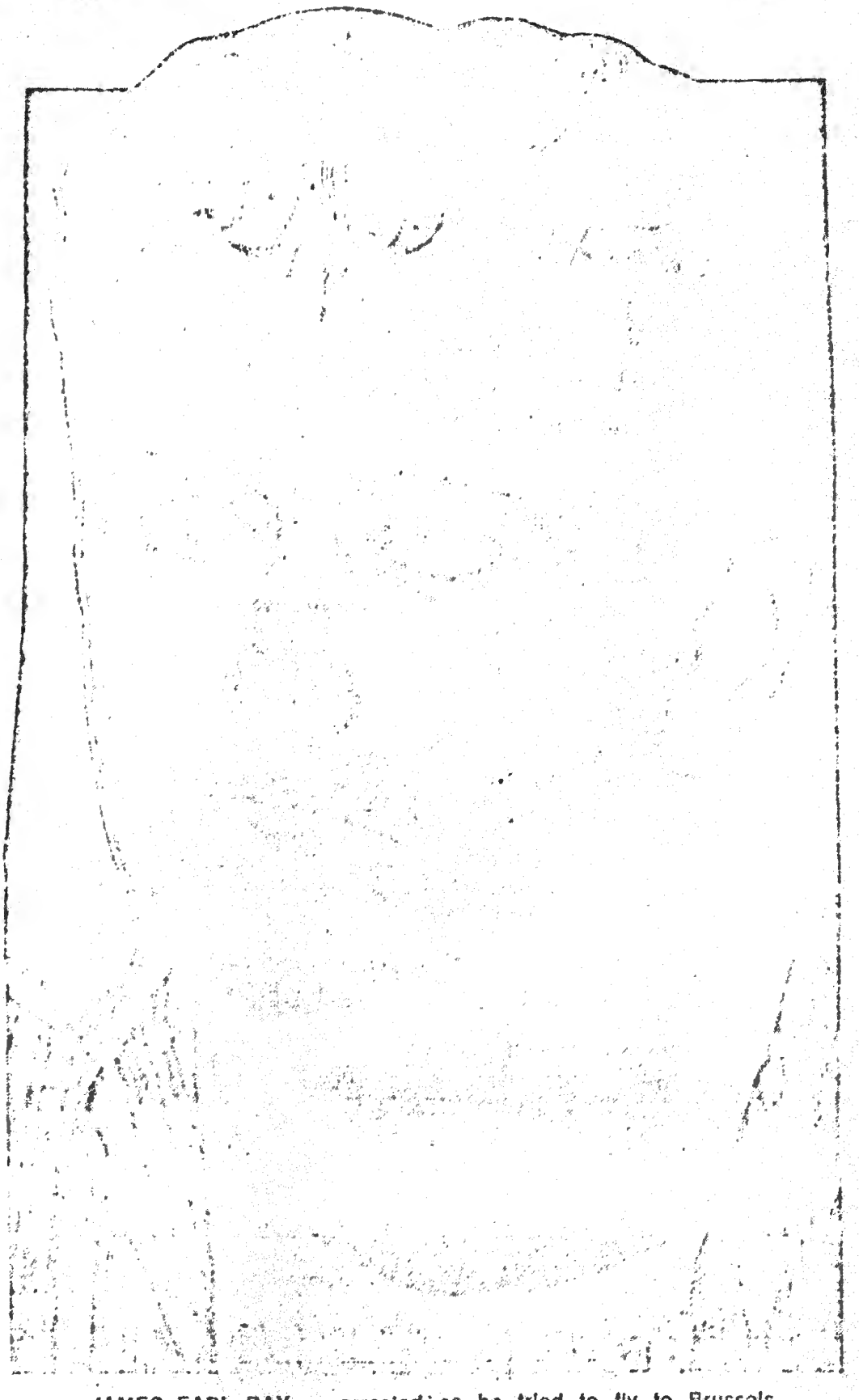
In Memphis, Tennessee, police chief Frank Holloman said: "We are hopeful that Ray will be brought to Memphis at the earliest possible date to stand trial."

In Ottawa there were complaints that foreigners obtain Canadian passports too easily.

An External Affairs Department official said it was "difficult to deny a person a Canadian passport when he presents an application properly notarised by a qualified, responsible sponsor."

Passport applications must bear the signature of a sponsor — a lawyer, bank manager, or some person of similar standing, confirming that he has known the applicant for at least two years.

How Ray obtained his passport remains to be investigated.



JAMES EARL RAY — arrested as he tried to fly to Brussels

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POLICE HOLD MAN WITH LOADED GUN

JAMES EARL RAY, wanted in connection with the murder of Negro civil rights leader Martin Luther King, is in a London police cell under heavy guard.

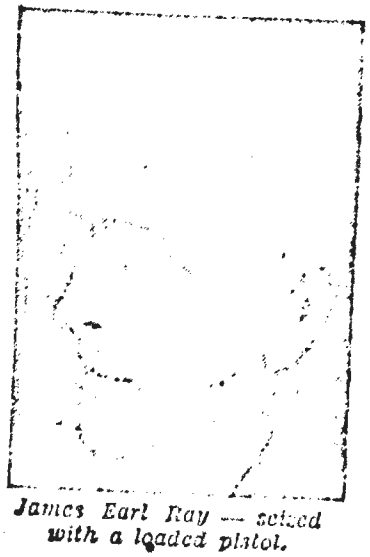
Scotland Yard pounced on him at 11.15 a.m. yesterday as he was passing through London airport immigration intending to fly to Brussels.

He had a fully loaded pistol in his hip pocket and carried two Canadian passports in the name of Ramon George Sneyd. He was taken to Cannon Row police station.

Ray, aged 40, escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967. A year later Dr. King was murdered in Memphis, Tennessee.

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., said extradition proceedings will be started soon for Ray's return to the United States to face a murder charge.

Late last night Ray was charged with having a forged passport and possessing a firearm without a certificate. He will appear at Bow Street Magistrates court tomorrow.



James Earl Ray — seized with a loaded pistol.

Mr. Tolson

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Luther King Suspect Held In London

Airport Arrest

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By PETER GLADSTONE SMITH

JAMES EARL RAY, 40, who is wanted by American police investigating the assassination of the Negro civil rights leader, Martin Luther King, was arrested at Heathrow Airport, London, yesterday. He was detained by Scotland Yard officers a few hours before Dr. King's widow, Mrs. Coretta King, was attending the funeral of Senator Kennedy.

Scotland Yard said that Ray was travelling under the identity of Ramon George Sneyd, born on August 10, 1932, in Toronto, Canada. He was taken to Cannon Row police station.

There he was charged with having a firearm without a certificate and possessing a forged passport. He will appear at Bow Street tomorrow.

At the same time it was stated in Washington by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that when arrested Ray was carrying "a fully loaded pistol."

B.E.A. flight

Ray arrived in London aboard a B.E.A. Trident jet flight BE 075 from Lisbon at 6.10 a.m. He was going to fly on to Brussels on B.E.A. flight 462 which left without him at 7.50 a.m.

Meantime officials in the immigration office of the Europe passenger building had spotted his passport and called in Scotland Yard. Ray was identified as a result of painstaking detective work by the Royal Canadian "Mounties."

On checking through 40,000 passport pictures at the request of the F.B.I. they found one that looked like Ray. The man whose name was on the passport, Ramon George Sneyd, was traced to a Toronto lodging house and he knew nothing of any passport application.

Then a travel agency provided a clue. "Sneyd" had bought a roundtrip ticket to London and flown the Atlantic on May 5.

Next day after reaching London he turned in the return half of his ticket and used it to pay for a flight to Lisbon, where he got another passport on May 16 and dropped out of sight. All immigration points in Europe were alerted by a "tip-off" through Interpol.

In charge of the police operation at Heathrow was Det. Chief Supt. Thomas Butler, 55, chief of the Flying Squad, who was in charge of the Great Train Robbery inquiry and is due to retire next month. With him was Det. Chief Insp. Kenneth Thompson, of the British Interpol office.



James Earl Ray — a picture issued by the F.B.I.

Ray was driven from the airport to Whitehall in a Flying Squad car. As the news spread more than 100 spectators gathered outside Cannon Row police station.

As soon as a signal from the Yard reached Washington the United States Attorney-General, Mr. Ramsey Clark, gave a dramatic Press conference in the Justice Department.

Mr. Hoover, who has headed the search for Ray during the past 65 days, since Dr. King's assassination, in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4, said the accused was being held "under maximum security conditions on a passport violation."

He said that Ray had two Canadian passports in the name of Ramon George Sneyd in his possession. Ray was wearing glasses and was dressed in a raincoat, sports jacket and grey trousers when he was arrested.

A police officer gave the news outside the cathedral to Mrs. King and to the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, who took over leadership of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on Dr. King's death.

Ray is wanted in the United States on a first degree murder charge issued on April 17, charging him under the name of Eric Starvo Galt with Dr. King's assassination. He is also being charged with a conspiracy in the same connection.

Three days later under his real name, Ray, he was placed on the "10 most wanted" list.

Only two days ago Senator Edward Kennedy, brother of America's latest assassination victim, expressed anger with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for failing to track down the man wanted in connection with Dr. King's murder.

He told a friend aboard the Presidential airliner bringing his brother's body back to New York from Los Angeles that the F.B.I. had failed to find the "faceless men" in the King case and he was angry about it.

World-wide hunt

A world-wide search for Ray has been under way since the assassination of Dr. King at Memphis, when he was standing on the balcony of a Negro-owned motel.

Immediately after the assassination, the F.B.I. announced they were seeking Ray for escaping from Missouri State Penitentiary in April 1967, where he was serving a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

The manhunt has been the biggest in the history of the F.B.I., who passed information to the Yard in London. About 6,000 F.B.I. agents, countless U.S. State and local police, and the police forces of 100 countries have been looking for him.

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Dr KING SUSPECT HERE 3 WEEKS

Mystery calls to 'Daily Telegraph'

'I WANT TO JOIN THE MERCENARIES'

By IAN COLVIN

RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, 40, believed to be the James Earl Ray wanted for questioning concerning the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, was apparently in Britain for 21 days before his arrest by Special Branch officers at Heathrow Airport on Saturday.

Sneyd, alias Eric Starvo Galt, arrived in Portugal on May 8 and left for London on May 17. He was known to have been in London at least until last Thursday. On Saturday he was arrested at Heathrow while in transit to Brussels.

The arrest followed several nervous telephone calls to me by a man calling himself Ramon Sneyd from London coin boxes. When he first rang *The Daily Telegraph* last Tuesday, he spoke to the Foreign Room.

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He said he wanted to find out how he could become a mercenary.

He was transferred to me because I had written several stories about the foreign mercenaries in Africa.

FIRST WORDS

"This is Sneyd"

When we first spoke, a Canadian or perhaps American voice said to me: "This is Ramon Sneyd. I want to find my brother who has been in Angola."

I understood him to be talking about the mercenary forces that had fought in the Congo. Mr. Sneyd asked me whether I could put him in touch with a British mercenary officer who might be able to help.

I offered to ask the officer in question, Major Alistair Wicks, to telephone him back, as Mr. Sneyd sounded over-wrought and somewhat incoherent.

CALL TO MAJOR

No recollection of name

The next move was to ring Major Wicks, former second-in-command of Five Commando in the Congo. I told him that a man, claiming some association with the mercenaries through his brother wanted to be put in touch.

The name seemed to mean nothing to Major Wicks, and he did not respond to the call.

Last Thursday the man called me back, again speaking from a telephone box. He had by now moved from the New Earl's Court Hotel in Penywern Road to the Pax Hotel, Pimlico.

This time he was more explicit. He said that his brother was not missing but that he had not seen him for four months. It was not so much that he wanted to start a search for his brother, but he wished to become a mercenary in Africa himself.

BRUSSELS ADDRESS

Persistent search

I pointed out that the day for rescuing missionaries was over, and that both British and African governments frowned on mercenaries.

But I offered to provide him with an address in Brussels at which he might pursue the search for his brother if he wished to do so.

Mr. Sneyd seemed most insistent on having any address that offered him a further stage on his journey.

LOCKED DOOR

Room full of papers

I discovered later from Mrs. Anna Thomas, proprietor of the Pax Hotel, that Mr. Sneyd used to lock his door at nights in the hotel and his early morning tea could be served only with difficulty. The first day he was there he stayed in Room 2, and later moved to Room 3 on the second floor.

His rooms were full of newspapers. He spent most of the day in bed, complaining of a headache, and hardly ever went out.

"Mr. Sneyd tore up a lot of papers," Mrs. Thomas said. "He paid in English money, but bargained when he came in.

"I told him that it would have to be 30s a night. He only had a small flight bag with him, but lots of newspapers. He washed his own clothes."

After the man left the hotel a syringe was found stuffed down a wastepipe in one of the rooms where he stayed.

Mrs. Thomas, who is Swedish, said that her telephone number is ex-directory because she gets many calls when the hotel is full.

The rooms are bright and decorated in blue and cream. One of

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King suspect

By IAN COLVIN

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those occupied by the man contained a double bed with a blue bedspread.

There was blue wallpaper patterned with peacocks, and a painting of a country scene. The room overlooks a small backyard.

EARLIER ATTEMPT

Flight overbooked

Mrs. Thomas added that Mr. Sneyd made an unsuccessful attempt to leave Britain on Thursday or Friday and received a telephone call from British European Airways to say that the flight on which he had wished to leave for Germany was overbooked.

I showed her a picture of James Earl Ray, published after the announcement of his arrest. "That could be him," she said. "But he is much thinner in the face."

At his first hotel, I found that the police had arrived before me. The receptionist said: "All the papers are with the police and you will have to get in touch with Chief Insp. Thompson at Scotland Yard."

Both the New Earl's Court Hotel and the Pax are not far from air terminals. The first is near BEA's terminal, and the Pax near BOAC's.

It seems that the man chose both hotels at random as part of his unsettled movements.

I ended the puzzling dialogue with Mr. Sneyd by writing a postcard advising him to pursue his inquiries through the consular section of the Foreign Office.

When I heard of the arrest at Heathrow the disjointed conversations of the past week began to make sense.

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Conspiracy theory raised by arrest

By HENRY MILLER

NEW YORK, Sunday.

THE possibility grew today that the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King was the result of a conspiracy as it became clearer why James Earl Ray, the man accused of the murder, who was arrested in London yesterday, had not been apprehended earlier.

The ease with which he travelled to Canada, flew to Europe, used another name and financed his journeys, raised fre h speculation that others must have been involved.

His brother, John Larry Ray, 34, of St. Louis, said:

"If he did kill King, he would have done it for a lot of money. He did not do anything if it was not for money. And those who paid him wouldn't have wanted him sitting in a courtroom telling everything he knows."

"BOUNTY" OFFER

National search

Speculation about a conspiracy has been persistent. A group of southern businessmen were said to have put up $100,000 (£41,000) for the murder of Dr. King. Intensive inquiries by the FBI have failed to establish that such a bounty was offered.

It is now known that Ray, 40, reached Toronto on April 8, four days after the murder of Dr. King in Memphis, Tennessee. For four weeks, while the FBI sought him in all 50 States and abroad, he lived in seedy lodging houses on Toronto's west side.

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Ray, also known as Eric Starvo Galt, first rented a room from Polish-born Mrs. Fela Szpakowska, in Ossington Street, Toronto.

She called him "a complete gentleman." He left the house each morning at 8.30, returned at noon for lunch and would go out again in the afternoon. He stayed in his room after supper and never had visitors.

On April 19, he rented another room for $9 (£3 15s) a week in Dundas Street West, run by Mr. and Mrs. Loo Sun. He told them that he worked at an hotel and that his name was Ramon George Sneyd.

They said that he seldom used the room during the first week and that he was away for days at a time.

One day in April, Ray called at the Kennedy Travel Bureau in Bloor Street and paid $315 (£143) for a 21-day return excursion flight to London. He told Miss Lillian Spencer, an employee there, that he had no passport. Ray knew this would be no problem.

On April 25 a passport was posted to Ray at his lodging house in Dundas Street West.

On May 5 Ray flew on a BOAC flight from Toronto to London and on May 7 flew from London to Lisbon on a British European Airways flight.

Despite the apparent laxity of passport procedures, Ray had made meticulous preparations. He was out of the country when

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the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, at the request of the F.B.I. began the enormous task of examining between 200,000 and 400,000 passport applications and comparing them with photographs of the man they were looking for.

One of the 12 men assigned to the job finally discovered that the photograph on his passport application resembled pictures of the man sought.

Police quickly traced the origin of the application, established that Ray had flown to London. A bulletin was sent to Scotland Yard and other forces and immigration officials in various parts of Europe were told.

SECOND PASSPORT

Lisbon Embassy

On May 16, Ray obtained another passport from the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon, saying that his original one had been spoiled. He was carrying both passports when he was arrested in London.

Mr. Ramsey Clark, United States Attorney-General, said this afternoon that there was still no evidence that there was a conspiracy to murder Dr. King.

"We have to go on facts and at this time there is no evidence of involvement by others. If there was a conspiracy, it will be discovered."

He was asked in a television interview whether the fact that Ray had plenty of funds did not suggest that some one was financing him. He replied: "Not necessarily."

It was difficult to estimate at this stage how long it would take to bring Ray back to America. "There are two priorities. Firstly, to be as sure as we can be that he is secure. Secondly, to return him to the United States as quickly as possible to stand trial."

There have been various indications that Ray spent thousands of dollars during the past year. For example, he paid $2,000 (£833) cash for a Mustang car.

QUICK ARRAIGNMENT

Security precautions

For the past year he has been in at least five countries - America, Mexico, Canada, Portugal and now Britain. These trips would have involved much more money than he is likely to have had from normal sources.

Preparations were being made in Memphis today for Ray's arraignment on the murder charge as soon as possible. Mr. Frank Holloman, Director of Police; Mr. Henry Loeb, the mayor, and local civil rights leaders all expressed elation that Ray had been found.

Special arrangements will be made to keep the suspect under strict security when he is taken to Memphis.

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U.S. law chief flies in for talks

MASSIVE POLICE GUARD ON DR KING SUSPECT

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By TOM TULLETT
and EDWARD VALE

MASSIVE security precautions will be taken when James Earl Ray, wanted in connection with the murder of negro leader Dr. Martin Luther King, appears at Bow-street court today.

Ray, who was arrested at Heathrow Airport on Saturday, will be charged with having a false passport and possessing a firearm and ammunition without a certificate.

A special convoy, including motor-cyclist outriders, will escort him on the journey from Cannon Row police station where he has been detained.

Mingle

Up to 100 policemen will be on duty inside the court, and Special Branch detectives will mingle with the public in the galleries and in the street outside the court. Some may be armed.

Police kept a non-stop guard on Ray's cell yesterday. Cannon Row police station was sealed off and only policemen were allowed inside.

Civilian staff who went near the cell had to show their special passes.

Top-level talks following the arrest were still going on in London last night.

The talks involved Scotland Yard, US Embassy officials and the FBI.

Heading the American delegation was Mr. Fred M. Vinson Junior, US Assistant Attorney-General.

He flew to London yesterday and is expected to apply for Ray's extradition to America, where he will be charged with murdering Dr. King.

Ray, 40, escaped from jail in Missouri in 1967.

Ray's arrest at Heathrow on Saturday followed co-operation between Scotland Yard, the FBI and Canadian police.

Suspicions about Ray's identity were aroused after he called at the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal, to correct the spelling of the name that appeared on his passport.

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SPECIAL GUARD ON LUTHER KING MAN

U.S. law chief sees him

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By ROBERT TRAINI and JOHN JACKSON

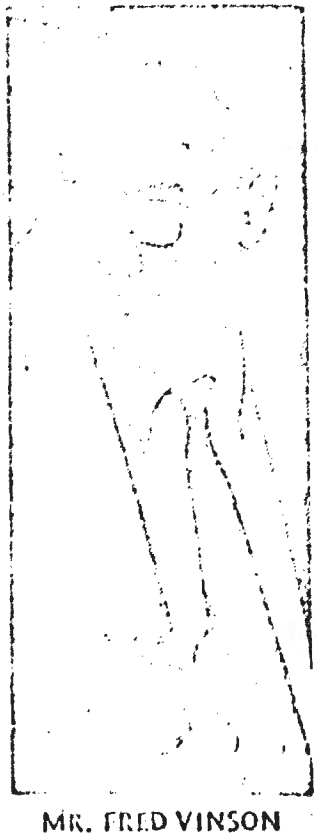
A MAN alleged to be 40-year-old James Earl Ray, wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for questioning about the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, was interviewed in London yesterday by Mr. Fred M. Vinson, U.S. Assistant Attorney-General.

Mr. Vinson is trying to speed up the extradition of the man, who was arrested at Heathrow Airport on Saturday in the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Today the man will appear at Bow Street magistrates' court on two charges. He is accused of having a forged Canadian passport and having a firearm and ammunition without a certificate.

Scotland Yard will take special precautions when he goes on the one-mile journey from Cannon Row police station to the court.

Yesterday he was under special guard in a 10ft. by 8ft. cell at Cannon Row, which was part of the old Scotland Yard headquarters.



MR. FRED VINSON
He asked questions

Roads leading to the police station from Whitehall and the Embankment were sealed off, with police guarding the main gates.

Because of the security risk, the man was not transferred to Brixton Prison for the night, as prisoners awaiting court appearances usually are.

When Mr. Vinson arrived at Heathrow Airport yesterday he was met by Scotland Yard officers.

'DELIGHTED'

Mr. Vinson said at the airport: "I am here to expedite the extradition of Mr. Ray.

"People in the United States are delighted he has been apprehended. We have been looking for him for a long time."

Mr. Vinson was driven to Scotland Yard, where he spent more than two hours with Detective Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler, head of the Flying Squad, and Detective Chief Inspector Kenneth Thompson.

Then he went to Cannon Row. The man charged as Sneyd was brought out of his cell, and Mr. Vinson talked to him in a small interview room.

After the interview Mr. Vinson said: "I want to pay tribute to the work of Scotland Yard in this matter.

"I have every praise for the co-operation and understanding which has existed between the Yard, the FBI and the Canadian Mounties. It has been splendid."

Mr. Vinson was asked if he would be taking the man back to America with him. He replied: "That is very doubtful."

MESSAGES

In fact, it may be a fortnight or more before extradition proceedings start.

All day yesterday code messages flashed between FBI headquarters in Washington, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Scotland Yard, and the police forces of several European countries.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, has asked for top priority to be given to inquiries about the arrested man's movements since Dr. King, Negro civil rights leader, was shot dead in Memphis, Tennessee, on April 4.

Mr. Hoover is certain that the man has travelled through a number of European countries since he left America.

Scotland Yard believe he may have been in Britain between the killing of Dr. King and his arrest on Saturday, when he arrived at Heathrow on a BEA flight from Lisbon.

SWITCHED

Last night detailed inquiries were going on to find out whether he had stayed in this country.

The hunt switched to Europe after widespread inquiries by the Canadian Mounties—including a check on almost 400,000 Canadian passport applications.

The Mounties' investigations showed that Ray took up quarters in a Toronto rooming-house four days after Dr. King was shot.

Since then a man known as Ramon George Sneyd—the actual name of a Toronto policeman — is known to have stayed in Lisbon.

The Canadian Embassy in Lisbon said last night they issued a passport in the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

Portuguese security police claimed they had evidence that Ramon George Sneyd left Lisbon on a London-bound airliner on May 17.

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Via _____ AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) Attn: ADMINISTRATIVE DIV.

FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Rebutel - 7/2/68.

Requested information set forth as follows:

1) No. Man Hours on Case - by Legat
   a) Regular - 60 hrs.
   b) Overtime - 10 hrs.

2) No. Hours by Clerical Employees
   a) Regular - 10 hrs.
   b) Overtime - 5 hrs.

3) Total Mileage Travelled Personal Car
   50 Miles

4) Telephone Expenses
   20 calls - $50.00

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FBI

Date: 7/8/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: Administrative Division

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Butel to Memphis, 4/17/68; Memphis airtels to Bureau, 5/13 and 6/5/68; Memphis airtel to Bureau, 7/3/68; Bureau routing slip to Memphis, 6/13/68.

The information set out hereafter concerns cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau offices for the period 4/4/68 through 6/30/68, which are cumulative totals:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Cumulative Total
1. A. Special Agents	94,221	26,632	120,853
B. Clerks	19,224	1,738	20,962
	113,445	28,370	141,815

2. Mileage traveled by Bucars on this matter: 469,413.

3. Unusual or out of ordinary costs:

A. Per Diem	$6,698.00
B. Communications	3,943.03
C. Photography Expense	1,884.68
D. Hotel Room Expense	59.48
E. Plane Fares	837.00

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F. Miscellaneous:

Xeroxing	$326.94
Xerox paper and supplies	14.25
Mailing wanted flyers in U. S.	287.00
Miscellaneous supplies	52.27
Confidential item	19.50
Total Miscellaneous	$699.96

Total unusual or out of ordinary costs: $14,122.15

4. Peak number of Special Agents on this case: 3,075.

The above expenses do not include any expenses incurred by the Legal Attaches or any expenses incurred not directly connected with any of the field offices since such expenses are not known to the Memphis Division.

In view of subject RAY's apprehension on 6/8/68, the above figures appear to be the total figures that will be available concerning cost data from all of the Bureau's field offices. In light of this UACB, the Memphis Division will discontinue furnishing the monthly cost data figures in this matter and the Bureau is requested to authorize advising the Bureau's field offices this has been discontinued.

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FBI

Date: 5/17/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re St. Louis airtel to Bureau, dated 4/30/68, and Jackson teletype to Bureau, dated 4/24/68.

Re ROBERT BOSHERS, (Phonetic BOSSIER).

On 5/13/68 Mrs. MERCENE GAUT, Clerk, Office Services, State Prison of Southern Michigan, advised SA [redacted] that an extensive search of her files failed to indicate any record identifiable with ROBERT BOSHERS or BOSSIER as ever being incarcerated in the State Prison System. She was also unable to find any indication that BOSHERS was wanted by the Michigan Corrections Commission.

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2054 Parkwood, Apt. 3
Toledo, Ohio 43620
June 22, 1968

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen: Re: James Earl Ray/Mobile, Ala.

Newspaper pictures of James Earl Ray resemble very strongly a man I saw in the office of an insurance agency in Mobile, Alabama about four years ago. Therefore I offer you the following as a possible clue to his sources of income and his motivation for killing Dr. King.

In 1959 I had gone back to Mobile, where I had done about half of my growing up, from Houston Texas. I wanted to satisfy my curiosity about changes which might have taken place in Mobile since I had known it, and planned to work there a few months for Kelly Girls Temporary Office Service, as I had been earning my living in Houston Kelly Girl was not very active in Mobile, however, and I found my work there through various sources.

Being intensely interested in what is going on all around the world and why, and how different people feel about it, I responded to an article in the newspaper inviting people to join a group gathering to discuss world affairs. I attended several meetings.

There was not much actual discussion, the talk being done chiefly by three or four, mainly an extremely cynical and verbally agressive young woman from some central European country, Poland I believe she said. Heading the group was a man, an importer, [redacted] by name I believe, for whom the young woman worked.

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Later, in a night school class at the University of Alabama branch in Mobile on "Man in the Modern World", I found the same young woman, her name by then [redacted] as the importer had by them divorced his wife and children and married her. She also monopolized discussion in that class, thorly belittling all claims of religion and dismissing as false pretence any altruism, nobility or honorable principles in human behavior, calling it pure selfishness in disguise. She told in the class that she and her husband made frequent trips to Birmingham (weekly) to join with a group in hypnotism sessions. Shortly before leaving Mobile, I saw the importer on the street one day. He had changed completely from a crisp, alert, businesslike and rich-minded looking individual to a shuffling, sloppy, indifferent looking wreck ploughing along with a silly grin on his face.

The instructor of the class seemed to be a very close friend of the [redacted] woman.(*) He made the statement several times that he wanted to find a tract of ground somewhere in that area (in Mobile) for establishing a college. Out of curiosity, I also attended a few times the Sunday morning meetings of a Unitarian group there, which were held in a day nursery on Conti Street. The only sentiments I heard there concerning religion were belittling of it and the declaration that the speaker (a) did not believe in God. I do not know whether that is characteristic of Unitarians, but seemed rather odd to me at what was termed a church service.

Following the meetings on world affairs, I saw a number of other people who had attended them (at various times) also looking

(*) A couple of times he remarked in class that if people wanted

quite "demoralized". I became very curious about it, wishing that I could find out the cause or causes. My curiosity sometimes leads me into somewhat frightening surroundings, as later I worked for two firms there in Mobile where I felt I had undoubtedly gotten close to the sources, if not the demoralization of those I had observed, at least something very similar.

One was an insurance agency on St. Louis Street downtown in which I worked several months. Employees came and went fast there, those leaving complaining that the place made them nervous. It did me too. Some of those who were longtime employees of the place seemed to me badly fear-ridden.

The woman there who claimed seniority (her firstname was [redacted] I do not recall her last) made me wonder sometimes if she was trying to frighten me. She did not do much work, spent most of her time staring fixedly and anything but benignly at others in the room. (All except the President and V.P. worked in one large room). She was more often than not overcearingly unreasonable and unhelpful about work we had to coordinate between us, and likewise with others. She got quite upset one day when the woman next in seniority and I started out to lunch together (the other woman appeared to be one of the fear-ridden ones).

While I was there, [redacted] mother, it seemed, died. As I had no particular regard for [redacted] I would not have gone to the funeral home. But I was told that one of the other girls would pick me up to go at such and such a time, and I went along rather

than make an issue of it. We went to a handsome, newly built "funeral home" on Old Shell Road not quite all the way up the hill to Springhill.

The figure in the coffin startled me, it looked more like a mannikin of a stereotyped grandmother than anyone's actual mother. And the gathering seemed to me more social than anything, for people to meet people. A great number were brought and introduced to me, as if that was the purpose of it all. I was impressed by the fact that a great many of them had what I thought of as "ravaged" faces.

The VP of the company, named [redacted], was the one who seemed to command the most fearful, unquestioning submission of the others, with [redacted] close behind. He had a small office off the main office and as I worked as his secretary, I was required to spend considerable time in that office. He dictated usually in a low monotone, and I would have to fight against going to sleep. So I made a point of leaving the door into the main office open so that the sounds and movements in there would help to keep me awake. We had quite a hassle over that door, I, each time, insisting on leaving it open, he insisting it be closed. I jokingly accused him of spraying chloroform around the office before calling me in for dictation in order to put me to sleep. But I began to wonder seriously if it was his intention to put me to sleep, in a manner of speaking. That, combined with the apparent fearfulness toward him on the part of some of the others, I found a bit discomfiting.

It was a great pill-taking place, someone everlastingly offering you a pill for your nerves, or telling you where you could get them back in a storeroom. I never took any, as I am not much of a believer in pills and tranquillizers.

[redacted] specialized in marine insurance, on the fishing boats, inland waterway craft, etc., operating in the Gulf and adjacent waters.

He made a number of trips to Mexico, to make business contacts although he said with a number of people from Germany. However,/he gave me quite a bit of dictation to some of them at different times, I never saw any evidence of any insurance business with any of them. One of the other long-time employees described him one day as having a typically Russian build and appearance. He claimed to be of Dutch descent, his family all in this country from pre-revolutionary days.

It was in his office that I saw the man of whom the pictures of James Earl Ray remind me. He came in to make a statement in connection with insurance settlement for a collision of a barge or towing craft with a bridge on the inland waterway. He had been at the wheel at the time of the collision, at night, and admitted he had gone to sleep. He also stated that he had only recently been promoted to that responsibility, and it meant a great deal to him. He said he had been working, for some years on such craft in that area.

I wondered how he could have gone to sleep at the wheel, en-

pecially under those circumstances, and knowing that section well, knowing that the bridge was there, unless he had in some way been "out to sleep" by someone.

I was very glad to have an excuse to leave that job shortly thereafter - and in a few days went to work for an insurance adjusting firm for which I had previously worked on a temporary basis; and which I learned was very, very closely associated with the insurance agency I had just left.

In that firm there were about a dozen adjusters and half a dozen stenos. Many of the adjusters and some of the stenos gave me the impression of being "people on strings", or puppets, seemed to move around much of the time in a nearly mindless daze, or occasionally seemed to be futilely fighting against something. Some of them seemed to me to be basically very nice people, and I felt sorry for them. The senior secretary had a decided foreign accent, but when I asked her where she was from, she always named some place in one of the Carolinas. Another of the secretaries always went to the public library at noon, and only borrowed murder mysteries, she told me.

One of the older men in the company did very little evident work, spent most of the days leaning against a file case, staring at me whenever I looked in his direction. It made my skin crawl, when it went on and on and I wondered if he were trying to hypnotize me.

During my association with the insurance agency, two men who

had independent agencies through them went broke, one through alcoholism and consequent irresponsible handling of his accounts (his father before him had had such an agency for almost a lifetime), and the other through inordinate extravagance. The second man came to work for the adjusters while I was there.

It seemed, from dictation which the owner of the firm, Chris Rune gave me, that a considerable number of men did some sort of work for him in other parts of the country. At different times some of them came to Mobile and into the office. I was impressed, as I had been with some of the associates at the insurance agency, by the "ravaged" looking faces some of them had. Two of them, of extremely dissimilar appearance, racial type, etc., were called "Fearnow". Both were evidently extremely nervous when they were in the office, left with one or two of the adjusters, and that was the last I ever heard or saw of them.

We had a coffee room in the basement at the adjusters. As I do not drink coffee, I kept Sanka makings down there along with the cups, sugar, etc. But after a time I began to feel, shortly after I would drink my Sanka, that I was drifting around somehow separated from my mind, like some of the others looked to me. It was a weird and helpless feeling, so I kept my Sanka makings in my desk. Same results. So I left the Sanka, powdered milk, etc. as it was in my desk, but carried some more in my purse which I used instead. No more of that "separate from myself" feeling after drinking it.

When I would go downstairs to make my Sanka, I would ask the girl at the next desk if I could bring her back a cup of coffee. She usually said Yes. But she would not drink it for some time, although I would remind her it was getting cold. After ten or fifteen minutes or so, after I'd drunk my Sanka, she would bring her cup to my desk to drink her coffee. And she would peer at me sharply, looking bewildered and unbelieving at something she apparently saw or didn't see after I began carrying my Sanka in my purse. That made me feel more strongly that my Sanka may have been doctored.

There were a great many murders and suicides going on around Mobile, several in the Saraland area. Not long before I left Mobile, a young man who, a heavy road equipment supply business in Saraland admitted complicity in some of the murders, especially of one man in Saraland name of [redacted] (I believe) who had been put out of the way because he had been the triggerman in some other murders and they were afraid he would talk. The owner of the adjusting firm, Mr. Hume, remarked one day at the office that one of the men involved in that had been a visitor at his home not long before. "What nice people I'm associated with," I thought.

While I was working there, a [redacted] in came from New Orleans and gave a talk, which I attended, on the big business of organized crime in this country. There followed some discussion in the newspaper as to whether Mobile was so afflicted. Law enforcement people immediately and emphatically denied it, and the Grand Jury was called

to "look into it". It turned out that Mr. [redacted] was a member of the Grand Jury. One morning he went down to sit on its investigation. When he came back to the office, he was extremely nervous. Several of the man gathered around him to help him out of his coat, etc. He remarked vehemently, "thank God, that's over".

Several of the people who worked there attended the same church I did, Trinity Episcopal, and Mr. [redacted] was elected a Vestryman. Shortly before I left Mobile, that church lost by resignation both it rector of ten years and its assistant rector.

At [redacted] and Company there seemed to be a system of finding or digging out or aggravating or encouraging the weaknesses of people, and/or "brainwashing" them somewhat as Pavlov did with his dogs. I wondered whether Mr. Hume was one of the puppets or a puppeteer, as I wondered at the insurance agency, B.F. Adams Company, about its President, Mr. [redacted]

While working at the adjusters, I was accused by Mr. [redacted] of making harrassing telephone calls to the agency personnel; he said I dialed the people, but wouldn't answer them when they picked up the phone. I have wondered whether he really believed that, whether he thought it up or someone else there. He said they "knew" it was me because whenever anyone said "Hello Jeanne", that "I" hung up. Another employee who had left while I was working there at the agency was similarly accused by [redacted] I began to wonder if she had not made those calls. I had received some myself, at home.

A few months before I left Mobile, [redacted]nd Company bought some

some property for an office out on Dauphin Street which adjoined at the back fence the lot/ on which my apartment was located. I had been planning to leave Mobile, to move up this way to be nearer some of my family. Definitely not wishing to be living just across the fence also from that weirdly pitiful and sometimes rather frightening lot, I made hasty to move to Atlanta, where I lived and worked two years before coming up to Toledo.

In Atlanta I wondered whether I should try to report the above to you. But as I had nothing I could present proof about, I felt it would probably be regarded as imaginings signifying nothing. But with James Earl Ray's picture reminding me so strongly of that man I saw in the office of the insurance agency in connection with the collision with the bridge, I wonder if I might have helped to avert Dr. King's murder if I had, and possibly/have saved some other lives. If James Earl Ray was one of "their" puppets (whoever they may be), it might help to explain many things about him - and some others - burdened with problems/and trying to get along in the world against what/may have seemed to them like too many cards stacked against them, accepting a helping hand which they mistakenly thought would help them escape the consequences of their handicaps or weaknesses - victims on both sides of the picture.

I have read that Communist subversives make a point of seeking out those who seem to be alone, or in need of friends or a helping hand, to use as tools.

A man I worked for in Houston who was from Germany, when asked one day in the office if/he believed Germany would go with Russia if Germany

that somehow tie in with the business contacts Mr. Ludlow said he made in Mexico with some men from Germany?

I do not, of course, know that any of the above has any connection with the Dr. King murder. But I am offering it on the chance that it may offer some clue as to the how, why and wherefore of it, and possibly of some other acts of violence. I have wondered often since being in Mobile how many of the weird and terrible things that are done these days by people around us may be the result of people being "separated from their minds" as I sometimes felt and some of those around me appeared to be there, or how many people have been induced thereby to compromise themselves, or "indebt" themselves in such ways that they see no chance of extricating themselves as honest, respectable, law-abiding people, (as example, the homosexual racket; I heard the statement made more than once in the adjusters office that homosexuals were well-known to be unreliable, unpatriotic individuals).

A brother of Mr. [redacted] was one of the adjusters at the adjusting firm. One company stored the past years' files of the other.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 6/20/68

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In order to determine if a Swiss bank account or Swiss numbered account has been opened in favor of Ray, the following suggestion is offered.

Consideration should be given to requesting Department of State confer with Swiss Government officials in United States to determine if Swiss Government would review bank accounts and numbered accounts opened in Switzerland between April 4 and June 7, 1968, to determine if an account may have been opened in favor of Ray or if Swiss could locate an account which they considered suspicious which could be related in some way to this case. Although it is realized that the Swiss Government has always considered information concerning their bank accounts and numbered accounts to be highly confidential information, it is felt that such a review could be made by the Swiss Government itself as a matter of international cooperation. The finding of such an account, of course, would indicate the probable presence of a conspiracy in this investigation. Although there is some indication that the British, in their investigation of Ray, may have made inquiries through banking circles concerning the existence of a Swiss bank account it is not felt that they could go to the Swiss Government and make such a request officially since they do not have primary jurisdiction in this investigation and the charges that they have lodged against Ray are not the type that would cause the Swiss Government to undertake such a review.

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach
1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. L. McGowan
1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
1 - Mr. R. E. Long
1 - Mr. G. M. Quinn

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29 JUL 1968

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: June 24, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

PURPOSE:

To request the Liaison Section of the Bureau to discuss with the State Department the feasibility of determining if subject, James Earl Ray, had an account at a bank in Switzerland.

BACKGROUND:

We have been, during the entire course of the investigation, endeavoring to account for the source of subject's funds. It has been estimated that since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, up to his apprehension in London, England, on June 8, 1968, he has spent approximately $12,000. We have not been able to locate any gainful employment of the subject. Unverified rumors from newspaper accounts in London mentioned the fact that subject possibly had a bank account in Switzerland; however, New Scotland Yard has not been able to locate any information whatsoever which would indicate a bank account in Switzerland.

It is virtually impossible to determine if an individual has a bank account in Switzerland as the Swiss Government very jealously guards this information. It is also known that accounts in these banks are numbered and cannot be identified under any names. In view of the magnitude of this case, the State Department may have had similiar situations in the past in which an official request was made by them to the Government of Switzerland regarding information from the banks.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Liaison Section of the Bureau discuss with the State Department in line with the above in order to determine if an inquiry by the State Department with the Government of Switzerland could be made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

JUN 28 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

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518 PM 6/27/58 URGENT CEK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38381)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JUNE TWENTYSIX LAST.

INVESTIGATION ALTON DISCLOSES HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON NOT AT USUAL HAUNTS AND SOURCES ACQUAINTED WITH HIM CANNOT PROVIDE INFORMATION CONCERNING CURRENT WHEREABOUTS.

[redacted] ADVISED TODAY TWO DAYS AFTER BR AT BANK OF ALTON ON JULY THIRTEEN LAST, COVINGTON AND PERSON STAYING WITH HIM WHO IS UNKNOWN, WENT TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS; COVINGTON RETURNED ALONE ON JULY TWENTYONE LAST DRIVING NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHEVROLET IMPALA HARDTOP, BLUE IN COLOR, INDIANA LICENSE. UNKNOWN PERSON DESCRIBED FIVE FEET ELEVEN INCHES, THIRTY TO FORTY YEARS, BLACK HAIR, THIN MUSTACHE, STOCKY BUILD, CHAIN SMOKER.

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INFORMANT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY UNKNOWN PERSON.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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1205AM URGENT 6-28-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP.1)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Miss Gandy

MUPKIN

RE SI TEL JUNE TWENTYSEVEN, LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED TODAY HE HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON RESIDED WITH ROBERT COATES, ONE THREE THREE ZERO A - FOURTH STREET AND WITH CAROLYN BLANKENSHIP, ONE FOUR TWO SIX - FOURTH STREET DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, EXACT PERIODS UNKNOWN.

INFORMANT STATES RONNIE BELL, BILL AVERY, ART THATCHER AND WILLIE LEE STATE COVINGTON OWNED DARK BLUE NYLON WINDBREAKER TYPE JACKET SIMILAR TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. FURTHER COVINGTON GAVE DELNAR GRINDSTAFF SET OF LIGHT BLUE AIR FORCE TYPE COVERALLS, SIZE FORTY, STATING AN UNKNOWN FRIEND COULDN'T WEAR THEM.

ABOVE INFORMATION BEING FOLLOWED UP TODAY TO VERIFY.

AM COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

END

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REC- 51 44-38861-4781

29 JUL 1968

6/24/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (68-72) (P)

MURKIN

On 6/21/68 ARTHUR J. HALL and his son, who practices law with him, visited Scotland Yard where they saw a Chief Inspector. We have been advised in confidence that HALL requested an interview with RAY and was told he could not see him. He was asked the source of his fee and replied that he expected to collect his fee from RAY. When he was told that RAY is practically without funds, he apparently lost interest in seeing him and requested that RAY be given HALL'S business card, on the back of which he wrote, "Dear Mr. Sneyd. We made no effort to see you but will see you immediately upon arrival in the USA."

In the translator radio in the possession of RAY at the time of his arrest was a torn piece of paper jammed against the battery, apparently to hold the battery right. This paper has parts of notations, apparently in RAY'S handwriting, as follows: "Consul for ", "Then Writ" "Portuguese know about" "MARKED". It would appear likely that these notes pertain to RAY'S efforts to go to Africa as a mercenary. Chief Inspector THOMSON has determined that "MARKED" is meaningless to IAN COLVIN and Major HICKS.

IAN COLVIN has advised New Scotland Yard that the organization in Brussels known as CEDEP, which is mentioned in COLVIN'S previously submitted statement, is a research organization that attempts to keep track of mercenaries in Africa. COLVIN'S mention to RAY of CEDEP and M. JEAN GIRAUD-LEVISON, who is connected with CEDEP, was in the context of suggesting a possible means of locating RAY'S brother whom RAY had alleged was a mercenary in Angola and missing. In this regard it is noted that COLVIN did not provide RAY with the address of the above individual or organization.

3 - Bureau (Ens. 2).
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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It was alleged that when RAY left the Pax Hotel on the morning of his arrest he carried a small flight bag over his shoulder and no other luggage. When arrested he had no luggage, having already checked one suitcase to Brussels. This suitcase was recovered by Scotland Yard and is a square, plaid, fabric zipper bag somewhat larger than the usual "two-suiter".

Scotland Yard conducted an exhaustive search of all baggage rooms and lockers in London without locating any luggage identifiable with RAY. All indications are that at the time of his arrest RAY was on his way to Brussels for the purpose of making the necessary contacts to go to Africa as a mercenary and it would therefore seem unlikely that he was leaving anything of value behind.

An examination of RAY's airline tickets shows that the number of pieces and weight of luggage was not entered on the ticket for the flight from Toronto to London. From London to Lisbon he checked one piece weighing 12 kilos (26.40 pounds). On the return flight fromLisbon to London he checked one piece weighing 15 kilos (33.07 pounds); and on the intended flight to Brussels he checked one piece weighing 13 kilos (28.66 pounds). Scotland Yard has advised that his bag in its present condition weighs 28 pounds and 12 ounces. A raincoat he was carrying when arrested weighs an additional two pounds. Articles removed from his bag for his use in prison, not counting what he actually wears, consist of a suit, a shirt, a pair of socks, an undershirt and a pair of shorts, having a total estimated weight of 3 pounds.

Scotland Yard has advised that airline employees often fail to take time to precisely weigh luggage unless overweight charges are involved (the allowance is 20 kilos) and they often estimate the weight while the scale is fluctuating. This could readily account for an error of one or two kilos. It is noted that his raincoat may have been in the suitcase on the flight from Lisbon to London; therefore it is not apparent that any of his personal effects are missing.

The Atlantic edition of "Life" Magazine, 6/21/63, has been withdrawn from sale in England because of an article on Pages 22-23 captioned "RAY's Old Odyssey." This article includes details of the subject's prior criminal activities as well as a detailed summary of this case and his activities since July, 1967. Publication of such material concerning a defendant under pending charges is strictly prohibited by British law.

London 38-72

In removing outdated messages from their bulletin board at Heathrow International Airport, London, TWA noted that one of their message forms, dated 5/27/68, at 8:00 AM, was addressed to Mr. MAHN CHARLES BUTT, Flight 700 on 5/27/68, advising BUTT that "Mr. RAY will meet you at TWA ticket desk." Scotland Yard believes that the message is in the handwriting of a TWA employee but all TWA employees have been contacted without identifying the person taking the message and without developing any information concerning BUTT, "Mr. RAY" or the subject.

TWA Flight 700 is from Kennedy Airport, New York, to London. The name BUTT does not appear on the passenger list of Flight 700 on 5/27/68 and no record could be found of BUTT's arrival in London.

Enclosed is the original message which should be examined for latent fingerprints to be compared with the subject's fingerprints. Also enclosed is the passenger list for TWA Flight 700, 5/27/68. New York should check with TWA for any information regarding BUTT and determine if he has any connection with the subject. Since BUTT is of East Indian appearance, apparently of Indian or Pakistani origin, FBI records should also be checked.

The following items of property have been taken from the subject's personal effects and are being separately submitted for laboratory examination:

(1) A scratch pad to be examined for indented writing.

(2) One clean and several soiled handkerchiefs to be examined for fluorescent laundry marks.

(3) Wittnauer wristwatch. The back should be removed from the watch to obtain the serial number and any possible foreign material.

(4) Test bullets fired from subject's revolver to be checked against any available bullets recovered from unsolved crimes.

The above property, with the exception of the test bullets, should be immediately returned to Legat, London for

return to Scotland Yard. The test bullets should be forwarded Legat, Ottawa, for appropriate [illegible] or comparison with any unidentified bullets they may have.

Laboratory Transmittal Form

1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Trotter
(Mr. Latona)
1 - Mr. Jevons
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Foreign Liaison
1 - Lab File

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: July 1, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680625135 IH
PC-A7235 DX IZ
CW

Examination requested by: Legat, London

Reference: Airtel 6/24/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint - Firearms - Laundry Marks - Miscellaneous

Remarks:

This report confirms and supplements Bureau airtel to Memphis dated 6/26/68 with copies to Legat, Ottawa and Legat, London. Q377 through Q384 were returned to Legat, London with copies of this airtel. K486 was forwarded to Legat, Ottawa with copies of this airtel.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Legat, London (88-172) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

REPORT
of the

FBI
LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: July 1, 1968
FBI File No. 44- 38861
Lab. No. D-630625135 IH
PC-A7235 BX IZ
CW

Specimens received 6/25/68

Q377 Scratch pad

Q378 - Q382 One clean and four soiled handkerchiefs

Q383 Wittnauer wrist watch

Q384 TWA message slip for YARUM CHANDRA DUTT

K486 Four test bullets and four cartridge cases from "Liberty Chief, .38 Special revolver" serial #715

Result of examination:

Q377 was examined for watermarks and indented writing with negative results. The hand printed word "CETERFICATE" appears on the cover of this pad. Although a number of hand printing similarities were noted in this word when compared with Ray's hand printing indicating it was possibly prepared by the subject, the limited nature of this hand printing precludes a definite identification of Ray as the author of this hand printing.

No visible or invisible laundry marks were found on specimens Q378 through Q382.

Specimen Q383 is a men's 17-jewel Wittnauer wrist watch encased in a Wittnauer watchcase. Both the watchcase and the movement are of Swiss origin. The wrist watch movement does not bear a serial number and there is no physical evidence that the movement has been repaired since there are no jewelers' "scratch marks" inscribed on the inside of the case. The watchcase bears two sets of numbers, one above the other, as follows: 8001
11K

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The Wittnauer factory should be able to advise as to the significance, if any, of these markings. The possibility of tracing the retail sale of specimen Q383 appears remote. No foreign material was located on or in the watch which could assist in tracing the wrist watch.

The wrist watch has a stainless steel expansion-type band bearing the markings "ADMIRAL U.S.A" There is an Admiral Watch Band Company, Incorporated, 9 . DeBrosses Street, New York City, which manufactures watch bands.

The test bullets and cartridge cases from the .38 Special caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver, serial number 715 were compared with all similar specimens in the National Unidentified Ammunitions File without effecting an identification.

Two latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q384 but they were not identical with the fingerprints of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. The questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q384 were not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY. K486 has been previously forwarded to Legat, Ottawa. Q377 through Q384 have been previously forwarded to Legat, London.

7/3/68

CODE

CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) 4783

REC- 51

MURKIN EX 106

REURCAB JUNE TWENTY-NINE LAST.

FOR THE PERIOD COVERING FROM THE DATE OF RAY'S ESCAPE FROM MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY IN APRIL, SIXTY-SEVEN, UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY CASES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY EACH FIELD OFFICE, LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN MURKIN CASE HAVE BEEN CHECKED AGAINST LATENTS IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERY CASES, HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING SPECIMENS IN MURKIN CASE HAVE BEEN COMPARED WITH BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND ALL FIELD OFFICES HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO CONSIDER RAY AS POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES DURING APPROPRIATE PERIOD. THE FIELD CONTINUES TO BE ALERT TO THIS POSSIBILITY AND ANY PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE FULLY RUN OUT.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (cleared through D. J. Brennan)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

VIA TELETYPE

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO...

ENCIPHERED

CABLEGRAM LEGAT LONDON
RE: MURKIN

WITH RESPECT TO YOUR REQUEST THAT KNOWN HANDPRINTING OF SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY BE COMPARED WITH WRITING ON NOTE USED IN ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY OF NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK, LONDON ON SIX TWENTY-NINE, SIXTY-SEVEN, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED BY THE FBI LAB THAT NOTE IN QUESTION WAS NOT PREPARED BY SUBJECT RAY.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

NOTE: Legat, London on 6/29/68, advised that New Scotland Yard has identified Ray through fingerprints with a bank robbery in Fulham, England, on 6/4/68. Legat, London suggested Bureau review unsolved bank robberies with similar MO, namely, lone armed robber exhibiting note, since Ray's escape and that we request RCMP to do likewise. This MO is not unique and the major portion of bank robberies are committed utilizing this MO, however, the possible bank robbery aspects have been blanketed as indicated in this cablegram. Legat, Ottawa has already been instructed to request RCMP to conduct appropriate bank robbery survey.

Legat, London has been requested to obtain, if possible, photograph of note utilized in bank robbery on 6/4/68, that Ray has been identified with, for appropriate comparison with handwriting specimens in Murkin case. This is for purpose of further substantiating Ray's involvement in that robbery. Copies will also be forwarded to Legat, Ottawa when received for assistance of RCMP in its bank robbery survey. Legat, London requested that note in attempted bank robbery in London on 6/29/67, be compared with handprinting of subject. Lab determined that note in question was not prepared by subject Ray.

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IMMEDIATE 7-1-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 83

VIA TELETYPE
JUL 1 1968
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MURKIN.

REMYCAB JUNE TWO NINE LAST.

PERMISSION RECEIVED FROM YARD TO REVEAL INFO IN RECAB TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON NEED TO KNOW BASIS AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES CAN IT AT THIS TIME BE PUT INTO REALM OF PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. I WILL INFORM VINSON ON SAME BASIS AM JULY TWO NEXT.

MYAIRTEL AUGUST ONE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN "UNSUB, ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK, SEVEN FOUR SLOANE STREET, LONDON, SW ONE, ENGLAND, JUNE TWO NINE, ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, FPC" SUBMITTED PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF NOTE USED.

SUGGEST BUREAU COMPARE THIS NOTE WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS RAY'S WRITING IN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE HIM AS SUSPECT THIS MATTER.

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IMMEDIATE 7-1-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 83

MURKIN.

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RECEIVED: 3:34 PM LRC

44-38861-4942

ORIGINAL: MR ROSEN

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 6-28-68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ANONYMOUS LETTER
DATED 6-10-68 TO SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY
CONCERNING AN ASSASSINATION PLOT

The Office of Senator Edward Kennedy (D - Mass.) has forwarded to SA [redacted] the enclosed anonymous letter dated 6-10-68, addressed to Senator Kennedy. This was received on 6-26-68.

The writer identifies himself as a former prisoner at the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, Missouri. He writes that in 1960, while at the prison, he tried to make a deal with an FBI Agent out of Jefferson City or St. Louis, possibly named Gray. He said he told this Agent he had been contacted in Kansas City about "a Assassin plot." The writer asked that his story be checked out to insure the fact that he did converse with an FBI man is on the record, for if the Agent did not record his story, "everyone would say I was lying." He said that if it was known he had or was going to talk to the Senator or the FBI, his life or the lives of his family "wouldn't be worth 2¢."

The writer indicates he will contact Senator Kennedy again as soon as he thinks "you may want to talk to me." There is a possibility this letter may have some connection with the investigation concerning James Earl Ray, suspect in the Martin Luther King assassination since Ray also was an inmate at Missouri State Prison in 1960.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this matter be referred to the General Investigative Division for appropriate action.

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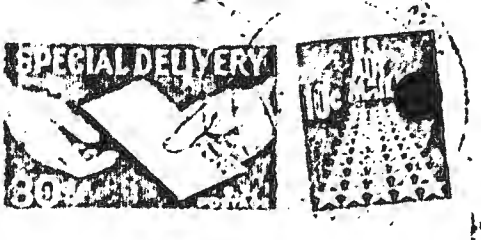
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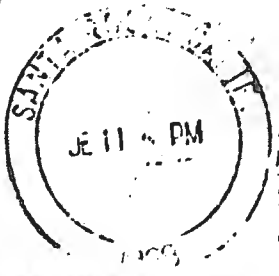
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Senator Edward M. Kennedy
Kennedy Estate
Mc Lean Virginia



July 2, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. McDonough

REC- 51

TO: SAC, Kansas City

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies of an anonymous letter forwarded to the Bureau by the office of Senator Edward Kennedy.

Since James Earl Ray was incarcerated in Missouri State Penitentiary in 1960, you should make appropriate efforts to identify the FBI Agent "Gray" and/or the prisoner and endeavor to resolve this matter and advise the Bureau of details with appropriate recommendations if warranted.

Handle promptly.

Enclosures (2)

1 - SAC, Memphis (for info) (Enclosure - copy of incoming)

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MAILED 7
JUL 2 1968
COMM-FBI

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Dear Mr Kennedy

I am writing you concerning
a phone message I left during the week
of March 17th or 24th concerning matters of great
importance to Christians, & also here
Saint Confessors, & Martyrs will be great
Let Me know if you received this letter I sent
out a week ago & am not often
together, God bless you & your whole family
Mr Hoover, I could not give you
my name, but it may stand, Christ
Jesus I wanted the Chief to talk to me
I am an Ex Convict & Minister of
all Kinds of Settles, I am an
Cattle Rancher about 45 miles North
of many Sleepless nights to know I
Used to make a deal for 150 cattle
I could steal on the Open Range
State Pen at Jeff City Mo. with a
F.B.I. name, tried & told him I had
been Contacted on the City 22 JUL 9 1968
& Assassin plot, but that I had
Turn the plot down, this F.B.I. man
was either out of Jeff City or St Louis
I think his name was Clay.

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So he was admitting everything I said down on a Log Jail, I think if was Sept of 1960, It should be in the Mission Records at the Pen that F-B-I man was there. Otherwise it could be very closed again Bro. But so lucky I want it checked out before I talk to anyone. For if he told them at his office, Everyone would say I was Lying, And if it was never known I was going to talk or had already talked to you or the F-B-I my life or very family wouldn't be worth 2¢. The Dirty game Straight Sirce I been out, And I'm Stuffy with very Some Cell. But maybe you will Check my statement, and I will Contact you Again as Soon as I think you may want to talk to me.

S Bateman

I Know the FBI can find me. At Least All Know they checked A friend I could Rely. And I have nothing to hide,

VIA TELETYPE
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STATE 006

IMMEDIATE 7-2-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 85

MURKIN.

CONFIRMING TELEPHONIC CONVERSATION WITH ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN TODAY.

COURT CONVENED TEN THIRTY AM. DEFENSE FINISHED SUMMATION CONCERNING POLITICAL ASPECTS OF MURDER OF KING. PROSECUTION TOOK OVER AT ELEVEN AM, DEALT WITH POLITICAL ASPECTS AND DEFINITION OF ROBBERY BY VIOLENCE. AT TWELVE TEN PM MAGISTRATE SAID COURT WOULD RECESS UNTIL TWO PM. COURTROOM CLEARED. WITHIN FIVE MINUTES CLERK OF COURT ASKED PEOPLE TO RETURN AS RAY WISHED TO MAKE STATEMENT.

EX 109 REC-4 — 47786

AT TWELVE TWENTY SIX PM RAY MADE STATEMENT NOT UNDER OATH OR BY AFFIRMATION (HIS COUNSEL ADVISED THIS AGAINST HIS ADVICE BUT RAY STRONG WILLED AND DOES NOT READILY ACCEPT GUIDANCE). RAY IN ESSENCE STATED AS FOLLOWS: HE DID NOT WANT TO REPEAT HIMSELF BUT WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO CHIEF SUPT. BUTLER'S TESTIMONY ONCE AGAIN ESPECIALLY IN VIEW FACT THIS WILL BE GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY IN U.S. ESPECIALLY IN SO CALLED LIBERAL PRESS. HE WOULD URGE COURT TO TAKE THE TOTALITY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES. HE DID NOT

12 JUL 8 1968

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

SIGN ANY KIND OF STATEMENT WHATSOEVER, ALSO HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED HE DID NOT WANT CONVERSATION WITH ANY MEMBER U.S. GOVERNMENT, ESPECIALLY MR. VINSON OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. ONE OTHER THING HE OBJECTED TO, THOUGH NOT SURE IT IS RELATED TO THIS CASE BUT BELIEVES THIS HEARING WILL HAVE EFFECT ON HIS TRIAL IN UNITED STATES, WAS SHORTLY AFTER HIS ARREST HE ENGAGED ATTORNEY FROM U.S., MR. ARTHUR HANES, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HANES MADE TRIP TO LONDON TO CONSULT WITH HIM. THIS DENIED BY BRITISH HOME SECRETARY. HE WROTE TO OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD HEATH BUT WAS INFORMED BY PRISON GOVERNOR THIS NOT PERMITTED. HIS LETTER WOULD BE SENT TO HOME SECRETARY WHO WOULD DECIDE WHETHER HEATH WOULD BE PERMITTED TO READ LETTER.

IN CONCLUSION, IN VIEW OF SERIOUSNESS THIS CASE, HE FELT HE SHOULD HAVE HAD LITTLE MORE FREEDOM TO WRITE AND RECEIVE VISITS FROM PEOPLE UNDER ORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES. HE CONCLUDED THIS WAS ALL HE HAD TO SAY AND THANKED COURT FOR PERMITTING HIM TO MAKE STATEMENT.

COURT RECONVENED TWO FIFTEEN PM. STATEMENT READ TO FULL COURT. MAGISTRATE COMMENTED THIS STATEMENT WOULD HAVE NO BEARING ON HIS DECISION. ALSO THAT ONLY ENGLISH BARRISTERS OR SOLICITORS HAD RIGHT OF AUDIENCE IN HIS COURT AND THAT RAY HAD BEEN ABLY

DEFENDED BY MR. FRISBEE.

MAGISTRATE THEN ORDERED RAY EXTRADITED ON BOTH CHARGES. INFORMED HIM OF HIS FIFTEEN DAY APPEAL PERIOD. ASKED HIM IF HE WANTED TO APPLY FOR LEGAL AID AND SIGNED FORM FOR LEGAL AID. MAGISTRATE AGAIN REMANDED RAY ON THE ENGLISH CHARGES UNTIL JULY NINE NEXT.

COUNSEL FOR STATES TENNESSEE AND MISSOURI ADVISED HE ANTICIPATED RAY'S COUNSEL WILL FILE FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER APPEAL PROCEDURE ON OR ABOUT JULY SIXTEEN NEXT WITH MATTER THEN GOING TO QUEEN'S BENCH COURT AND HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD GO FROM THERE TO HOUSE OF LORDS. HE PREDICTED FINAL ACTION THIS MATTER SHOULD BE CONCLUDED IN TWENTY ONE DAYS.

RECEIVED: 2:25PM LRC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 7/2/68

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to cablegram from Legat, London, dated 7/1/68 requesting that the known hand printing of subject James Earl Ray be compared with the note used in the attempted bank robbery of the National Provincial Bank, 74 Sloane St., London, SW 1, England, on 6/29/67.

As a result of a comparison of the above described note with the hand printing of James Earl Ray it was determined that the note in question was not prepared by subject Ray.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long, 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab Files
1 - 163-19438

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ADDENDUM: Results of comparison set out above are being included in cablegram being sent to Legat, London, by the General Investigative Division.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 2, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Sullivan

Legat Minnich, London, called to advise that James Earl Ray has been ordered extradited on both charges by decision of the Magistrate. It is recalled these charges are (1) that he was wanted in connection with the murder of Rev. Martin Luther King and (2) to complete the sentence pending in Missouri State Penitentiary from which he escaped.

The proceedings began at 10:30 a. m. London time (5:30 a. m. our time). The defense was based upon the political aspects of the case and the prosecution answered the arguments raised by defense counsel. In addition, the Magistrate asked for and received the definition of robbery according to U. S. law, inasmuch as time which Ray was serving in Missouri Penitentiary was based upon a robbery charge. Court was adjourned at 12:10 p. m. London time, to be reconvened at 2:00 p. m. Immediately thereafter everyone left the Magistrate's Courtroom and apparently the press scurried out first.

Subject Ray then asked the Magistrate if he might be able to make a statement. This came unexpectedly and everyone had left the courtroom. Ray was then allowed to make a statement and this was contrary to the advice of his counsel. His statement was to the effect that he did not want to repeat himself but that he wanted to note a very strong objection to the testimony of Butler (Butler was the police officer who told the court that Ray, in his presence, made the comment "Oh God, I feel trapped.").

Ray explained that he especially objected to this comment because it would be given wide press coverage in the liberal press and the press would not "take into totality all of the circumstances." He also added he had made no statements to anyone in the U. S. Government and would not desire to. He said he had had no conversation with Vinson. He said he had engaged an attorney, one Arthur Hanes, and had not been allowed to consult with him; that he had made known his desires to the Home Secretary to whom he appealed and he felt he should have had more freedom of discussion with persons of his choice. This statement of Ray's was subsequently given to the press at 2:15 p. m. when the Magistrate summoned the court to reconvene.

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Upon arrival the Magistrate summed up the extradition proceedings, ordered the subject extradited, and remanded to Wandsworth Prison. He told Ray that he had fifteen days within which to appeal and asked Ray whether he wanted legal aid and Ray said he did.

The court also remanded the English charges to July 9 (these were possession of illegal passport and carrying a concealed weapon).

Minnich states the Court also stated Ray was not entitled under English law to talk to anybody he desired and that all persons were not allowed to appear and have an audience with the Magistrate, that this audience was only allowed to English barristers and solicitors.

It was also indicated that the English charges will probably be postponed and that once the subject is extradited, the local charges will be nolle prossed.

It is the view of the solicitor representing the States of Missouri and Tennessee that his best guess is it will be approximately 21 days before Ray can be removed. He is assuming that an appeal to the Queen's Bench will probably be made on the 14th day, which will be July 16, and that thereafter it will probably be three or four days before the appeal will be acted upon by the Queen's Bench. It is highly unlikely that the case will be appealed to the House of Lords and consequently it is the view of the English solicitor that the Home Secretary will probably sign the extradition order 21 days from July 2, which would be the 23d of July.

ACTION: For your information.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI CLEVELAND

10:00PM URGENT MJB 7-3-68

TO: BUREAU (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: CLEVELAND (44-565)

MURKIN, CR, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE MEMPHIS TEL, JULY TWO , LAST.

CONTACT WITH FULFILLMENT CORPORATION OF AMERICA, (FCA), MARION, OHIO, MAGAZINE CONTRACTORS FOR AMERICAN HERITAGE CO., DISCLOSED ON APRIL TWENTYNINE LAST, FCA RECEIVED AMERICAN HERITAGE BUSINESS REPLY POSTCARD WHEREON S. GALT, LORAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ORDERED THE AMERICAN HERITAGE HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES, CONSISTING OF THREE VOLUMES, INCLUDING THE HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENCY BY MARCUS CUNLIFFE AND THE PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENCY (TWO VOLUMES). GALT ALSO ORDERED TWELVE INCH LP RECORDING, THE INVENTION OF THE PRESIDENCY. GALT REQUESTED HE BE BILLED FOR ABOVE. POSTCARD RECEIVED BY FCA BORE NO POSTMARK INASMUCH AS IT WAS A PRE-ADDRESSED BUSINESS REPLY CARD.

FCA ADVISED THE BUSINESS REPLY CARD USED BY GALT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CARD SENT TO AN EXPIRED NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AMERICAN HERITAGE SUBSCRIBER. CHECK OF FCA RECORDS DISCLOSED GALT'S NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON SIXTYSEVEN AMERICAN HERITAGE SUBSCRIBERS LIST.

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UACB, ABOVE CARD BEING FORWARDED TO FBI FOR APPROPRIATE HANDWRITING AND FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7/3/68

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

All outstanding stops removed. This matter is now closed in the NYO.

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1- New York

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FBI SPRNGFLD

440PM URGENT 7-3-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BU JULY TWO LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP FURTHER INFORMATION RE JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC) BUT IS CONTINUING EFFORTS ALONG THESE LINES.

CAROLYN WYATT STATED SHE DOES NOT RECALL HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON OWNING OR HAVING ACCESS TO ANY CLOTHING SIMILAR TO THAT RECOVERED AFTER ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON.

INQUIRY AT RESIDENCE OF COVINGTON'S MOTHER DISCLOSES SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE WHEREABOUTS OR ACTIVITIES OF COVINGTON.. STATES SHE BELIEVES HE IS "ON THE RUN" SINCE SEVERAL POLICE AGENCIES SEEKING INFOPMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 7/3/68

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (44-2649) (RUC) P

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Re Memphis teletype dated 5/29/68 and Bureau airtel dated 5/31/68 concerning attempts to locate FRANK BRICKLEY.

On 6/14/68, MRS. [redacted] sister of FRANK BRICKLEY, Wichita Falls, Texas advised she last saw BRICKLEY about two and one half weeks prior to 6/14/68, when he visited her in Wichita Falls. He left about two weeks ago and did not say where he was going, and she has no idea where he might be. She said he is a drifter and only occasionally stops in to see her for a few days. She said she had told BRICKLEY that the FBI had inquired of their father about him. BRICKLEY only replied that he was in no trouble and that the FBI really did not want him.

[redacted] said BRICKLEY had [illegible] unknown address in Dallas and he had claimed that he was employed as a painter by Southwestern Life Insurance Company, Dallas, but had quit that job recently. She said CHARLOTTE [redacted], employed by New York Life Insurance Company, Dallas, was formerly the girl friend of BRICKLEY and might know his whereabouts.

[redacted] advised she will notify the FBI should she learn the present whereabouts of BRICKLEY.

[redacted] Clerk, Service Department, New York Life Insurance Company, Republic National Bank Building, Dallas, advised on 6/[illegible]/68, she has known BRICKLEY since about July, 1967. She believed he had [illegible] Dallas about five or six months prior to that. She said she went out with him, but when she wanted to terminate their relationship, he began to make a nuisance of himself, [illegible] see her both at work and at home. She said she has not [illegible] him for about a month and hopes [illegible] again. She said she has made it perfectly clear to BRICKLEY that she does not want to see him, but if [illegible] her, she will notify this office.

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[redacted] said BRICKLEY is 31 years old and

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according to BRICKLEY, has spent most of his adult life in prison. She said she believes he may not be mentally balanced. He is a drifter, frequents low class bars, and stays in third rate rooming houses. She said she has no idea where he might be at the present time, or anyone who might know his whereabouts.

On 6/18/68, [redacted] Personnel Clerk, Southwestern Life Insurance Company, 1807 Ross Avenue, Dallas, advised she had reviewed the personnel records of past and present employees of that company and she could locate no record of FRANK WILLIAM BRICKLEY.

The files of the Dallas Police Department, Identification Bureau, and Records Bureau and Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Identification Division, were checked on 6/18/68, and no records of BRICKLEY were located.

In view of the subject's apprehension and the unknown whereabouts of BRICKLEY, the Bureau is requested to advise Dallas whether additional investigation regarding BRICKLEY is required.

July 8, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Dallas (44-2649)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REC-19

Re Dallas letter to Bureau dated 7/3/68.

In view of subject Ray's apprehension and unknown whereabouts of Frank William Brickley, Dallas should not conduct any further investigation to locate and interview Brickley.

1 - Memphis

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NOTE:

Unknown individual furnished information to Los Angeles Times Newspapers regarding subject Ray being involved in a conspircy plot to murder Martin Luther King, Jr. Investigation determined all of these allegations to be without foundation. Brickley possibly identical to unknown individual who furnished information to Los Angeles Times Newspaper. Dallas being advised not to conduct any further efforts to locate and interview Brickley.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) IP

MURKIN.

RCMP REQUEST TO BE ADVISED IF PASSPORT APPLICATION OF SUBJECT UNDER NAME RAYMOND GEORGE SNEYD MAY BE UTILIZED IN INVESTIGATION OF NOTARY, HENRY MOOS, WITHOUT IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZING BUREAU'S OR MEMPHIS PD'S CASE. IT WAS STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME NEEDED, BUT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CLEAN IT UP, IN VIEW IODINE FUMES. IT HAS BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED AS IS DEPICTING PRINTS THEREON.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonoug

TO LEGAT OTTAWA

REC-19

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REURTEL JUNE TWENTY-NINE LAST.

REQUEST OF RCMP RELATIVE TO UTILIZATION OF PASSPORT APPLICATION OF SUBJECT IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATION OF NOTARY HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AAG POLLAK, CRD. POLLAK ADVISED THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO RCMP UTILIZING ORIGINAL PASSPORT APPLICATION, HOWEVER, EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO NOT ALTER ITS PHYSICAL APPEARANCE AND THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE SHOULD BE CLEARLY DOCUMENTED IN EVENT ORIGINAL APPLICATION MAY HAVE TO BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY PROCEEDING IN THIS CASE.

COPY TO MEMPHIS.

VIA TELETYPE
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1 - SAC, MEMPHIS
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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NOTE:

RCMP requested to be advised if the passport application of the subject under name of Ramon George Sneyd may be utilized in their investigation of the notary without in any way jeopardizing the Bureau or the Memphis Police Department's case. RCMP stressed that it would be available at any time needed but would have to be cleaned up in view of iodine fuming which was used to develop any fingerprints. Photographs of this document were forwarded to the Bureau for appropriate handwriting examination and original retained by RCMP.

[redacted] This was referred to AAG Stephen J. Pollak by SA [redacted] and he advised as indicated in this cablegram. Discussion with Mr. Pollak will be confirmed in writing.

FBI WASH DC

914 PM 8P URGENT 7/3/68 ELS

TO DIRECTOR AND JACKSON

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO ATLANTA JULY TWO LAST.

RAYMOND CURTIS WAS INTERVIEWED AT WHITFIELD CO. JAIL, DALTON, GA., JULY THREE INSTANT BY SAS [redacted] JR., AND [redacted] CURTIS IS CURRENTLY CONFINED WHITFIELD CO. JAIL AWAITING APPEAL ON LIFE SENTENCE FOR MURDER. CURTIS WAS ADVISED OF THE IDENTITY OF THE INTERVIEWING AGENTS THROUGH DISPLAY OF CREDENTIALS. HE WAS FURNISHED A RIGHTS AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS FORM WHICH HE READ, INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD, AND REFUSED TO SIGN. HE ADVISED HE KNEW HE WAS BEING INTERVIEWED CONCERNING STATEMENTS HE MADE IN A LETTER HE HAD MAILED TO MR. SANDERS OF EBONY MAGAZINE. CURTIS STATED HE WAS MERELY TRYING TO SELL A STORY TO EBONY FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS TO HELP HIS MOTHER PAY OFF A MORTGAGE ON HER HOME, WHICH SHE MORTGAGED TO OBTAIN ATTORNEY FEES FOR HIS DEFENSE. AT FIRST HE STATED, WITH RFFERENCE TO THESE STATEMENTS, THAT HE AND JAMES EARL RAY PULLED A CRIME IN FIFTYFOUR, WHICH WAS A BURGLARY IN JOLIET, ILL., IN OCT, OR NOV., FIFTYFOUR. AT THIS POINT IT WAS POINTED OUT TO CURTIS THAT CERTAIN

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cc - McDonough

STATEMENTS MADE BY HIM IN HIS LETTER TO EBONY COULD POSSIBLY INVOLVE HIM IN A CONSPIRACY WITH RAY CONCERNING THE KILLING OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CURTIS CATAGORICALLY DENIED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WHICH WERE IN HIS LETTER TO EBONY MAGAZINE:

1. THAT HE AND JAMES EARL RAY PULLED A CRIME IN FIFTYFOUR.

2. THAT RAY WANTED THE JOB OF KILLING KING.

3. THAT HE AND RAY TALKED ABOUT KILLING KING FOR THREE YEARS.

4. THAT THEY TALKED TO THE MAN FROM MISSISSIPPI THAT KNEW ALL ABOUT THE KK BUSINESSMANS ASSOCIATION THAT WAS TO PUT UP THE MONEY TO KILL KING.

5. THAT HE KNEW THE MEN FROM MISSISSIPPI.

6. FOR THREE YEARS, THAT HE AND RAY MADE MAPS JUST TO FIND THE RIGHT PLACE TO KILL KING AND THAT HE HAD MADE THE MAPS OVER HIMSELF.

7. HE AND RAY KNEW JUST WHERE THEY WOULD GO AFTER THE KILLING OF KING.

8. THAT HE WAS TO BE IN ON THE KILLING OF KING.

9. THAT THERE ARE MEN IN FIVE STATES THAT ARE BEHIND THE KING KILLING AND THAT DO NOT KNOW WHAT HE KNOWS.

DURING THE INTERVIEW, CURTIS DREW CRUDE MAPS SETTING OUT HOW HE THOUGHT RAY WOULD STALK KING. THIS MAP SHOWED THE FOLLOWING TOWNS WHERE HE SAID KING MADE MOST OF HIS SPEECHES: ATLANTA, LITTLE ROCK, BIRMINGHAM, MOBILE, SELMA, JACKSON, VICKSBURGS, MISS., AND MARKS, MISS. HE FURTHER POINTED OUT THERE WAS A MAN LIVING ON A HOUSEBOAT IN VICKSBURG ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER (WHOSE FIRST NAME HE KNEW BUT WOULD NOT DIVULGE). THIS MAN WAS TO TAKE RAY DOWN THE RIVER ON HIS BOAT TO NEW ORLEANS AFTER THE KILLING. HE STATED IN THE PAST HE (CURTIS) HAD PULLED SEVERAL BURGLARY AND ARMED ROBBERIES (HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON PARTICULARS) IN TOWNS ALONG THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND WHILE POLICE WERE LOOKING FOR HIM ON THE HIGHWAY HE WOULD BE ON A BOAT DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI. HE FURTHER STATED HE HAD WRITTEN A STORY CONCERNING THE KING KILLING WHICH WAS CURRENTLY OUT BEING TYPED AND IT WAS THE STORY HE MENTIONED IN THE LETTER TO EBONY AND INTENDED TO SELL TO EBONY.

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SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN, NA, WHO IS SHERIFF OF WHITFIELD CO., GA., AND OPERATES THE COUNTY JAIL, ADVISED CURTIS HAD SENT NO LETTERS OR COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JAIL WHICH WENT OVER THE JAILERS DESK. HE SAID CURTIS WOULD PROBABLY SEND ALL MAIL OUT WITH VISITORS AND JAIL TRUSTEES AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE BEEN OBSERVED BY MEN OF HIS DEPT. IT IS FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT CURTIS' ATTORNEY, ERWIN MITCHELL, FORMER U.S. CONGRESSMAN FOR THE SEVENTH DISTRICT OF GA., IS OF THE OPINION THAT MOST OF CURTIS' COMMENTS CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S ASSASSINATION OF KING ARE PURE FABRICATIONS ON THE PART OF CURTIS OR AS A RESULT OF SOMETHING CURTIS HAS READ IN LOCAL PAPERS.

APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW WITH CURTIS, HE SENT A NOTE TO SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN REQUESTING TO AGAIN SEE AN FBI AGENT, THAT HE NOW WANTED TO TELL THE ENTIRE TRUTH. CURTIS WAS AGAIN INTERVIEWED BY SA [redacted], AND AGAIN FURNISHED A RIGHTS FORM WHICH HE REFUSED TO SIGN. HE THEN STATED THAT APPARENTLY IN HIS LETTER TO EBONY HE USED THE WORK "WE" INDICATING THAT HE AND JAMES EARL RAY HAD PLANNED THE KING MURDER WHICH WOULD INVOLVE HIM IN A CONSPIRACY AND FOR

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THAT REASON HE DENIED THE STATEMENTS IN LETTER TO EBONY. HE THEN ADVISED HE HAD WRITTEN A STORY WHICH HE INTENDED TO SELL TO SOME MAGAZINE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING MONEY FOR HIS MOTHER WHICH STORY WAS STILL IN HIS POSSESSION AND WHICH HE HAD NOT YET SENT OUT TO BE TYPED. HE ALLOWED SA HENRY TO READ THIS APPROXIMATELY TWENTY PAGE STORY, HANDWRITTEN, ONE PAGE AT A TIME. HE DECLARED THIS STORY WAS TRUE. THE FIRST FIVE OR SIX PAGES OF THIS STORY MERELY SET OUT HIS EARLY LIFE IN CRIME AND THE PRISON SENTENCES HE HAD SERVED AS A RESULT OF THESE CRIMES FROM THE AGE OF FIFTEEN. THE REMAINDER OF THE STORY IS THE SAME AS WAS SET FORTH IN THE ORIGINAL INTERVIEW WITH CURTIS IN APRIL, SIXTYEIGHT CONCERNING HIS KNOWLEDGE AND ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. THIS STORY DOES REFLECT THAT HE FIRST BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH RAY IN FIFTYFOUR WHEN THEY PULLED A PAYROLL HEIST IN QUINCY, ILL., WITH A THIRD INDIVIDUAL. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE LOST CONTACT WITH RAY WHEN HE AND THIS THIRD INDIVIDUAL WERE CAUGHT IN A FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLAR BANK ROBBERY AT SOUTHWEST CITY, MO. AFTER THAT HE AGAIN BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH RAY IN PRISON AND WHILE IN PRISON THEY BOTH LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. RAY THEN STATED IT SOUNDED LIKE A BIG JOB AND HE WAS ALWAYS ON THE INSIDE OR A PRISON WHEN BG JOBS AND BIG MONEY WERE TO BE HAD.

SHORTLY AFTER THE DEATH OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., BECAME PROMINENT AND RAY STATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO KILL KING. THE STORY WENT ON TO REFLECT THAT DURING THIS PERIOD AN INDIVIDUAL CAME INTO THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY FROM VICKSBURG, MISS., AND WHO, UPON LEARNING OF JAMES EARL RAY'S FEELINGS TOWARD KILLING KING, ADVISED HIM OF THE KK BUSINESSMEN ASSOCIATION OF THE SOUTH AND OF THE FACT THAT PEOPLE IN FIVE STATES WERE PUTTING UP MONEY FOR KING'S ASSASSINATION. THE STORY FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT RAY INFORMED HIM THAT HE INTENDED TO HAVE EVERYTHING SET WHEN HE KILLED KING AND THAT RAY, THROUGH MAPS, LEARNED OF KING'S MOVEMENTS SO HE COULD LATER STALK HIM TO THE POINT OF ASSASSINATION. THE STORY FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT RAY ADVISED HE WOULD LEAVE A FALSE GUN AND FALSE TRAIL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MURDER. RAY WAS SUPPOSED TO

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GO TO VICKSBURG FOLLOWING THE MURDER, CONTACT THE MAN FROM VICKSBURG, MISS., WHO HAD THE HOUSEBOAT, AND THIS MAN WAS TO TAKE HIM FITHER TO NEW ORLEANS OR CANADA VIA THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE INTERVIEW, CURTIS STATED HE WOULDNOT TESTIFY TO ANY OF THE ABOVE. HE DID ADVISE IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT THE NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL ON THE HOUSEBOAT IN VICKSBURG, MISS., WAS (FNU) WILLETT, ALSO KNOWN AS MISSISSIPPI WHO SERVED TIME IN THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.

THE STORY ALSO MENTIONED A MAN FROM NEW ORLEANS WHO COULD OBTAIN ANY KIND OF IDENTIFICATION AND CURTIS LATER IDENTIFIED THIS MAN AS JOE COIN, WHICH INFORMATION HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN SET OUT IN AN INTERVIEW WITH CURTIS. THROUGHOUT THE INTERVIEW WITH CURTIS, AND WHILE READING CURTIS' STORY, HE CONTINUED TO EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT HE WOULD NOT TESTIFY AGAINST RAY AS HE FEARED FOR HIS LIFE. HE INDICATED THAT ANY STATE PRISON HE WAS SENT TO WOULD PROBABLY HAVE INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD KILL HIM AS A RESULT OF PREVIOUS INFORMATION HE FURNISHED THE PRESS AND TV MEDIA AND IT IS FELT HE WAS USING THIS AS AN EXCUSE AS TO WHY HE

DID NOT WANT TO BE SENT TO A STATE PRISON ON HIS CURRENT LIFE SENTENCE. HE STATED HE WOULD NOT ALLOW HIS STORY TO BE XEROXED NOR WOULD HE WRITE IT OVER AGAIN OR ALLOW THE PAGES TO LEAVE HIS CELL. HE DID STATE HE WOULD TRANSCRIBE HIS STORY OVER A DICTATING MACHINE AND WOULD REDRAW CERTAIN MAPS HE PRODUCED FOR HIS STORY.

HE THEN PRESENTED CRUDE SKETCHES OF THE FED. PENITENTIARY AT LEVENWORTH, THE MISSOURI STATE PEN, IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED MAP CONCERNING THE TOWNS WHERE KING MADE NUMEROUS SPEECHES.

UACB, CURTIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO DICTATE HIS STORY ON A DICTATING MACHINE IN THE PRESENCE OF SA [redacted]

DUE TO THE UNRELIABILITY OF CURTIS, NO LEAD FOR AN EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IS BEING SET FORTH FOR JACKSON IN CONNECTION WITH IDENTIFYING (FNU) WILLETT, AKA MISSISSIPPI UACB.

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FBI WASH DC

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July 5, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. McDonough

REC-19 [illegible]

TO: SAC's, Jackson, Atlanta

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN

ReATtel 7/3/68.

Jackson should make reasonable efforts to identify and interview (FNU) Willett, and run out any pertinent information developed and surep or LHM.

Since Curtis refuses to furnish "his story" for appropriate copying, it will not be necessary for an Agent to have him dictate on a dictating machine in the Agent's presence. Curtis is not to set the terms on which he will furnish information to the FBI, particularly since to date he has not furnished anything of substantive value. Atlanta Su LHM.

MAILED 4 JUL 3 1968 FBI

For information of Memphis, "Ebony" Magazine forwarded letters from Raymond Curtis, inmate of Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia, in which he alleged among other things that [illegible] and Ray planned the King killing and businessmen put up money for the King murder. Curtis was previously interviewed and furnished nebulous information along the same lines which was run out and nothing of substantive value was developed (See report of Alan G. Sentinella dated 5/17/68, at Atlanta, copies to Memphis). On re interview on 7/3/68, Curtis originally recanted substantially the whole story he had set out in his letters to "Ebony" but then recontacted the Agents and claimed that the "story" was true. Among his allegations, he indicated that an individual named (FNU) Willett who was also known

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as "Mississippi" was supposed to be contacted by Ray at Vicksburg, Mississippi, after the murder and Willett was to take Ray to either New Orleans or Canada via the Mississippi River in Willetts' houseboat.

As indicated above, the Jackson Office is being instructed to run out the Willett allegation.

NOTE:

Curtis, as of this point, has indicated almost complete unreliability, however, it is felt that reasonable efforts should be made to identify the individual Williett and run out this aspect to a logical completion. Other allegation made by Curtis relative to a mysterious visitor of Ray's while in prison, the alleged bounty on King and the individual named Joe Coin, who furnishes false identifications has previously been explored and nothing of value developed.

Atlanta is being instructed that Curtis is not to set any terms of interview with FBI Agents. Curtis' correspondence with "Ebony" and results of his interviews are being furnished the CRD.

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522 PM URGENT 7/5/68 PML

TO DIRECTOR

FROM ATLANTA (44-2396) P

MURKIN.

RE MYTEL TO DIRECTOR JULY THREE LAST.

ON JULY FIVE INSTANT, SHERIFF G. T. MAULDIN, WHITFIELD CO. JAIL, ADVISED THAT RAYMOND CURTIS MAILED AN AIRMAIL LETTER TO JAMES EARL RAY AT HIS PRISON ADDRESS, LONDON, ENGLAND, JULY FOUR LAST. CONTENTS OF LETTER UNKNOWN AS WHITFIELD CO. SO HAS PERMISSION TO OPEN INCOMING MAIL BUT NOT OUTGOING MAIL.

THIS INFORMATION FURNISHED FOR INFO BUREAU.

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FBI MEMPHIS

626 PM DEFERRED 7-5-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

THE NEW YORK DIVISION HAS BEEN REQUESTED THROUGH CONTACT WITH OFFICIALS OF LONGINES-WITTNAUER WATCH CO., FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK CITY, TO DETERMINE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TWO SETS OF NUMBERS APPEARING ON THE SEVENTEEN JEWEL WITTNAUER WRISTWATCH FOUND ON SUBJECT RAY AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST. IF THESE NUMBERS ARE SIGNIFICANT, NEW YORK HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHERE RAY PURCHASED THE WATCH.

CHARLES F. MAYER, DALLAS, TEXAS, DIRECTED A LETTER TO MR. LLOYD RHODES, ASSITANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, MEMPHIS, TENN., CONCERNING TESTIMONY OF A MRS. ELOISE WITTE BEFORE THE HOUSE UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE WHEREIN SHE TESTIFIED CONCERNING POSSIBL ASSASSINATION ON "MR. KING'S LIFE." MPD HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO REVIEW MRS. WITTE'S TESTIMONY, AND IF PERTINENT, TO INTERVIEW HER REGARDING HER TESTIMONY.

U.S. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, MEMPHIS, INTERCEPTED A PACKAGE

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CONTAINING THREE BOOKS ON "THE AMERICAN HERITAGE, HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES," SHIPPED TO ERIC S. GALT, LORRAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TENN., FROM THE AMERICAN HERITAGE BOOK SERVICES OFFICE, MARION, OHIO. THE CLEVELAND DIVISION DETERMINED THAT ON APRIL TWENTY NINE LAST, THE FULFILLMENT CORPORATION OF AMERICA (FCA), MAGAZINE CONTRACTORS FROM AMERICAN HERITAGE CO. (AHC), RECEIVED AN AMERICAN HERITAGE BUSINESS REPLY POSTCARD WHEREON S. GALT, LORRAINE MOTEL, MEMPHIS, ORDERED THE "HISTORY OF THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES." THIS POSTCARD BORE NO POSTMARK INASMUCH AS IT WAS A PRE-ADDRESSED BUSINESS REPLY CARD. FCA ADVISED THE REPLY CARD USED BY GALT WOULD HAVE BEEN A CARD SENT TO AN EXPIRED NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN AMERICAN HERITAGE SUBSCRIBER; HOWEVER, FCA RECORDS DO NOT CONTAIN GALT'S NAME AS A NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN SUBSCRIBER. THE POSTCARD IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY FOR APPROPRIATE HANDWRITING AND FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION.

CHARLES O. STEVENS, A STATE WITNESS IN THE MURDER CASE AGAINST SUBJECT RAY, VOLUNTARILY SUBMITTED HIMSELF FOR SAFEKEEPING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL AND IS CURRENTLY LODGED IN THE COUNTY JAIL.

THERE ARE NO OTHER PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT FOR THIS WEEK. P.

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439PM URGENT 7-8-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P. 1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU TODAY.

HAZEL DREW, MOTHER OF PAMELA SCHNEIDER, EX WIFE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH, ADVISED SCHENIDER IN KENTUCKY ON VACATION AND DUE TO RETURN ON JULY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

DENNIS NICHOLS, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SO, ADVISED WILLIE LEE ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, SEPARATED FROM WIFE AND AT PRESENT TIME HAS NO FIXED ADDRESS. EFFORTS TO LOCATE LEE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON COVINGTON'S RESIDENCE AND ASSOCIATES CONTINUING. WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

SAC BALTIMORE

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)N -P-

MURKIN, CR. (OO: MEMPHIS)

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE JULY THREE, LAST.

ATTEMPTED CONTACT WITH WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH, HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON , AND PAMELA SCHNEIDER, EX-WIFE OF MC CLINTOCH, TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON COVINGTON'S RESIDENCE AND ASSOCIATES UNPRODUCTIVE.

[redacted] ADVISED JULY FOUR, LAST, CONTINUING EFFORTS TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPY CHICAGO, ST. LOUIS AND MEMPHIS FOR INFORMATION.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 7/1/68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

FINGERPRINT TESTIMONY AT EXTRADITION HEARING

Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake returned to Washington, D. C., from London, England, at 5:45 P.M., on 6/28/68, via Trans World Airlines flight #709.

The examiner testified 6/27/68, in Bow Street Magistrate's Court before Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Frank Milton, that the latent print developed on the rifle, the latent print on the telescopic sight, the latent print on the binoculars, the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, taken 10/11/49, by Los Angeles, California, Police Department, the fingerprints taken in connection with Ray's incarceration in Missouri State Penitentiary, and the fingerprints taken from the defendant at the time of his arrest at the London Airport, were all the fingerprints of one and the same man.

Charted enlargements illustrating the three latent print identifications were then marked as exhibits and placed in evidence, together with Bonebrake's affidavit with exhibits. Barrister David Calcutt, aided by Solicitor Nigel Maw, presented the case for the U. S. Government.

Barrister Roger Frisby, Ray's London attorney, did not cross-examine Bonebrake relative to the fingerprint testimony, but did question him at length concerning the activities of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in connection with the civil rights movement and the feelings and opinions generated in this country as a result of King's activities.

Following argument by Mr. Frisby that the killing of King was politically motivated, and therefore, the defendant was not extraditable

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RE: MURKIN
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under the existing treaty between United States and Great Britain, the hearing was adjourned until July 2, 1968. The results of the hearing will be reported to the Bureau by Legat, London.

With the exception of the charted enlargements, which were retained by the court, all material removed from the files has been returned.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO :

DATE:

FROM :

SUBJECT:

The attached _____ has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

The enclosure, if bulky and not usually filed with other papers in file, may be detached but this action should be clearly noted under the word "Enclosure."

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

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June 27, 1968

MR. TOLSON:

RE: MURKIN

At Ray's hearing in London today, case remanded until July 2, at which time it is believed hearing will be completed.

George Bonebrake testified as fingerprint expert. No cross examination. Was questioned in detail as private American citizen. Individual under these circumstances must testify and answer questions or be held in contempt. Bonebrake questioned in detail relative to general knowledge of King's activities with Southern Christian Leadership Conference and his activities on behalf of negroes back as far as 1961. Detailed memo being submitted.

Assistant Attorney General Vinson called Department and stated Bonebrake made excellent witness on behalf of U. S. Government.

Ray took stand and in response to question of counsel denied killing King.

C. D. DeLoach

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Date: 7/3/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (PERSONAL ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

Re my cables June 29 and July 1, 1968, pertaining to bank robbery at Fulham on 6/4/68. Also referring to two other possible situations in which JAMES EARL RAY is a suspect.

FOREIGN AGENCY

Enclosed herein are two copies of a [redacted] Report dated 6/29/68. This is a preliminary report and the contents pertain to the Fulham bank robbery. Also enclosed are two copies each of pages from the "Police Gazette", one dated 7/3/67 which pertains to attempted robbery of the National Provincial Bank and the other dated 7/6/68 pertaining to a robbery of a bank in Devon and Cornwall, Plymouth. These are the other two situations in which RAY is considered to be a suspect.

I hope to obtain photographic copies of the note used in the Fulham bank robbery on or about 7/5/68 and I will forward them.

If desired, the Bureau may furnish the Department of Justice copies of the enclosed documents under the same considerations as set forth in my cable of 7/1/68.

FOREIGN AGENCY

Also enclosed are two copies of an extract of the Judgment of [redacted] on 7/2/68. These are furnished for information and need not be furnished the Department as Mr. Vinson has a copy of it.

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FBI

Date: 5/16/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (44-2649)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

Re Jackson teletype dated 4/24/68, St. Louis airtel dated 4/30/68 and Oklahoma City airtel dated 5/8/68.

Enclosed for Memphis are 15 copies of investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted at Fort Worth, Texas.

RE: SUSPECT - ROBERT G. BOSHERS

The files of the Federal Records Center, Fort Worth, Texas, were reviewed regarding ROBERT G. BOSHERS, Inmate File #Y-26381-SW, Federal Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma. The file shows BOSHERS was sentenced on 1/2/59 in the Eastern District of Missouri, St. Louis, Missouri, to serve an indeterminate period under the Youth Corrections Act following conviction for mail theft, forging and uttering a U. S. Check. Probation was revoked and he was committed to the Federal Reformatory, El Reno, Oklahoma, on 7/13/59; paroled 4/1/61; parole violator's warrant executed 10/5/63, and subsequently returned to Federal Reformatory, El Reno, on 10/24/63, and released 12/12/63 at the expiration of his sentence.

BOSHERS' file fails to reflect any information of any sentence in the State of Michigan nor does it show any record of him ever being wanted in that state.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 6/26/68
ATTN: Cryptanalysis & Translation Section

FROM : Legat, Bern (88-21) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBucab 6/8/68 and WFO LHM 5/15/68.

Stops in Austria, Liechtenstein and Switzerland have been removed.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of report of the Geneva Police in French dated 6/15/68 at Geneva.

Bureau is requested to have this report translated verbatim, to retain the original and to send copies of the translation to WFO and to Legat, Bern.

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FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT

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C. D. DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
Re: Interview with the AG 5/24/68

The AG stated that he had read in one paper that a body had been found in Pennsylvania and there was speculation that this might be the body of James Earl Ray. I told him I was not familiar with this piece of news, that I would check it immediately, and that a communication would be sent to him accordingly. He asked me the status of the investigation on MLK. I told him there was nothing new over and above what we had sent to him in writing.

(9) The General Investigative Division should ascertain the information surrounding the finding of a body in Pennsylvania and advise the AG, in writing, whether or not this incident had any connection with the case involving James Earl Ray.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 7/11/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages 17555-17563. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, advised that on June 10, 1968, I made brief remarks in the Senate commending J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI for the capture of James Earl Ray, the man suspected of killing Martin Luther King. At that time, I stated [illegible] individuals who do not know the true character of Mr. Hoover and his associates, have blandly asserted their belief that Ray would never be captured, implying that the FBI did not really want to catch Ray. Ralph McGill, the distinguished publisher of the Atlanta Constitution, has developed this thought further in a column published in the Evening Star of June 24, 1968. He also made some most laudatory and deserved comments about the FBI. He inserted Mr. McGill's column in the Record.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 27, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Legat John Minnich telephoned from London and advised the hearing was conducted tod ay from 10:35 am until 1:00 pm, then recessed for lunch and continued from 2:15 to 4:45 pm, it being noted it does not ordinarily extend beyond 4:00 pm. Minnich advised Ray was remanded on both of the extraditable charges - the killing of King in Memphis and the escape charge from Missouri State Prison to July 2, 1968. It is to be noted he was previously remanded on the two English charges - possession of firearms and for entering England with a false passport, to July 8, 1968.

The Magistrate inquired of Ray's counsel, as well as counsel for the States of Tennessee and Missouri, as to whether they could complete their case in one more day of testimony and both indicated this was possible.

Minnich advised Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake testified today and there was no cross examination by defense counsel of Bonebrake relating to his fingerprint testimony. He was questioned, however, in considerable detail by the defense as a private American citizen (not as a fingerprint expert). Minnich advised this procedure is allowable under British law and that an individual must answer the questions asked, having no choice whatsoever, or be held in contempt of court. He was questioned concerning Dr. Martin Luther King, as to his knowledge of King as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and whether he considered King to be a political figure. Bonebrake answered these questions by stating that he had no personal firsthand knowledge, that his knowledge was based solely on information in newspapers, which was within the realm of knowledge available to the general American public.

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At 2:15 pm, after the noon recess, Bonebrake was again questioned and required to answer as indicated above. He was questioned relative to the Freedom Ride in 1961 (this was a bus caravan from Washington, D. C., to New Orleans for the purpose of testing integration at places of public accommodation and transportation facilities), the demonstrations against Dr. King, black-power groups, the 1963 march on Washington, the 1965 Voting Act, the march from Selma to Montgomery,

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Alabama (in March of 1965) and whether Dr. King had been assaulted. Bonebrake answered these questions with the qualification that he had no direct personal knowledge of these events. He was questioned as to whethe Dr. King was in Memphis at the time of his death to help with the sanitation workers strike. Before Bonebrake could answer, the Hearing Magistrate stated: "He had as much knowledge as Bonebrake on the American situation and that he felt judicial notice could be taken concerning the questions being asked." At this point counsel for the States of Tennessee and Missouri, for the record, stated that Bonebrake's answers were not in any way associated with any official U. S. position. At this point Bonebrake was discharged as a witness.

During the morning testimony, Chief Superintendent Thomas Butler of New Scotland Yard, in part, testified that while Ray was at Cannon Row Police Station, Ray stated, "I feel so trapped" and "Oh God"; also, that he collapsed on the cell seat. During the p. m. testimony the Magistrate cautioned Ray as to his rights. Ray commented that he wanted to make a statement concerning Butler's testimony as he thought it was false. Ray's counsel stated to the court that the differences concerning Ray's feelings and Butler's testimony were immaterial to the extradition hearing. Ray still wanted to tell his story and a ten-minute recess was held.

Thereafter Ray's counsel stated for Ray that Ray disagreed with a large portion of the evidence presented by Butler and he wanted it so stated in the record that he did not make the quotes attributable to him by Butler nor did he collapse in his cell. He wanted it made known that he made no statement to any police officer and that he had refused to sign his fingerprint card; also, that he was not making application for recall of witness Butler to the stand.

Ray then took the stand and while not under oath or affirmation, which under British law precludes cross examination of the witness, in answer to questions from his counsel admitted his arrest at the London Airport on June 8, 1968, and under questioning stated he did not personally know Dr. King, had never met him, had no grudge against him, and in response to the specific question "Did you kill Dr. Martin Luther King," replied "no." Minnich advised that these are the highlights of the hearing and that more detailed information will be submitted.

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Memo to Mr. DeLoach from A. Rosen
Re: MURKIN

Mr. Nathaniel E. Kossack, first assistant to Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson, Jr., Criminal Division, telephoned the Bureau stating that Mr. Vinson had called him, Kossack, shortly before 1:00 p. m. tod ay, and requested Kossack to advise the Bureau that Mr. Bonebrake did an outst anding job on the stand. Mr. Vinson characterized his performance as a credit to the FBI and to the U. S. Government. He said Bonebrake did so well that the defense did not even try to cross examine him. Mr. Vinson told Kossack that under English rules, the defense counsel was permitted great latitude. Mr. Vinson repeated and reiterated that Bonebrake did an outstanding job, both on direct examination and in handling defense counsel's desperate attempts to insert political motives into the trial.

ACTION: This is for information and you will be promptly advised of further pertinent developments.

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FBI

Date: 7/3/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703)

MURKIN

On 7/3/68, Mr. [redacted] Penfield, New York, Telephone 586-22/6, contacted SA [redacted] by long distance telephone and advised that he had some observations concerning captioned matter. [redacted] admitted that he had been a former patient at Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York, inasmuch as he had been mentally disturbed. He had undergone numerous electric shock treatments and these treatments had "really blasted my memory".

[redacted] stated that he is studying for advancing academic degree; and based upon his education and upon his experience in the past, it is his belief that an intelligent properly trained individual could have programed the slaying of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. into the mind of JAMES EARL RAY through chemotherapy or subliminal processes. He further believed that RAY could have been programed to have left evidence such as dropping the gun and could have been programed to break down and involve some innocent party rather than the

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person who was actually controlling him.

[redacted] stated he had discussed this theory with Dr. JOHN ERTIE, who is a Doctor of Philosophy and Psychology at the University of Ottawa, and with other educated individuals who believed that the KING assisination could have been carried out in such a manner.

[redacted] desired to be interviewed more fully concerning the above and wished that an Agent possessing scientific background could conduct such interview.

It is suggested that BU may desire to interview [redacted] in the event there is no information available to indicate such interview would be undesirable.

FBI

Date: 6/24/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (175-37) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
THREATS TO KILL THE
PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES

ReNYtels to Bu, 6/10 and 11/68; Buairtel to NY, 6/21/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and 6 copies of LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Local office of Secret Service has been kept advised of results of investigation.

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- New York

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York
June 24, 1968

Unknown Subjects;
Threats to Kill The
President and Vice
President of the United States

On June 10, 1968, a Special Delivery letter was received at the Suffern, New York Resident Agency of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with the return address of [redacted] New York. The envelope contained an unsigned note typewritten, attached to what appears to be a souvenir United Nations memorandum or diary book. The note read as follows:

"Dear Sir: I found the enclosed notebook while attending services for the late Sen. Robert Kennedy. After glancing through it, I found notations in it that should be of interest to you."

The notebook contained the following notations under specific dates:

This confirms telephonic information

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at _____ FBI by _____

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

Unknown Subjects; Threats to Kill The President and Vice President of the United States

January 2, 1968	Contact Werner 9:30 Central Intelligence - 4:15
January 4, 1968	Pick up microfilm #31 from Werner 9:45 AM
January 10, 1968	Contact Werner 8:30 P.M. Central Intelligence: 4:15
January 12, 1968	(HM 3-43-) Agent [redacted] (German)
January 23, 1968	Appointment Dr. [redacted] 9:30 AM
February 8, 1968	Appointment Dr. [redacted] 8:30 PM
February 20, 1968	get prescription filled- Contact Mr. Holmerste
March 19, 1968	Contact Werner 8:30 CIA/Washington
March 26, 1968	Contact Werner in regard to the proposed assassination of Martin L. King
April 4, 1968	Get Kneisler's signature on that Morgan contract at 12:00
April 16, 1968	Agent #934 of Haly contacted the sub office of the CIA at 9:30 AM
May 8, 1968	Buy Susan an anniversary present (or you'll never hear the end of it)
June 5, 1968	Agent #384 from Jordan will kill RFK today

Unknown Subjects; Threats to Kill The President and Vice President of the United States

June 19, 1968	Agent #980 will assassinate Senator Eugene Mc Carthy
July 14, 1968	Agent #534, White House to be bombed today - elimate LBJ and wife
July 11, 1968	Assassinate Arthur Goldberg/UN Ambassador Agent #384 - Jordan
July 17, 1968	Eliminate James Earl Ray/leave CIA credentials on him
July 23, 1968	Agent #55 will kill Vice President Humphrey
August 19, 1968	Pick up 2 shirts from cleaners
August 22, 1968	Pick up microfilm #834 at CIA HQ 9:30
September 18, 1968	Kill U Thant of the United Nations

The following names and addresses were written in the book:

[redacted]
Lawrenceville, New Jersey

[redacted]
Brooklyn, New York

[redacted]
telephone number [redacted]

[redacted]
Nyack, New York
telephone number [redacted]

Unknown Subjects; Threats to Kill The President and Vice President of the United States

[redacted]
New City, New York
telephone number [redacted]

[redacted]
Nanuet, New York
telephone number [redacted]

Ray Ellis Advertising Association
415 Lexington Avenue
New York City
telephone number 986-6511

Apostle Advertising Agency
300 N. Main Street
Spring Valley, New York

On June 10, 1968, Special Agent [redacted] New York Office, United States Secret Service, was advised telephonically of the contents of the letter and notebook at 10:40 AM.

Investigation in this matter [redacted] family resided at [redacted] Nanuet, New York, [redacted] December, 1967, when they sold their home and moved to [redacted] Pearl River, New York. [redacted] neighborhood investigation [redacted] family of [redacted] Nanuet, New York, revealed that the [redacted] family has a reputable family and consisted of the husband and wife, a boy about 15 years of age and two small children and that no one named [redacted] was in the family.

[redacted]
Pearl River, New York, and son, Carole, age 16, were interviewed, and denied any knowledge of instant matter. All advised that names in the diary meant nothing to them.

Unknown Subject; Plot to Kill The President and Vice President of the United States

[redacted] registered nurse doing private duty [redacted] New York. [redacted] for the phone procedure, [redacted] New Jersey. [redacted] is a student at [redacted] New York High School.

All advised that the name [redacted] was of no significance to them and that their is no one named [redacted] in any part of their family.

Persons whose names appear in the diary were interviewed with the exception of [redacted] who due to being each other or having any common association with each other.

[redacted] Nyack, New York, whose name appears in the book on an entry date February 6, 1958, [redacted] on 6:30 PM appointment was listed, advised that [redacted] is of no significance to him and that February 6, 1958, was a Thursday, a day on which he has no evening appointments.

All persons, who could be identified in the diary were interviewed with the exception of [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, and it was determined that [redacted] is the wife of [redacted] who resides or is known at that address.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 8, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the time of his arrest in London, on June 8, 1968, subject Ray among other things, had in his possession a .38 caliber "Liberty Chief" revolver manufactured by the Miroku Firearms Manufacturing Company, Japan. Upon request of our Legal Attache in Tokyo, [redacted] determined that records of the Miroku Firearms Manufacturing Company, Shikoku, Japan, show that this weapon was shipped on August 3, 1966, destined for the Liberty Arms Corporation in Montrose, California. We traced this pistol from the Liberty Arms Corporation in Montrose, California, to the person who sold it to Ray in October, 1967 in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Legal Attache in Tokyo has advised that [redacted] is concerned that they would be embarrassed by Japanese reporters who might learn of the tracing of Ray's gun to Japan and ask questions which they may not feel free to answer. [redacted] requested to be advised whether or not there was any restriction regarding the release of data relating to the gun's origin. [redacted] also desire to know whether this information has been made public and whether such a release is contemplated.

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Since the information developed by [redacted] only indicates where the pistol was manufactured and to whom it was first shipped, the release of this information should have no adverse effect on this case.

JUL 10 1968

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

The inquiry of the [redacted] has been referred to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division, and he advised that this information on the weapon would not be relevant to the State or Federal charges against Ray, and [redacted] may be informed that the information developed by them relative to this weapon has not been, and it is not contemplated that it will be, released in the near future by the U. S. Government.

Mr. Pollak stated [redacted] can be advised that the Department of Justice would not interpose an objection to their disclosing results of their investigation relative to the manufacturer and the first receiver of the gun; however, [redacted] may wish to consider the desirability of not disclosing results of investigation in this matter before prosecutive action is completed, although this is a matter for their determination.

ACTION:

Attached for approval is a cablegram to our Legal Attache in Tokyo, instructing him in line with the Department's observations. Discussion with Mr. Pollak is being confirmed in writing.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-11214) DATE: 7/5/68

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (105-426)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN FLAG COMMITTEE
INFORMATION CONCERNING (IS)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies each and for Atlanta two copies each of the following:

1. AFC Newsletter #75, May 1968, captioned "Masque of the Red Death," signed W. HENRY MAC FARLAND.

2. AFC letter dated 5/15/68, signed W. HENRY MAC FARLAND.

The original copies of the above items were furnished by [redacted] to SA [redacted] on 5/22/68, and are contained in PHfile 105-426-1B-9(30).

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 22, 1968

WILLIAM [illegible] (C)

On May 22, 1968, confidential informant PCI T-1 [illegible] furnished reliable information in the past furnished a copy of the newsletter for [illegible] edition of the [illegible]. [illegible] Philadelphia Chapter. Following is a copy of the newsletter:

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W. HENRY MacFARLAND,
Editor - Exec. Chairman

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PURPOSES OF THE AFC

The AFC was organized in Philadelphia on August 10, 1950, for the following purposes:

1. To maintain the national, territorial and political independence of the United States.

2. To preserve the sovereign right of United States citizens to govern themselves thru their duly-elected representatives under a republican form of government.

3. To promote respect for, and undivided allegiance and loyalty to, the Flag, Constitution and Government of the United States of America.

4. To oppose and expose, by all lawful means, totalitarian Fascism and Communism and the collectivist ideologies upon which both are based.

5. To resist the imposition of any form of world government, federation or other such union, and any program or organization which would supersede or in any way limit the authority of the legislative, judicial, executive or military establishments of the United States.

"MASQUE OF THE RED DEATH"

Premature Violence in Memphis Threatened "Operation '76" — Martin Luther King's Assassination Ordered by International Revolutionary Council Whose Cause He Served

Dear fellow-American:

On Thursday, April 4, 1968, a hired killer executed the death sentence imposed upon Martin Luther King by the topside leadership of the Red Revolution which he conspired to plan and unloose upon the People and Government of the Land that gave him birth.

To discern the multi-purpose motivation behind the slaying one must be familiar with both the objectives and timing of this Revolution and the complex role assigned to King more than a decade ago for bringing it to fruition. All this is known to regular and long-time subscribers to the AMERICAN FLAG COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER who, in December, 1956, received our Special Report titled "THE LINCOLN PROJECT— Blueprint for Chaos", which exposed the step-by-step design of the Communist Party, U.S.A.'s initial ten year plan for bringing about the internal upheaval which was at that time scheduled for this all-decisive presidential and congressional election year, 1968! Less than a year later, in 1957, Martin Luther King emerged as leader of the Lincoln Project, undergoing training for the task at the Communist Party's Highlander Folk School at Monteagle, Tennessee.

The Lincoln Project, to be completed in the 100th anniversary year (1965) of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, took for its purpose two objectives, the first of which was to give the Communists full operational control of the American civil rights movement for re-direction as an instrument of Red policy in both domestic and international affairs, and the second, to set the stage for Red political activity in the 1968 presidential and congressional election by coercive enactment (again nine years later!) of a voting rights act drafted (in 1956) by the legal staff of the Communist Party, U.S.A. Under the direction of their trained agent, Martin Luther King, the two objectives were achieved and the Lincoln Project completed by early summer, 1965, barely three months behind the Reds' 1956

Martin Luther King . . . at Communist Training School



The above picture was made by an employee of the State of Georgia at the Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee, during the Labor Day weekend of 1957.1 Upon order of the Tennessee courts, the Highlander Folk School lost its charter and was closed on grounds of immorality in 1960, a charge subsequently upheld by the courts. The School reopened in 1961 and now operates under the name of the Highlander Center, 1625 Riverside Drive, Knoxville 15, Tennessee.2

IDENTIFIED IN THE ABOVE PICTURE ARE:

(1) Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Montgomery boycott and the Birmingham and Selma violence.3

(2) The late Aubrey Williams, then President of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, which is a transmission belt in the South for the Communist Party, and which was formerly the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, an officially cited Communist front.4

(3) Myles Horton, Director of the Highlander Folk School and now director of the Highlander Center.5

(4) Abner W. Berry of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, USA.

1 As early as March 18, 1954, Paul Crouch, a former top Communist Party functionary in the South, testified before the Senate Internal Security Sub-committee that: "The Highlander Folk School is a school operated at Monteagle, Tennessee, ostensibly as an independent labor school, but actually working in close cooperation with the Communist Party." A complete report on the School and its attendants was made by the then-functioning Georgia Commission on Education, 250 Agriculture Building, 19 Hunter Street S.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.

2 A letterhead of the Center, dated May 15, 1963, and signed by Myles Horton, stated: ". . . The Highlander idea, like a Phoenix rising from the ashes, has truly been born again in the Highlander Center. The summer program includes a southern voter education internship program designed to broaden and deepen the new Negro voter's concept of his rights and responsibilities. Need for this program became clear as we developed the citizenship schools now being spread throughout the South by Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference and student civil rights organizations."

3 In spite of the highly questionable and suspect record of the Highlander Folk School, Dr. King became a sponsor for it when it reopened as the Highlander Center. The above-mentioned letterhead of May 15, 1963, bears Dr. King's name as a sponsor. The entire letter was inserted into the *Congressional Record*, August 13, 1963, p. 14.

4 "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," published January 2, 1957, by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Washington, D. C.

5 Horton helped to found the School with Don West in 1932. James Dombrowski joined them shortly thereafter. West was then district director of the Communist Party of North Carolina. Dombrowski is an identified Communist. Manning Johnson, a former Communist, testified before the Georgia Commission on Education that the School was "formed . . . under instructions from the Communist Party national office . . ." Johnson's prehearing statement was made 8/10/57, Atlanta, Ga.

timetable. The following year, 1966, King's success was punctuated by the public re-emergence of the Communist Party, U.S.A. at its 18th national convention in New York. There the Party's top brass identified the Red cause with the so-called "New Left" (the coalition of racist ("black power"), religious, peacenik, labor and "anti-poverty" forces brought together during the ten years of Lincoln Project activity. Behind closed doors, the direction which this coalition would take as a battering-ram against the pillars of local, state and federal government was revealed in "Operation '76", the Party's second ten year plan for outright capture of the reins of the Government of the entire United States on July 4, 1976— the 200th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence from England. Again, this NEWSLETTER published the details of this unfolding blueprint for controled revolutionary activity, subversion, religious persecution and peacemeal enslavement long in advance of the Red-directed burning of American cities (in preparation for more heinous atrocities this summer) in 1967.

King's role as Lincoln Project leader from 1957 until 1965 was to prepare the ground for the steady escalation of organized resistance to and assaults upon the very prime function of government itself— the authority and ability to preserve law, order and public peace and safety. His special val

in this regard was found in his unparallelled ability to manufacture and develop what Lenin described almost a half century ago as indispensable to the forcible Red overthrow of established government in whatever country it might be attempted— a "revolutionary situation". Lenin, a genius in the logistic of rebellion, the tactical deployment and coordination of the forces of psychological, political and armed insurrection, taught that revolutions cannot be created without the presence of both the climate and conditions which render them pregnant. Once such climate and conditions exist, a virtual handful of Red activists can touch off the revolution at will and direct its course to the accomplishment of their own pre-planned objectives.

Since 1957, when he underwent intensive training for his task, King's role was and continued until the hour of his death to be the creation of the climate and conditions necessary for revolt. His own genius was recognized in his ability to accomplish this purpose behind the facade of a pseudo-religious crusade for love, understanding, equality and human brotherhood. A truly masterful orator, he blended emotional fervor and skilled rhetoric with an amazing array of psychological devices to both spark and intensify the fires of greed, envy, avarice and racial and class hatreds, all in the context of impassioned appeals to opposite virtues and all without being so much as scorched, either physically or figuratively, by the raging infernos of conflagrated communities and almost entire cities which followed in the wake of his preachings.

While not exploring it in so great depth, this NEWSLETTER has repeatedly emphasized the fact that King's function in the Red conspiracy was always to spark or trigger violence, never to lead it. In creating Lenin's "revolutionary situation", whether in a black community, an entire city or the entire Nation, King and his especially trained troupe of "non-violent" agitators had always to be the victims of the climate and conditions King engendered or, in the case of overt insurrection, absent from the scene when the McKissicks, Carmichaels, Rap Browns and other revolutionary activists moved in to exploit the aroused passions and implanted discontent of the local population and imported camp followers left behind. By this pre-planned strategem, King was able to boast of leading a revolution (which he did not) while surviving charges of being culpably guilty of fomenting one (which he was)!

In reporting on King's mass march on Washington (set for April 22nd) in AFC Newsletter #74 (Spring, 1968), we referred to it as the pre-planned event signaling the reign of terror which the Communist Party and its international apparatus blueprinted for this election year in 1956. We described the march and King's part in precipitating the events which would follow in its wake as follows:

"And once again it is the "Reverend" Martin Luther King who emerges as the key front man in defining the demands of the revolutionaries and igniting the fuse which will set off the nationwide series of explosions planned as the means of achieving those demands twelve years ago. As the march on Selma, Alabama, signaled the outbreak of a wave of overt lawlessness and violence which was steadily escalated thru the "hot summers" of 1965, '66 and '67, so now, in 1968, will King's even more carefully planned April march on the Nation's Capitol serve as the cue for initiation of the expertly devised and timed program of Red front action by which its most violent elements are to lay literal seige to the pillars of the U. S. Government itself."

Voluminous evidence in the files of both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and U. S. Military Intelligence substantiates King's role as a dedicated Communist agent who, since 1956, had worked with and coordinated his own SCLC activities in liaison with fellow Red agents preaching frank, open and bloody revolution. This evidence includes frequent contact and conferences with alien foreign agents representing the Soviet Union, Red China and North Vietnam. The evidence links him to Communists operating within both the National and World Councils of Churches to create a single Red-dominated religious confession (see AFC Newsletter #73, "Operation '76 and the Church of World Brotherhood". Finally, the evidence is conclusive in incriminating King's "poor peoples' march" on

tion's capitol as the long and meticulously planned curtain-raiser on a late spring and summer of assive and nationwide terror and subversion— that is, the "chaos" which this NEWSLETTER fore-arned for our Country in exposing the Red blueprint back in 1956.

Martin Luther King was assassinated in Memphis on April 4th because of the premature out-eak of mob violence which attended his intervention in the garbage collectors' strike there several ys before. The outbreak compromised King's public image as a leader of peaceable protest and at nce destroyed his ability to perform as such in the march on Washington, then but three weeks away. o one knew this better than King, himself, who, for the first time in his career, and in full view of rhaps millions of tv and newsreel viewers, lost all of the dignity and composure that were part of th unted King image, called frantically for a halt to the demonstration he had initiated and fled in near nic from the scene. Why? With all that King represented, he proved himself never to be a physical ward. With his own specially trained "passive resisters" (he planned to use three thousand in the rch on Washington), he gloried in provoked manhandling and arrest by local law enforcement offic-s. He surely had no fear of personal assault by the garbagemen, whose cause he was espousing. hy, then, flee? Why not re in to enhance his image (in preparation for the Washington march, if r no other reason) by assisting the police to restore order and calm?

We here charge that King neither provoked the violence which spelled his death sentence nor ffered its outbreak by miscalculation. We charge that it was instigated by one or more activist Red volutionaries operating from within the ranks of the strikers and that King recognized the perpet-tor(s) and the motive behind the provocation. We charge that King at that moment knew that he had en made a man marked for death by fellow conspirators with whom he had worked so diligently in past, and that he would not live to lead the march on Washington nor to witness its explosive after-th.

As in the assassination of President John Kennedy, the King slaying was expertly and advance-nned. The killer was hand-picked to establish white racism as the motive for the killing and, spec-ically, to calumnize the campaign of the only presidential candidate who presently threatens the 1968 litical objectives of the 1956 Lincoln Project planners— George Wallace. Finally, the hired killer joyed the protection of a sophisticated conspiracy which extended thru municipal to federal levels, d which afforded him both leisure in the commission of the crime and a perfectly laid, timed and mouflaged route of escape.

In our June Newsletter, we shall pursue the specifics of the tactical decision which led to King's timization and death and will publish documentation of the Communist Party line in substantiation the charge we have made concerning the carefully prearranged nature of events surrounding the ying. If this Republic is to survive, it is urgent that the nature of the revolution which is now upon be understood in the light of its 1956 planning. For this, Martin Luther King's death must not be mitted to be exploited to explain this year's chaos as spontaneous reaction to his martyrdom. As Poe's classic, Memphis was visited by the Red Death on April 4th. For the safety of the Nation, d for the Negro community that is being made its special pawn, the Conspiracy's mask must be n away.

Yours in the Cause of Liberty,

W. Henry MacFarland

W. HENRY MacFARLAND

NOTE: To understand the full significance of this year's events, new readers are urged to ob-n THE LINCOLN PROJECT FILE, covering our reports on the plan for Red capture of the United es and its Government since we exposed it in December, 1956. It tells the story. $1.00 per set.

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W. HENRY MacFARLAND
Founder and Exec. Chairman

May 15, 1968

To AFC Subscribers and Supporters only - - no additional copies available.

Dear Friend of the AFC:

First of all, let me express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you who responded to the very urgent appeal for help in clearing our debts and changing our NEWSLETTER from an irregular to a monthly publication. Under the pressure of our continuing effort to obtain official action in bringing the conspiracy behind our Nation's presently worsening plight into the open and its perpetrators to criminal account, it is virtually impossible to more personally acknowledge the aid which each of you who responded provided. We still have practically no volunteer help and other difficulties remain to be hurdled during the next several weeks, after which I pray we shall be back in closer contact.

Your total response amounted to $4,374 from all sources— contributions, new subscriptions, renewals and orders for the Lincoln File and our last Newsletter. This wiped out the entire debt incurred in pursuing the work which I explained in the last letter for our absence from the publication field during the previous fourteen months. It also left us with just over $300.00 toward the minimum monthly operating budget of $850.00 for which we asked monthly pledges. Only $140.00 per month has thus far been pledged, so that we are still in serious difficulty in launching and maintaining the NEWSLETTER on a monthly schedule. For this reason, the enclosed May Newsletter had to be delayed.

We are anxious to establish a fixed mailing date of the 25th of the month for each issue of the month following. Also, we must have outside hired help in handling orders, routine correspondence and clerical work. Because of there just not being sufficient hours in the day to handle this work load and the research and production of the NEWSLETTER, we fall much too far behind in filling our orders and other vital tasks.

Our Nation faces a desperate year of the chaos planned for influencing these 1968 upcoming elections back in 1956, when we first exposed the blueprint. Only a topside congressional investigation, compelling the executive branch of our government to permit both the FBI and U. S. Military intelligence to release the amassed evidence substantiating the network of subversion which is carrying on the coordinated assaults upon all pillars of our social and political order can begin to turn back the enveloping tide of Red (not black) Revolution. Our June Newsletter is now in preparation. Please do respond with the pledges of monthly support (contributions, bulk orders, subscriptions to public officials and others of influence, etc.) to give us the truly modest $850.00 per month that will guarantee a prompt handling of the NEWSLETTER and our collateral undertakings. If we are permitted to do so, I know that the material we have to publish in rapid order over the next few months can go far toward moving powerful forces to come to the belated rescue of our seared and bleeding Country.

In Faith and Appreciation of your help,

W. Henry MacFarland

W. HENRY MacFARLAND

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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1.	Richard E. Long -			2260
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REMARKS

More transmittal concerning the assassination of Dr. King.

FROM: NAME	BUILDING & ROOM	EXT.	DATE
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Honorable Stuart Symington
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Symington:

Reference is made to your letter to the Attorney General of June 13, 1968, enclosing a letter from [redacted] letter contains information which may be relevant to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. This letter has been referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the investigative arm of the Justice Department, for appropriate action. Thank you for bringing it to the Department's attention.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Richard E. Long

June 13, 1968

United States Senate

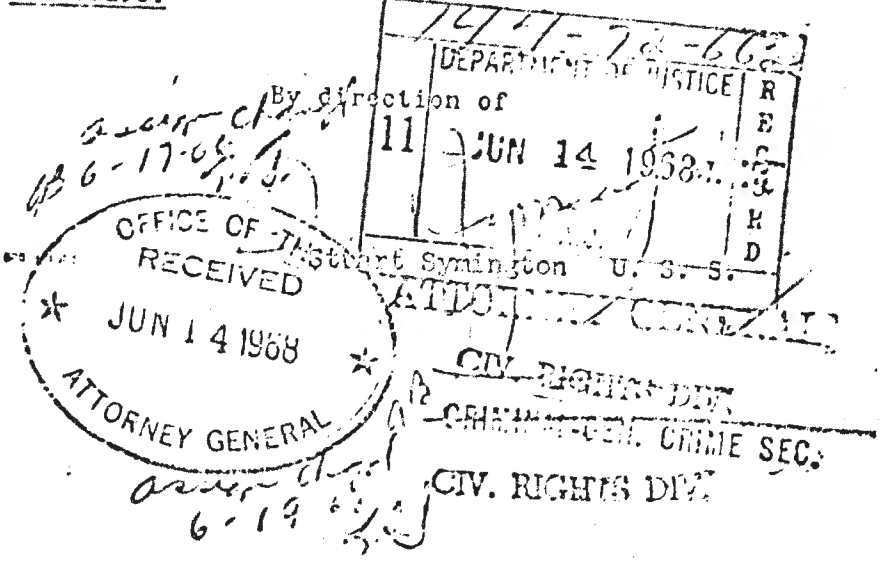
Att'd from [redacted]

Respectfully referred to
Hon. Ramsey Clark
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

Stuart Symington U. S. S.





JUN 13 1968

June 8, 1968

Senator Stuart Symington
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

When I was a prisoner at the U.S. Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri, in 1966 another prisoner, a white guy name Kenneth (Kenny) Lang, told me that a group at the prison told Lang that he was a member of a group who wanted him to have Dr. Martin Luther King killed. Mr. Lang is now at Leavenworth and would

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not heal the guests
mind. I myself have no
reason to doubt this as
the guests showed symptoms
preferential treatment to
the general who kept the
flies at bay while eating
the pie.

Yours truly



July 9, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

REC-3

To: SAC, Kansas City

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

ROBERT

[redacted] Topeka, Kansas, forwarded to the Bureau from the Department as received by them from United States Senator Stuart Symington.

You should interview [redacted] for details and thereafter conduct sufficient investigation to resolve matter. Keep Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

Based upon available data, no information identifiable with [redacted] and Kenneth Long located in Bureau files.

Handle promptly.

Enclosures (2)

1 - Memphis (Enclosure)

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RE: Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri [redacted] a letter to the Department as received from [redacted], Topeka, Kansas. Department forwarded letter to [redacted] for appropriate action. [redacted] in letter advises he was a prisoner at medical unit in Springfield, Missouri, in 1956 and another prisoner told him a guard at the prison was a member of a group that would pay to have him killed. Kansas being instructed to interview [redacted] for details and resolve matter.

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437PM URGENT 7-9-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P.2)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY EIGHT LAST.

CAROLYN LEE, WIFE OF WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, ADVISED SHE IS SEPARATED FROM WILLIE LEE; HOWEVER, SHE KNEW COVINGTON AND MC CLINTOCH DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OF NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. SHE SAID SHE BELIEVED COVINGTON WAS LIVING WITH HIS MOTHER IN EAST ALTON, ILLINOIS, DURING THIS TIME, NAME AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN. SHE ADVISED SHE NEVER KNEW COVINGTON OR MC CLINTOCH TO CARRY A GUN OR PULL BIG JOBS SUCH AS BANK ROBBERIES OR BANK BURGLARIES. SHE FURTHER ADVISED THEY WERE USUALLY BROKE AND HAD NEVER KNOWN EITHER OF THEM TO CARRY MUCH MONEY IN THEIR POSSESSION.

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[redacted] ADVISED JULY FIVE LAST CONTINUING EFFORTS TO POSSIBLY IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC). EFFORTS

END PAGE ONE

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cc -

TO DATE HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND PAMELA SCHNEIDER.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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JTM

FBI WASH DC

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
7/9/68

It appears that Ray's counsel is taking advantage of the full 15-day period from July 2nd to appeal the order of extradition of the Magistrate's Court. If appeal is allowed he will then have an additional 8 days for the hearing on appeal.

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VIA TELETYPE
JUL 9 1968
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STATE 002

URGENT 7-9-68 EXR

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 87

MURKIN.

RAY APPEARED MAGISTRATES COURT TODAY FOR ONE MINUTE AND WAS REMANDED ON LOCAL CHARGES FOR ADDITIONAL SEVEN DAYS. HE WILL APPEAR AGAIN JULY ONE SIX NEXT WITH ADDITIONAL REMAND OF EIGHT DAYS ANTICIPATED.

SOURCES RELIABLY REPORT RAYS SOLICITOR FILING FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS UNDER APPEAL PROCEDURES ON JULY ONE SEVEN NEXT. HIGH COURT WHICH WILL HEAR APPEAL INSISTS ON EIGHT DAYS FOR SERVICE AND THE EARLIEST HIGH COURT CAN HEAR APPEAL IS JULY TWO NINE NEXT.

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3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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Date: 6/26/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

To : Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Tokyo (173-1) (P)

Re : MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Remylet 6/13/68.

Enclosed are three copies of National Police Agency of Japan (NPA) letter dated 6/22/68, which is self-explanatory.

NPA is very concerned that they will be embarrassed by Japanese reporters who might learn of the tracing of RAY's gun to Japan and ask questions which they may not feel free to release such information. Or, if information released elsewhere, Japanese reporters will demand to know why it was not released to them.

Therefore, if possible, please as expeditiously as possible advise of any restrictions re release of data relating to gun's origin.

ENCLOSURE

(6) - Bureau (Encs. 3)
(1 - Liaison Section)
(2 - Memphis)(44-1987)
1 - Tokyo
RVP:lw
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1 - Mr. McDonough

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VIA TELETYPE
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TO LEGAT TOKYO (173-1)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) - 4811

MURKIN.

REURAIRTEL JUNE TWENTY SIX, LAST WITH ITS ENCLOSURE.

THE INQUIRY OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY OF JAPAN HAS BEEN REFERRED TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL STEPHEN J. POLLAK OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, AND HE ADVISED THAT THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES MAY BE INFORMED THAT THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THEM RELATIVE TO THIS WEAPON HAS NOT BEEN, AND IT IS NOT CONTEMPLATED THAT IT WILL BE, RELEASED IN THE NEAR FUTURE BY THE U. S. GOVERNMENT.

MR. POLLAK STATED THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES CAN BE ADVISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WOULD NOT INTERPOSE AN OBJECTION TO THEIR DISCLOSING RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION RELATIVE TO THE MANUFACTURER AND THE FIRST RECEIVER OF THE GUN; HOWEVER, THE JAPANESE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF NOT DISCLOSING RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER BEFORE PROSECUTIVE ACTION IS COMPLETED, ALTHOUGH THIS IS A MATTER FOR THEIR DETERMINATION.

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DeLoach
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Felt
Gale
Rosen
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Tele. Room
Holmes
Gandy

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NOTE: See Memo Rosen to DeLoach, 7-8-68, EJM:mt, same caption.

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE

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TRUE COPY

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[redacted]
New York, N. Y.
10025

Gentlemen:

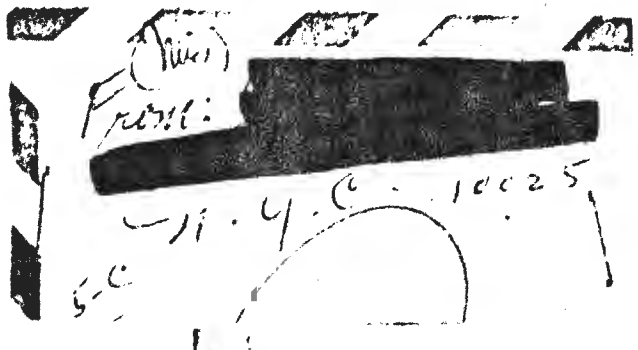
It seems there is a mixup of names to confuse.

From my Personal observation and a close look, convinceing me of who is really WHO.

Sincerely

[redacted]

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67 JUL

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New-York, N. Y.
10c25.

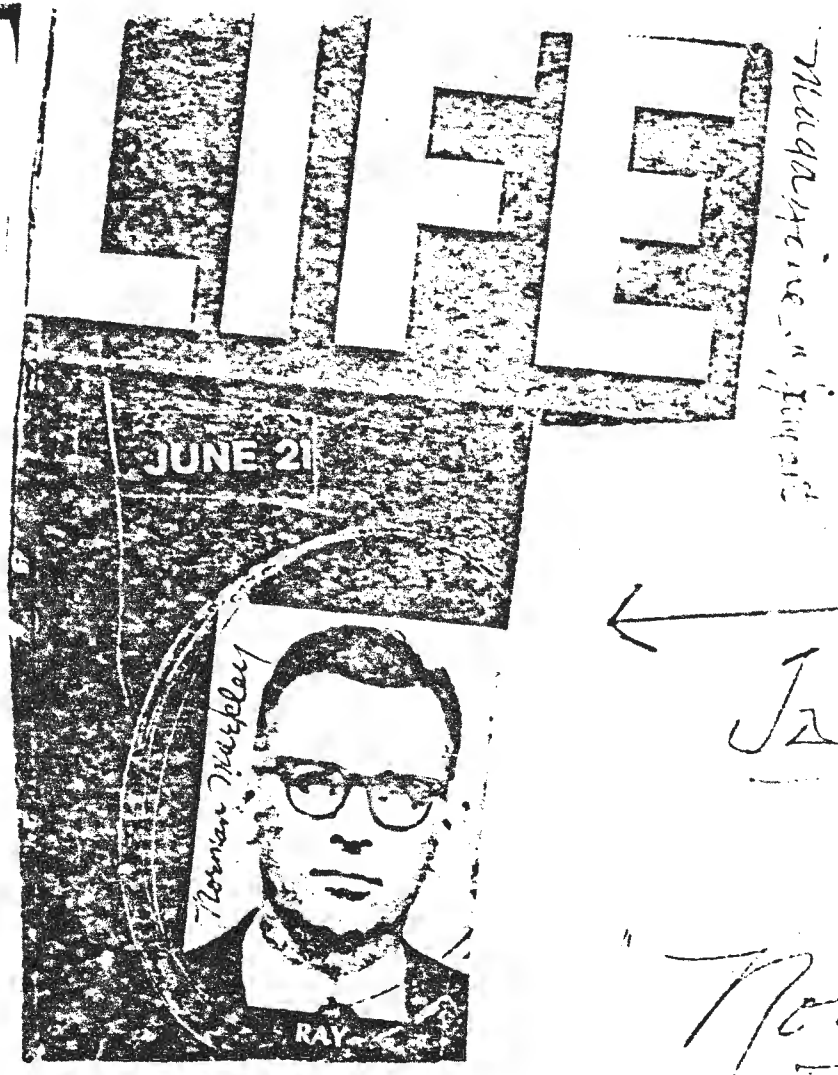
Gentlemen:

It seems useless to
a recital of services
to confirm.

Since they Commit
Prostitution and is there
fore, convicted and
if she is ready to
Yours truly

CORRESPONDENT

[redacted]



(Two different pics.)

This "IS Not"

James Earl Ray

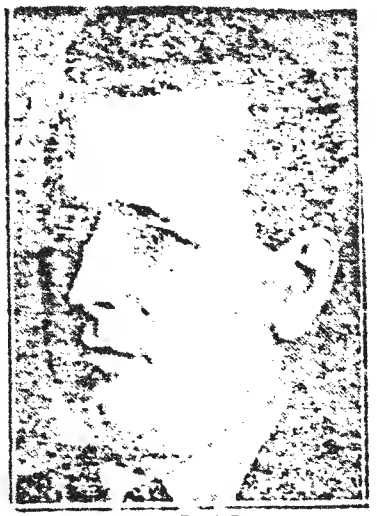
But -

"Norman Whitley"

(Brother of "George Whitley"
(the mad Bomber)

(Spelled Wrong
(Related

(Two different men)



James Earl Ray

This "1S"

James Earl Ray,

Has Brothers to

Memphis Police

Form DJ-150
(Ed. 4-26-65)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 10, 1968

FMV:mfc
95-100-473

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

Attached you will find an original letter and envelope received by the Attorney General yesterday, purporting to be from R. G. Sneyd. I also attach a copy of my acknowledgement to Ray's attorney.

It occurred to me that you might wish this for your file in the event handwriting exemplars are needed.

Attachments

3 ENCLOSURE

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GENERAL INVESTIG IVE DIVISION

Attached pertains to arrest of Jerry Ray, brother of James Earl Ray, evening of 7/8/68, by Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department, for being drunk. Charge against Jerry Ray was dismissed and he was released 7/9/68. Jerry Ray, accompanied by his brother, John Ray, came to Memphis at the suggestion of Jerry Lipson, a "Chicago Daily News" reporter, to set up an office for purpose of obtaining funds for an attorney to represent James Earl Ray. Lipson supposedly to handle publicity.

[redacted]

JBL:pah

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FBI MEMPHIS

905PM URGENT 7-9-68 DGB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MUPKIN.

ON EVENING JULY EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN P.M., PATROLMAN, MEMPHIS PD, WHILE AT "GREEN BEETLE,", THREE TWO FIVE SOUTH MAIN, MEMPHIS, HAD INDIVIDUAL AT BAR BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION BY MANAGER. POLICE OFFICER APPROACHED MAN AT BAR WHO INFORMED HIM HE WAS JERRY RAY, BROTHER OF JAMES EARL RAY. REPORTEDLY, JERRY ASKED PATROLMAN IF HE THOUGHT JAMES GUILTY AND IF THEY WOULD EVER BRING HIM BACK TO MEMPHIS. REPORTEDLY, JERRY SAID HE AND BROTHER HAD ARRIVED MEMPHIS EARLIER ON AFTERNOON JULY EIGHT AND WERE TRYING TO FIND OFFICE TO RENT. THEY PLANNED TO SET UP COMMITTEE TO GET FUNDS FOR DEFENSE OF BROTHER. JERRY ALSO SAID THEY WERE GOING TO HIRE ANOTHER LAWYER FROM ST. LOUIS, NAME UNKNOWN. SAID HE AND BROTHER JOHN WERE STAYING AT LINDEN LODGE MOTEL, ROOM TWO TEN. MEMPHIS POLICE OFFICER WHO ACCOSTED JERRY RAY NOT IN UNIFORM AND NO INFO AVAILABLE TO INDICATE JERRY RAY REALIZED THAT PERSON WITH WHOM HE WAS SPEAKING WAS MEMPHIS POLICEMAN.

SHORTLY AFTER ABOVE CONTACT, JERRY RAY WAS ARRESTED BY

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

TWO MEMPHIS PATROLMEN FOR BEING DRUNK. HE WAS TAKEN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND GIVEN INTOXIMETER TEST WHICH READ POINT SEVENTEEN.

JERRY WILLIAM RAY, WM, AGE THIRTYTWO, OF ONE NINE ZERO TWO CHEROKEE STREET, ST. LOUIS, WAS ARRESTED AT ONE FIFTEEN A.M., JULY NINE, AT MAIN AND VANCE, MEMPHIS, ON CHARGE PUBLIC DRUNKENESS. AT NINE A.M., JULY NINE, JERRY RAY APPEARED DIVISION TWO, CITY COURT, BEFORE JUDGE BERNIE WEINMAN ON CHARGE PUBLIC DRUNKENNESS. CHARGE AGAINST HIM DISMISSED. WHEN CASE CALLED, A WM (WHITE MALE) IN COURTROOM OBSERVED TO APPEAR INTERESTED IN CASE AND AFTER CASE DISMISSED, LT. O. B. HOLCOMB, MEMPHIS PD, (POLICE) IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO THIS WM (WHITE MALE), AND ASKED FOR HIS NAME. PERSON STATED HE WAS JOHN RAY, JERRY'S BROTHER. IN SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW CONDUCTED THIS DATE BY MPD (MEMPHIS POLICE), JOHN RAY SAID HE AND JERRY HAD ARRIVED MEMPHIS AT SIX PM, JULY EIGHT, AND HAD CHECKED INTO LINDEN LODGE, ROOM TWO TEN. THEY PAID RENT FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY. HE SAID THEY CAME TO MEMPHIS IN HIS CAR, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE CHRYSLER NEW YORKER, MISSOURI LICENSE A E TWO DASH FIVE FIVE EIGHT. JOHN RAY INFORMED HE AND JERRY HAD BEEN TALKING TO

NEWSPAPER REPORTER JERRY LIPSON, WHO IS AFFILIATED WITH CHICAGO DAILY NEWS. LIPSON HAD ADVISED THAT JOHN AND JERRY COULD POSSIBLY COME TO MEMPHIS AND BIRMINGHAM AND SET UP OFFICE FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING FUNDS FOR AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT JAMES EARL RAY. SUPPOSEDLY THIS REPORTER TOLD JOHN HE WOULD HANDLE ALL PUBLICITY PERTAINING TO THIS FUND RAISING AND JOHN SAID THEY WERE JUST LOOKING MEMPHIS OVER AND MIGHT RENT A ROOM OR AN OFFICE WHILE HERE. JOHN FURTHER STATED THEY WERE EITHER GOING TO BIRMINGHAM OR WERE GOING TO CALL THERE TO SEE IF JAMES EARL RAY'S ATTORNEY WAS BACK FROM LONDON.

JOHN RAY FURNISHED PERSONAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND DATA TO INTERVIEWING OFFICERS, WHICH AGREES WITH THAT PREVIOUSLY COLLECTED BY BUREAU.

JERRY RAY INTERVIEWED BY MEMPHIS POLICE OFFICERS IN PRESENCE OF JOHN. REPORTEDLY, JERRY COULD NOT GIVE LEGITIMATE REASON FOR BEING IN MEMPHIS EXCEPT HE THOUGHT JAMES EARL MIGHT COME BACK TO MEMPHIS EARLY AND HE WANTED TO SEE HIM IF HE DID. JERRY SAID HE WAS LEAVING MEMPHIS AND GOING TO KNOXVILLE, TENN., WHICH HE LATER CHANGED TO SAY WHITESBURG, TENN. TO VISIT HIS

CC-MR. ROSEN

SIX YEAR OLD SON BY A PRIOR MARRIAGE.

PERSONAL PROPERTY IN POSSESSION JERRY RAY WAS PHOTOSTATTED BY MEMPHIS POLICE PD. COPIES BEING REVIEWED TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ANY INFO OF PERTINENCE THEREIN. SOME DATA CONSISTED OF CAR IDENTIFICATION CARD AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH MARJORIE FETTERS AND VARIOUS NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS. AIRMAIL COPY TO ST. LOUIS. P.

END.

JTM

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7/8/68

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (44-1282) (P)

SUBJECT: LUFKIN
CP

OO: MEMPHIS

RE: LUCH MERLON NELSON

The San Antonio Police Department advised the San Antonio Division that on 7/4/68, MERLON NELSON of 1503 Santa Anna, San Antonio, Texas, stated to police officers that he had killed Dr. MARTIN L. KING, JR. The police officer's report reflected that after talking to NELSON he appeared to be drunk. He smelled of intoxicating beverages, his speech was slurred, and eyes were bloodshot. He was warned about making a false report. As the officers were leaving, NELSON came outside the house and wanted to fight. He was arrested for drunk and was taken to jail.

NELSON was interviewed by agents of this office and advised that he had been arrested on 7/4/68. He said he did not make the statement that he had killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He said he could not recall making such a statement. He further advised he did not kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY.

This is being furnished for information purposes and no further action is being taken in this phase of this investigation.

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Date: 7/10/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel dated 7/3/68, requesting a check at Longines-Wittnauer Watch Company to identify case numbers on a watch of subject RAY.

CHARLES DIAZ, Longines-Wittnauer Watch Company, 580 Fifth Avenue, NYC, advised 7/9/68 the numbers: 8001/11K, are identifying numbers used to designate the model and style of watch in which the case will be used. The numbers are thus of significance only at the assembly stage. Thousands of watches of each model (with the same numbers) are assembled both here and abroad.

He pointed out that because the Wittnauer is an inexpensive watch, no movement number is inscribed and it is not possible to identify the outlet through which any particular watch is sold.

3- Bureau
2- Memphis (44-1987)
1- New York

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLDD

PM 537 URGENT 7-10-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN, CR.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE JULY NINE LAST.

DEMIS NICHOLAS, DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, ADVISED HE HAD TALKED TO WILLIE LEE, ASSOCIATE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCK AND HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON, AND INFORMED LEE THAT THE FBI WAS INTERESTED IN TALKING TO HIM, AT WHICH TIME LEE STATED HE WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE FBI IN ALTON, ILLINOIS, IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ (PHONETIC) HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE IN THE ALTON AREA. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY JOE HEINTZ AND INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT ST. LOUIS, MEMPHIS AND CHICAGO.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

620 PM 7/11/68 URGENT CEKG

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TEN LAST.-

PAMELA JANE SCHNEIDER, EX-WIFE OF JOHN MC CLINTOCH ADVISED JULY TEN LAST MC CLINTOCH AND SHE LEFT FOR CALIFORNIA APPROXIMATELY JULY FIFTEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND RETURNED TO ALTON, ILLINOIS IN NOVEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN. SHE ADVISED SHE BELIEVED HAROLD RICHARD COVINGTON WAS LIVING WITH WILLIE LEE IN THE ELEVEN HUNDRED BLOCK OF EAST FOURTH STREET, ALTON, IN JULY AND AUGUST, SIXTYSEVEN. SHE SAID SHE NEVER KNEW COVINGTON OR LEE TO WEAR A HAT OR COVERALLS. SHE SAID SHE HAD HEARD COVINGTON HAD A GUN BUT DID NOT KNOW WHAT KIND AND HAD NEVER SEEN IT. SHE DID NOT ASSOCIATE WITH COVINGTON VERY MUCH AND HAD NEVER HEARD HER HUSBAND SPEAK OF ANY BANK ROBBERIES IN HER PRESENCE. SHE STATED SHE NEVER KNEW OF EITHER OF THEM TO POSSESS MUCH MONEY.

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SPRINGFIELD WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW WILLIE LEE AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED. P.

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CORR PAGE ONE WORD ONE SHL BE PAMELA

END

GFH

FBI WASH DC

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7-11-68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McDonough

To: SACs, Memphis
Little Rock

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

ReJHairtel dated 7-5-68.

If not already done, handle leads and surepsor LHMs immediately.

1 - Jackson (info)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7/8/68

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)(44-394) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

KENSALT
OO: Los Angeles

Re San Diego airtels to the Bureau 6/17/68; Bureau letter to San Diego, 6/21/68; and Bureau airtel to San Diego, 6/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 7 copies of an LHM captioned GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER, for appropriate dissemination. Enclosed for each office receiving this communication are two copies of the same LHM.

Dissemination has been made locally to U.S. Secret Service.

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2 - Memphis (Encl. 2)
2 - Los Angeles (Encl. 2)
2 - Richmond (Encl. 2)
2 - Seattle (Encl. 2)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

San Diego, California
July 8, 1968

GEORGE ROBERT LETSINGER

On June 17, 1968, handprinting obtained from George Robert Letsinger along with the anonymous note received by Assistant Postmaster Joseph Forror, June 11, 1968, was forwarded to the Bureau Laboratory.

On June 21, 1968, the FBI Laboratory advised that no latent impressions of value were developed on the note or on the known handprinting of George Robert Letsinger.

On June 21, 1968, the Bureau advised that a handwriting examination of the anonymous note obtained by Assistant Postmaster Joseph Forror, June 11, 1968, was prepared by George Robert Letsinger as determined from the known handprinting of George Robert Letsinger.

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FBI

Date: 7/5/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (44-1509)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY DEFENSE FUND, Columbus, Texas", two copies for Memphis for their information.

The first source is [redacted]

The second source is [redacted]

3 - Bureau (Enc-5) ENCLOSURE
2 - Memphis (Enc-2)
1 - Houston
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

[illegible]
July 5, 1967

[illegible]

On July [illegible], 1967 a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he had received information that [illegible] by the name of Lynn [illegible] had been stricken [illegible] and [illegible] Lynn May. [illegible] the [illegible] to the point [illegible].

On July [illegible] the [illegible] furnished the following information:

On June [illegible], 1967, Lynn [illegible] Wilhelm, P.O. Box 630, Columbus, Texas with residence at 131 Front Street, Columbus, Texas and [illegible] P.O. Box 630, U.S. Post Office, Columbus, Texas. [illegible] Lynn [illegible] for having [illegible] with receipt [illegible] the defense [illegible] [illegible] Wilhelm, [illegible], Texas, [illegible] P.O. Box 630, [illegible], Texas, residence 131 Front Street, Columbus, Texas. [illegible] Fred H. Wilson, also known as Lynn Wilson, arrived at Columbus, Texas in August, 1967 from Burlington, Texas.

[illegible] Texas [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

On July [illegible], 1967 [illegible] with [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

On July [illegible] a check [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Re: James Earl Ray Defense Fund

records of the FBI, Houston, Texas contain no information identifiable with the above-named individual.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LATENT CASE NO.

TO:

RE:

REFERENCE:

EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY:

SPECIMENS:

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

1 - Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DATE RECORDED 7/8/68-3:10 p. m. DATE RECEIVED 7/8/68 LAB FILE ro

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: [illegible]
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # [illegible]JK
LC# 91075

Examination requested by: SAC, Los Angeles (44-1574) Airtel 7/1/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint Date received: 7/5/68

Result of Examination: Examination by: Mortimer
Bailey

Named for elimination:
RONALD G. HEWITSON
SA LEON J. MEYER

Specimens submitted for examination

Q305 Sheet of paper bearing typewritten letter dated 2/4/68, beginning "I RECENTLY RECEIVED....." and signed "Eric S. Galt"

Examination completed ____ Time ____ Date Dictated ____ Date

FBI

Date: 7/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via TELETYPE AIR MAIL - REGISTERED
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (bh-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (bh-1578) (P)

SUBJECT: REWITT
CR

Enclosed for the laboratory is a typewritten letter dated 2/h/68 addressed to Mr. REWITSON and signed by ERIC S. GALT. It is requested that this document be examined for handwriting and typing comparisons with other materials submitted in this matter. This document has been handled only by Mr. REWITSON and SA [redacted].

On 7/1/68 ROBERT G. REWITSON, 9692 Imperial Street, Garden Grove, California, furnished the following information. He advised that he is Sales Manager of the Torque Corporation, 2815 Red Hill Avenue, Santa Ana, California, and President of the Orange County, California, Chapter, Friends of Rhodesia, P. O. Box 613, Garden Grove, California.

REWITSON stated that he had recently read a news item indicating that FBI Agents were investigating JAMES EARL RAY's alleged contacts with the American-South African Council, Washington, D. C. He stated that the Friends of Rhodesia work closely with the American-South African Council. He stated that he looked through some of his correspondence and found a letter bearing the signature ERIC S. GALT. This letter is quoted as follows:

(h) - Bureau (Enc. - 1) (AM-RM)
2 - Memphis (bh-1997) (RM)
1 - Birmingham (bh-1740) (Info.) (RM)
1 - Washington Field (bh-703) (Info.) (RM)
2 - Los Angeles
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

LA 44-1574

"2-4-68

"DEAR MR. HEMITSON.

"I RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOUR OFFICE IN REPLY TO A LETTER I HAD SENT TO YOU REQUESTING INFORMATION ON RHODESIA, THE LETTER CLARIFIED MOST OF MY QUESTIONS REGARDING IMMIGRATION. SUCH AS PASSPORT. IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO LEAVE BEFORE HOWEVER BUT WANTED THE INFORMATION BEFORE HAND, ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU SEND I WOULD APPREACITE. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE TO RHODESIAN COMMENTARY.

"SINCERELY,

"ERIC S. GALT

"1535-H-SERRANO
"L.A. CALIF. 90027.

/s/ "ERIC S. GALT"

HEMITSON stated that he would review his files to determine if any other communications from GALT are contained therein. He stated he was the only person to handle the enclosed letter, as he has no secretary. He stated that the note "ARS" appearing on the lower portion of this letter was made by him.

HEMITSON stated his organization has received much publicity in the Los Angeles area resulting from exposure on the JOE PYNE Show, a daily late nighttime television talk show. He stated the address of the Friends of Rhodesia appears on its literature, which is widely circulated.

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FBI

Date: 7/8/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
(OO: Memphis)

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, 6/27/68; and FBI Laboratory report dated 6/26/68, the latter which concludes that the handwriting on the Palmer Writers School pamphlet submitted under the name "ERIC A. WAUGH" which bore handprinting, was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY.

In view of the foregoing, New Orleans will not review INS file in name of DEREK A. WAUGH or conduct credit and criminal checks in that name.

(3) - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info)
2 - New Orleans
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C.C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 6/28/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: MECHANICAL SECTION

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

Under date of 6/17/68, the Birmingham Office was requested by Supervisor CLEM MC GOWAN, Civil Rights Division of the Bureau, to attempt photographing of registration cards of guests of all motels and hotels in the Birmingham area for the date 3/29/68. This particular date was considered pertinent since subject RAY first contacted the Aeromarine Supply Company of Birmingham relative to the purchase of a rifle on that date, and returned on 3/30/68, to exchange the purchased rifle for another one. It was not known where he may have stayed during that period in Birmingham.

It was also suggested that a comparison of the names of individuals registered at Birmingham on the night of 3/29/68, might result in simular names of individuals who may have been registered at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, during the time that RAY was registered.

(4) - Bureau (AM-RM)
(1 - Package)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Birmingham

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Photographing of all available registration cards in the Birmingham area motels and hotels was instituted on 6/19/68, and completed 6/26/68.

Being transmitted under separate package are eleven rolls of undeveloped Kodak Panatomic-X black and white film, of which ten are thirtysix exposures and one is twenty exposures. Also transmitted is one developed strip of thirtysix exposures of Roll #7, which was developed locally to verify photographic efforts.

The Mechanical Section is requested to make two 8" X 10" prints of each frame of the film. The enlarged prints are being requested since each frame contains multiple photographs of registration cards, and the larger prints would be necessary for viewing.

The rolls of film are numbered on the film itself and it is requested that the prints made from each roll be identified or maintained in packets of each roll in order that they might be readily identified with the photographic log being maintained in the Birmingham Office. The pencilled numbers on the cases of each roll are not pertinent. The prints should be maintained in each packet in chronological order and if possible numbered as such.

In accordance with request of Supervisor MC GOWAN, one set of the developed prints should be furnished to him, and the other set forwarded to the Birmingham Office. Please expedite.

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Date: 7/11/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, dated 6/27/68.

Mrs. CECIL BONAS, National Institute of Dry Cleaners, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, was contacted on 7/3/68 at which time she advised that she could have a list of cleaning establishments made up as requested; however, due to the scope of the list, and the mechanical operations involved, it may take approximately a week.

On 7/10/68, Mrs. BONAS advised that the list would be available on Tuesday, 7/16/68.

LEAD:

BALTIMORE DIVISION

AT SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

Will obtain requested list from Mrs. CECIL BONAS, National Institute of Dry Cleaners, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, 7/16/68 as requested in re teletype.

3-Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
1-Chicago (REGISTERED AIR MAIL) (44-1114)
2-Baltimore
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FBI

Date: 7/5/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta tel 7/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of LHM suitable for dissemination. Two copies each are being submitted to Memphis and Jackson.

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ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Encs. 10)
2 - Jackson (Encs. 2)
2 - Memphis (Encs. 2)
2 - Atlanta
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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia
July 5, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

Raymond Curtis submitted a letter to Mr. Charles L. Sanders, Ebony Magazine, which letter is as follows; the letter was semi literate and the following is not a direct quotation but sets forth the essentials:

"Mr. Charles L. Sanders

"Dear Mr. Sanders:

"I thank you for your answer to my letter. I think that details I give you in this letter will be of help to you.

"Well, Sir, I have written a story. No one but myself has read it but me. At this time I know that it will have to be re-wrote for I am not a writing it as bad as it is.

"It all about the crime I did and about a crime I did in 1954 with James Earl Ray and about the 13 years of prison pal and everything we talk about. About thing and about James Earl Ray wanted the job of killing Martin Luther King, Jr. We talk of killing King for three years. And we talked to the man from Mississippi that knew all about the KK businessman association that was to put up the money to kill King. I also know the men from Mississippi.

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"In that three year we made maps just had to find the right place to kill King. Well I have made the maps over myself. They are with the story also.

"And just where we would go after we killed King so yes when we talk about it I was to be in on it. But I was not. The story has it all in it. All the big thing and the little one also. And what Ray like and what he did not like. This story could get me killed. I know that. That is why I won't send the story by mail. I know that this is getting to be a long letter. But when you read this if you want the story O.K. If not just let me know, O.K. That way I won't talk to men about it.

"Mr. Sanders there are men in five states that is behind the King killing and they don't know what I know. But James Earl Ray did not. Now that they have Ray Tenn. will trial him if they get him back.

"Well, they want me to testify. Well, I just don't know yet what I will do.

"You see, me and Ray were pal. I could tell what I have to the news. That no much. Or I could not say everything. And I did not tell the FBI. Well, this is not a book. I am just trying to tell you what you ask of me in your letter.

"If you have a man or have someone down this way, if you will have them stop by the jail I will let them read the story and you can go from there. O.K.

"I thank you again.

"I will be looking to hear from you soon.

/s/ "Raymond Curtis

"I am still in the Dalton County Jail."

On July 3, 1968, CURTIS was interviewed at the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia, and furnished the following information:

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 5, 1968

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RAYMOND CURTIS was contacted at the Whitfield County Jail and advised of the identities of Special Agents [redacted]. and [redacted]. He was furnished a rights and waiver of rights form which he read, indicated he understood, but refused to sign. He was advised that he was being interviewed concerning statements he made in a letter he had mailed to Mr. SANDERS of Ebony Magazine.

CURTIS stated he was merely trying to sell a story to Ebony for approximately $5,000 to help his mother pay off a mortgage on her home. She had obtained this mortgage as a result of paying attorney's fees for the defense of CURTIS at a previous trial.

CURTIS stated that he and JAMES EARL RAY participated in a burglary in Joliet, Illinois, in October or November, 1954. It was pointed out to CURTIS that certain statements made by him in his letter to Ebony Magazine could possibly involve him in a conspiracy with JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CURTIS then stated he wished to go on record as to the statements made in his letter to Mr. SANDERS. He categorically denied the following statements which were in his letter to Ebony Magazine:

1) That he and JAMES EARL RAY participated in a crime in 1954;
2) That RAY wanted the job of killing KING;
3) That he and RAY talked about killing KING for three years;
4) That he and RAY talked to the man from Mississippi that knew all about the KK Businessmen's Association which Association was to put up the money to kill KING;
5) That he knew the men from Mississippi;
6) That for three years he and RAY made maps just to find the right place to kill KING and that he made the maps over himself;
7) That he and RAY knew just where they would go after the killing of KING;
8) That he was to be in on the killing of KING;
9) That there are men in five states who are behind the killing of KING and these men do not know what he (CURTIS) knows.

On 7/3/68 at Dalton, Georgia File # AT 44-2386

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] :jlh Date dictated 7/5/68

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During this interview CURTIS drew two maps setting out how he thought RAY would stalk KING. This map indicated the following towns where he said KING made most of his speeches: Atlanta, Georgia; Little Rock, Arkansas; Birmingham, Mobile, and Selma, Alabama; Jackson, Vicksburg, and Marks, Mississippi.

CURTIS further advised that there was a man living on a houseboat in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on the Mississippi River whose name he would not divulge who was to take RAY down the River on his boat to New Orleans after the killing. CURTIS further advised that in the past he had pulled several burglaries and armed robberies in towns along the Mississippi River and while police were looking for him on the highway he would be on a boat down the Mississippi. He added that he had written a story concerning the KING killing which was currently being typed and this was the story he mentioned in the letter to Ebony Magazine and which he intended to sell to Ebony.

JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

On July 3, 1968, Sheriff G. T. Mauldin, Whitfield County, Georgia, advised that Curtis sent no letters or communications from the Whitfield County Jail which passed over the jailer's desk. He stated Curtis probably sent his mail out with visitors and jail trustees which would probably not have been observed by men of his department. Sheriff Mauldin stated that Curtis' attorney, Erwin Mitchell, former U. S. Congressman from the Seventh District of Georgia, is of the opinion that most of Curtis' comments concerning his knowledge of Ray's alleged assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. are pure fabrications on the part of Curtis or the result of something Curtis has read in the newspapers.

Approximately one hour following the conclusion of the interview with Curtis, he sent a note to Sheriff Mauldin requesting to again see an FBI Agent and stating that he wanted to tell the entire truth. Curtis was re-interviewed at the Whitfield County Jail.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 5, 1963

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RAYMOND CURTIS was furnished a rights and waiver of rights form which he refused to sign. He then stated in connection with the previous interview that apparently in his letter to Ebony Magazine, he used the word "we" indicating that he and JAMES EARL RAY had planned the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and he realized now this would involve him in a conspiracy. For that reason in the previous interview he denied the statements he had made in his letter to Ebony Magazine. CURTIS then advised he had written a story which he intended to sell to some magazine for the purpose of obtaining money for his mother. He stated the story was still in his possession and had not yet been sent out to be typed. He permitted SA [redacted] to read this 20-page handwritten story one page at a time and he declared this story was true. The first five or six pages of the story merely set out his early life in crime and the prison sentences he had served as a result of the crimes, starting at the age of 15. The remainder of the story is the same as he originally furnished in an interview in April, 1963, concerning his knowledge and association with JAMES EARL RAY. The story reflects that he first became associated with RAY in 1954 when they pulled a payroll robbery together in Quincy, Illinois, with a third individual. Shortly thereafter CURTIS lost contact with RAY when RAY and this third individual were apprehended in connection with a bank robbery at Southwest City, Missouri. After that CURTIS again became acquainted with RAY in prison and while in prison they both learned of the death of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. At this time RAY stated the murder of KENNEDY sounded like a big job and he was always on the inside of a prison when big jobs and big money were to be had.

Shortly after the death of JOHN F. KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. became prominent, and RAY stated on several occasions that somebody was going to kill KING. During this period an individual came into the Missouri State Penitentiary from Vicksburg, Mississippi. This individual upon learning of JAMES EARL RAY's feelings toward killing KING advised RAY of the KK Businessmen's Association of the South

On 7/3/63 at Dalton, Georgia File # AT 44-2336

by SA [redacted] :jlh Date dictated 7/5/63

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and stated that people in five states were putting up money for KING's assassination. The story further reflected that RAY informed this individual that he intended to have everything set when he killed KING. RAY followed KING's movements through maps so that he could later stalk KING to the point of assassination. RAY indicated during the time that he would leave a false gun and false trail immediately following the murder. RAY was supposed to go to Vicksburg, Mississippi, following the murder, contact the man from Vicksburg who had the houseboat, and this man was to take him either to New Orleans or Canada via the Mississippi River.

At the conclusion of the interview CURTIS stated he would not testify to any of the above information. He did advise that the name of the individual on the houseboat in Vicksburg, Mississippi, was (first name unknown) WILLETT, also known as "Mississippi," who served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

CURTIS refused to allow his story to be copied and stated he would not write it over again nor would he allow the pages to be removed from his prison cell. CURTIS then presented crude sketches of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Missouri State Penitentiary.

July 12, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN

This morning the Attorney General called at my office and during the course of the conference, he referred in some detail to the plans for the removal of James Earl Ray from Great Britain to Memphis, Tennessee.

He told me that he had been advised that we were going to have four Agents accompany Ray. I told him it was my understanding that there would be three and also an Air Force physician. The Attorney General told me that he understood that we would deliver Ray to the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee, and inquired whether that would be done at the airport or at the Shelby County Jail. I told him that I had indicated my opinion that the transfer to the custody of the Sheriff of Shelby County be consummated at the Naval Airport as soon as the plane from Great Britain touched down and that from there on, the security and custody of Ray was the responsibility of the Sheriff of Shelby County. The Attorney General expressed some concern as to what might happen to Ray en route from the airport to the Shelby County Jail. He asked that this Bureau keep in touch with the situation so as to know of any intelligence that would be of value in preventing any overt act against Ray even after he is placed in the custody of the Sheriff of Shelby County at the airport.

He inquired of me as to the security of the jail at Memphis. I told him I understood that he, the Attorney General, had already sent representatives of the Prison Bureau to Memphis to inspect the jail and that they had and had indicated that it was secure. The Attorney General stated that he would prefer to have the FBI check the proposed arrangements at the jail and advise him of its security. Please see that immediate telephonic instructions are issued to the SAC at Memphis to contact the Sheriff of Shelby County and ascertain just exactly what his plans are for the incarceration of Ray and the security of the same. Our Agent in Charge should also ascertain what his plans are should Ray be turned over to him at the Naval Airport -- namely, the number of guards that the Sheriff will have and other details concerning the transportation of Ray from the airport to the Shelby County Jail after we have turned Ray over to the Sheriff at the airport.

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I indicated to the Attorney General that if the Air Force was going to send a plane from the United States to Great Britain to bring Ray back, the representatives of the Bureau who were to conduct Ray from Great Britain to the United States should be allowed to go over to Great Britain on the same plane that will be used for that purpose. The Attorney General indicated agreement with this suggestion.

At the time the Attorney General talked with me, I had not been advised of the details worked out by Mr. Rosen and Mr. Mintich with Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson, but subsequent to the Attorney General's conference with me, a memorandum was received from Mr. Vinson setting forth the details which Mr. Vinson has worked out after consultation with Mr. Rosen and Mr. Mintich and I have sent this memorandum through with the indication that since representatives of the Bureau have already committed the Bureau to certain phases of the transportation of Ray, I was, consequently, bound by them; while I had not known of these commitments in advance and certainly would have made certain changes in them, I, nevertheless, would be bound by the commitments.

I think that in the future, it would be a great deal better for representatives of this Bureau conferring with Departmental representatives to make no commitments of an important character without first submitting such commitments to me for approval. It is embarrassing to learn from Departmental sources of commitments, some of which I had never even heard about before.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 4:27 PM
DATE 7-12-66
BY

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7/11/68

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 7/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] and IC [redacted]

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On 7/8/68, MARY MOODY, Secretary to Warden HAROLD SWENSON, said a bound book reflecting visits by attorneys, law enforcement officers and others on official business for September, 1960 had been located. She noted that no regular visit record is maintained, except in individual prisoner's files and these are for persons authorized by the prison to visit inmates and these records do not apply to persons on official business.

On 7/9/68, the Control Center, Official Visitors' Book was examined. There was no person by the name of GRAY making a visit to a prisoner during the months of August, September, or October, 1960.

Although there was no record of a visit by an FBI Agent to a prisoner in September of 1960, entries are not always made where officer is known to prison official.

An examination was made, in the Classification Office, of prisoners received. They are given a book number in consecutive order as they are received. A total of 231 inmates were received into the penitentiary during the months of August and September of 1960.

(2)- Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1982)
2 - Kansas City
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Mr. DONALD BUNKER, Classification Director, said the average inmate stays in "receiving" or "classification section" from four to six weeks as a general rule, but he said some conditions might arise which would result in turning a prisoner into the population before four weeks and also some reason might exist for not completing their classification in six weeks.

Senior Resident Agent SA [redacted] and SA [redacted], assigned to Jefferson City Resident Agency during pertinent period have no recollection of such an interview and no SA GRAY has been assigned to the Kansas City Division. It is more likely that the writer was interviewed by an agency other than the FBI.

In view of the admitted hazy recollection and above facts, it does not appear that an indices search of all inmates received during the three moth period would be warranted.

UACB no further action being taken by the Kansas City Division regarding this letter.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7/9/68
ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM : LEGAT, BONN (62-66)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68.

Following is requested information with numbers corresponding to numbers in recab:

(1)

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours
Special Agent	15	3
Clerical	8	

Total Agent Hours..... 18

Total Clerical Hours..... 8

Total Hours 26

(2) None

(3) None

(4) Two

Bonn RUC'd on 6/26/68 and, therefore, no cost data reports will follow unless additional leads are received.

3 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison)
1 - Bonn

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FBI

Date: 7/3/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReMEairtel to AL dated 4/19/68.

In view of the fact subject RAY is in custody and the majority of the Bureau's divisions have little or no additional investigation to conduct at this time, it is suggested that the Bureau consider advising all divisions to discontinue submitting the monthly cost data figures in this matter. The monthly cost data figures will be submitted for the month of June 1968.

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2 - Memphis
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Special Agent in Charge

7-9-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MULKIN - COST DATA

Reairtel 7-3-68 on captioned subject. Bureau desires you continue submission of monthly cost data until further notice.

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MAIL ROOM ☑ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE 7/2/68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT MURKIN

POINTS OF IDENTITY

Memo Latona to Mr. Trotter dated 6/13/68, discussed in some length the sixteen point rule in England relative to latent fingerprint identifications and policy followed by experts in the Latent Fingerprint Section.

This matter was discussed with officials at New Scotland Yard by Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake while he was in England testifying at the extradition hearing for James Earl Ray. It was determined, as we have long suspected, that the sixteen point rule is not based on any court decision, but is a policy matter decided many years ago by committee established for that purpose. The Home Office, which sets policy and procedures for the police in England, has periodically reviewed the rule, but each time has decided to maintain it. This rule means that no latent fingerprint identification can be made or testimony given unless there are sixteen or more matching characteristics found in the latent and inked print.

The experts at Scotland Yard do advise investigating officers of those cases wherein twelve to fifteen points were located, but with the understanding that no testimony can be given, and it will be up to the investigator to prove his case without the fingerprint testimony.

When a sixteen or more point identification is made, this identification is accepted as a fact by the courts in England and many times is made in the form of a deposition with exhibits and the expert only appears if the defense attorney makes a specific request for his presence at the trial.

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Of course, in this country, latent print testimony is expert testimony and a qualified expert can express his opinion relative to the results of the comparison irrespective to the number of points of identity involved.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

SAC, Springfield (44-561) July 12, 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861) 1 - Mr. Long

PUREIN

Re Airtel to Bureau dated 6/26/68.

In accordance with your request contained in re communication the evidence as submitted is being returned to you.

1 - Package (Registered Mail)

1 - Memphis

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JUL 12 1968
COMM-FBI

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KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 64

Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

CURTIS
[redacted] indicates he has written a book on this and he did not tell the FBI all he knows.

Bureau files indicate we have had cordial relations with "Ebony" magazine.

CURTIS
[redacted] a long-time convict, was previously interviewed in the King case. He was an inmate in prison at the same time as Ray in approximately 1962 - 1966. He made allegations relating to a mysterious visitor of Ray while Ray was in prison, that a "bounty" had been put on President John F. Kennedy's head and the "KK of the South" had raised a million dollar bounty from businessmen for King's head.

Logical investigation was conducted on the nebulous information furnished by [redacted] CURTIS without developing substantive information of value. A previous defense attorney advised that CURTIS [redacted] would lie, steal and commit other crimes to further his own interest.

ACTION BEING TAKEN:

1. In order to fully resolve any information he claims to have in the King case, the Atlanta Office has been instructed to reinterview [redacted] CURTIS for full details and pin him down. Any pertinent information of substance will be fully run out. Results of interview and any additional inquiries will be furnished the Civil Rights Division.

2. Attached for approval is a letter to [redacted] of "Ebony" magazine advising him that results of any interview will be forwarded to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Malley
1-Mr. McGowan
1-Mr. Martindale
1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. Casper
1-Mr. Gale
1-Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

I spoke with Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division, today concerning items which have not been resolved in connection with the transportation of subject Ray to the United States upon completion of the order of extradition.

1. Vinson advised me he had been in touch with the Secretary of the Air Force and preliminary discussions indicated the Air Force would handle transportation. No decision has yet been made as to whether the plane will be assigned to this mission from European bases or whether the plane will depart from the United States on this mission. This is important to the Bureau inasmuch as our escort Agents will be able to fly to Europe on the Air Force plane if it departs from the United States.

2. Vinson indicated the Air Force Secretary suggested they might have a 707 available in Germany, in which event it would be designated in time to allow the transporting Agents to arrange for appropriate liaison with the crew in London. In any event, Vinson understood we will need at least two days if the plane is to depart from the United States in order to give the crew a chance to rest up and, of course, our Agents in any event would allow themselves two days in order to be physically fit to handle the transportation. It is observed one night's sleep is lost going east from the United States to London in view of the difference of five hours in time.

3. No decision has been reached by Vinson as to who is to stand the cost of the flight. As a matter of fact, Vinson indicated the Secretary mentioned the cost of the flight would run around $20,000 although he had no fixed figure. I advised Vinson, of course, the Bureau had no funds to take care of this. He said he thought it would be proper if the Air Force did not handle the matter to make some preliminary inquiries with the State of Tennessee concerning the transportation costs

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inasmuch as we would be handling the matter which ordinarily would have to be provided for by the State of Tennessee. As it now stands, Vinson understands the Bureau has no intention of paying for the costs of transportation. Vinson also mentioned the Secretary of the Air Force indicated they might have a constellation (this is a propeller-type plane) which might run less in cost. Vinson said this would be unsatisfactory because of the slowness of the plane and, of course, the most modern equipment should be used. There was no problem insofar as this was concerned, according to Vinson.

4. Vinson had previously advised me he was going to determine whether arrangements could be made so that all persons on the flight upon arrival at touch down in the United States would immediately be cleared so there would be no delays by Customs, Immigration, and Public Health. Vinson stated he had checked into this and Farrell, Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner, had indicated he would have arrangements made so that all will be immediately cleared without any difficulty upon touch down in the United States.

5. We had previously discussed the question of medical assistance upon departure from London, en route and at touch down in the United States. It had previously been mentioned it would be preferable to have a military doctor rather than Public Health Service doctor. Vinson again mentioned he preferred Public Health, someone who was familiar with prison procedures. I mentioned a decision should be reached on this but it would appear the Air Force could supply plenty of doctors and insofar as a physical examination is concerned an Air Force doctor would be much more familiar with Air Force procedures in the event some emergency arose en route. The doctor, of course, will be needed to examine the prisoner upon departure and also to examine the prisoner at arrival in the United States so that no question can be raised concerning his physical condition upon delivery to the authorities in the United States. Arrangements, of course, will also be made for proper photographing of the prisoner at departure and arrival in order to support the transporting officers' proper handling of the prisoner.

6. We discussed arrangements for the handling of Ray's personal effects and I advised Vinson appropriate receipts would be

obtained at both points and these would be prepared in advance so there would be no delay at either point in handling any personal effects which might be sent. It was also pointed out that appropriate papers would be prepared to be handed to the local authorities upon arrival so that all they need do would be to affix their signatures to such papers and this in turn would also prevent any delays.

7. We had previously discussed the necessity for Vinson to arrange with the Home Secretary in London the departure procedures with specific reference to whether some indication can be received from the British as to when the prisoner may be obtained once the final order is signed by the Home Secretary. Vinson stated he had had discussions with the State Department and had informally prepared certain papers which will be required for the delivery of the prisoner to the transporting Agents. He said the identities of the Agents will be inserted in the order and the State Department procedure will probably be delivery of the request of the State Department to the Home Secretary by the Ambassador in London, for the delivery of the subject to the transporting Agents who have been designated by the United States Government to handle the transportation. Vinson stated he will assume the responsibility for working this out and will advise us in ample time. He said he hoped to be able to get some informal reaction from the Home Secretary concerning the possibility of keeping the extradition order bottled up until the Agents depart. He felt this was highly unlikely but he was going to try but said the British were rather stuffy about this. He said we need not be concerned with the preparation of these papers as he will advise us of their preparation in final form.

8. In connection with the aforementioned, it will be necessary for Minnich to obtain completed exit control papers and Vinson stated he had talked to Minnich about this and Minnich has excellent liaison with the British authorities and will go forward with the preparation of the necessary papers so the prison officials will deliver the prisoner to the transporting Agents once the Home Secretary hands the order to the prison officials. In this connection, instructions will be issued today to Minnich to advise the Bureau the exact nature of such papers so there will be no delay in the preparation of same and in order that the Bureau will be fully advised of the details concerning the handling of this phase of the matter.

9. Vinson indicated in previous discussions that he viewed favorably the FBI taking the prisoner from touch down, which would be the Naval Air Station at Memphis, to the Sheriff's Office. He had not reached any definite decision as to this inasmuch as he felt the local authorities might desire to pick up the prisoner as soon as our plane touched down at the Naval Air Station. He said this matter had not been resolved yet and he asked whether the Bureau had any views concerning this insofar as the Memphis authorities were concerned. He also wanted to know whether the Memphis authorities were equipped to handle the transportation from the Naval Air Station to the jail. I advised him our SAC at Memphis had been in touch with the Memphis Sheriff who will handle the prisoner on behalf of state authorities. I advised Vinson the Sheriff had designated a special crew to handle the prisoner while he is being detained at the jail and they will have no other function. I also advised Vinson that if the Sheriff was to transport the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail he would obtain a closed van and would have the necessary escort party. Vinson indicated it would be desirable to ascertain the attitude of the local authorities before a definite decision was reached as to who was to handle the prisoner from the point of touch down (Naval Air Station) to the County Jail which would be under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff. We will ascertain this in contact with our SAC today. In this connection, it would seem preferable to have the Sheriff assume the responsibility for transporting the prisoner from the Naval Air Station.

10. In connection with the handling of our function in the United States, it is suggested that Special Agent Kenneth Bounds, who accompanied George Zeiss to London and who is being relieved of this assignment in view of personal reasons, be sent to Memphis two days before the plane will arrive in Memphis in order to insure that arrangements which have been initiated are adequate. Bounds has attended conferences at the Seat of Government concerning the detailed plans which have been made concerning the handling of the prisoner both in England and in the United States and is fully conversant with all discussions , as well as having had the experience of being in London. It also may be well for ASAC Harold Light, who will be in charge of the transporting party, to make a quick trip to Memphis in order to be familiar with any arrangements there in the event the Agents have to transport the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail. Otherwise, such a trip would not be necessary on the part of Light.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1. Minnich will immediately be alerted to the above discussion and instructed to go forward with the necessary arrangements and advise the Bureau concerning the exit control papers and procedures. This is on the assumption we will go by military aircraft.

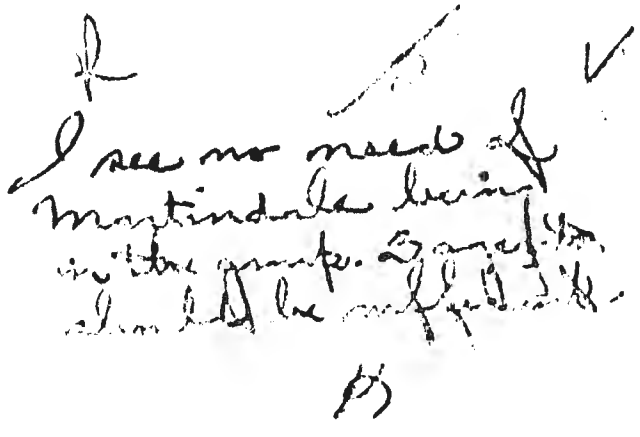
2. The SAC at Memphis will be immediately alerted to the above developments in order that he may be completely familiar with the procedures and he will ascertain if Memphis authorities will assume responsibility for transporting the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail. In this connection, if approved,we will suggest to Jensen that such arrangements be effected if possible. Vinson will be appropriately advised of the decision of Memphis authorities.

3. A final determination will need to be made by Vinson as to the point from which the plane will depart on this mission, whether it be from a European point or the United States, in order that appropriate arrangements can be made for (1) the transportation of the Agents from the United States to London and (2) the establishment of appropriate liaison with the Commanding General who will have the overall responsibility of the Air Force crew. This was discussed with Vinson and he agrees that the Commanding General should have control of the plane. This will eliminate going through a lot of red tape with intermediate officers of the Air Force. Vinson stated he will obtain the identity of the Commanding General so appropriate liaison can be maintained.

4. The escort party previously approved by the Director will be Legat John Minnich, London; ASAC Harold Light, Quantico, Virginia; and George Zeiss, Quantico Firearms Instructor. It is suggested that Supervisor W. L. Martindale, who previously went to London, also be a member of the transporting party in the event

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

Ray is at all talkative. Martindale, of course, is familiar with the details of this case. In this connection, it is noted that Vinson today indicated he had a note from the subject stating he had no intention of talking, that he would discuss all matters with his attorney Arthur Hanes, and that when he was transported back to the United States by U. S. Government officers he hoped they would send someone with less imagination than Vinson. Vinson does not know what the subject is referring to but he suspects he has in mind the comment made by the British press that Vinson spoke with Ray when as a matter of fact he did not. Vinson stated he would send us the original of this note.



OPTIONAL FORM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/9/68

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (175-8) (C)

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST
ROBERT F. KENNEDY,
PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
SPEECH AT CHULA VISTA, CALIF.
5/20/68
INFO CONCERNING

MURKIN

Re San Diego airtel to Bureau 5/23/68 and Bureau airtel to San Diego dated 5/28/68.

A review of this case in San Diego Division reflects no further investigation necessary in view of the location of JAMES EARL RAY and this case is being closed in the San Diego Division.

(2) - Bureau
1 - San Diego

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Date: 7/11/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, dated 7/5/68, and Jackson airtel to the Bureau, dated 7/5/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM.

Enclosed herewith for Kansas City are two copies each of the following:

An LHM
Atlanta teletype to Bureau and Jackson, 7/3/68
Jackson airtel to Bureau, 7/5/68
Bureau airtel to Jackson, 7/5/68.

One copy of this airtel and LHM is being directed to Little Rock and Memphis for information.

2 cc LHM
ENCLOSURE

(3) - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
2 - Kansas City (Enc. 8) (RM)
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T. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

JN 157-9586

ADMINISTRATIVE:

UACB, additional inquiry is not being made in regard to information obtained from the Vicksburg, Miss., Credit Bureau, and the Vicksburg Police Department, concerning individuals who have the last name of [redacted] as no information was contained in the file indicating that these individuals are now or were connected with Mississippi River Transportation, either by profession or for entertainment.

LEADS (UACB):

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

1. Will review the records of the Missour State Penitentiary to determine if an inmate by the name of (FNU) [redacted] aka [redacted], from Vicksburg, Miss., was incarcerated at the Penitentiary sometime following the death of JOHN F. KENNEDY.

2. Should a record of (FNU) [redacted] be located, will obtain complete background information and set out leads to have this individual interviewed concerning the allegations made by [redacted] RAYMOND CURTIS

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Jackson, Mississippi 39205
July 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

RAYMOND CURTIS

Reference [redacted] interview in County Jail, at Dalton, Georgia.

On July 5, 1968, the current telephone directory and the current city directory were examined. No listings were found in either directory under the name of [redacted]

[redacted] Vicksburg, Mississippi, Police Department, advised on July 5, 1968, that he did not know anyone in the Vicksburg, Mississippi, vicinity by the name of [redacted] He did note that he has occasionally seen trucks pulling heavy equipment for oil riggims passing through Vicksburg containing the name of [redacted] painted on the side of the trucks. The headquarters of this organization is shown at an unrecalled location in the State of Louisiana.

[redacted], Vicksburg Police Department, was unable to furnish any additional information concerning a (First Name Unknown) [redacted] in the Vicksburg, Mississippi, area.

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VICTIM

[redacted] Identification Bureau, Vicksburg Police Department, advised on July 5, 1968, that his records indicate one [redacted] a white male, age 40, of Tallulah, Louisiana, was arrested on [redacted] on a charge of drunk driving. He was fined $50. The file contains no additional information concerning this arrest.

[redacted] also indicated that his files reveal that one [redacted], a white male, age 35, of the Circle Lake Apartments, Vicksburg, Mississippi, was arrested on [redacted] on a charge of drunk driving and that he was fined $50. No other information was contained in the record concerning this arrest.

[redacted] Warren County Sheriff's Office, advised that his records concerning prior arrests are incomplete, but that he does not recall an individual from this area by the name of [redacted]

On July 5, 1968, [redacted] Credit Bureau of Vicksburg, Emmich Building, Vicksburg, Mississippi, advised that her records contained the following information:

[redacted], has been known to the Credit Bureau since March, 1959. This individual resides at [redacted] Tallulah, Louisiana. He previously resided at [redacted] Tallulah, Louisiana. As of March, 1959, he was employed as a Sales Manager by the [redacted] His credit record has been satisfactory.

[redacted] stated the file indicates [redacted] has been known to the file since February, 1967. He resides at [redacted] Tallulah, Louisiana, receiving mail at [redacted] He is

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employed as an [redacted] salesman by the [redacted] Tallulah, Louisiana. His date of birth is given as January 17, 1941. He is single, and is renting at his residence. He has been in the United States Army Reserve, his military service expiring on March 1, 1967. The file indicates his father is [redacted] also an employee of the [redacted] An uncle is shown as [redacted] Tallulah, Louisiana. A credit report was prepared for [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, on February 11, 1967. His credit has been satisfactory.

An unsatisfactory account, a repossession, was reported by [redacted] Vicksburg, Mississippi, Highway 61, South, on May 26, 1967, for one [redacted] Belden, Mississippi.

The files of the Credit Bureau contained, for reference purposes, the name [redacted] Monroe, Louisiana. The company is shown as being organized in September, 1959, and its [redacted]

[redacted] Vice-President, [redacted] Incorporated, advised on July 5, 1968, that (First Name Unknown) [redacted] owned a houseboat known as the [redacted] a diesel-powered ship capable of travel on the Mississippi. (First Name Unknown) [redacted] was described as an elderly man who was crippled and used a cane. He and his wife, whose name is believed to be [redacted] took vacation trips on his houseboard approximately twice a year, securing the services of a Mississippi River pilot to operate the boat for them. (First Name Unknown) [redacted] is believed to have been a resident of the State of Arkansas and to have docked his houseboat at the [redacted] Mississippi, Yacht Club.

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VICTIM

[redacted] advised on July 9, 1968, that he does not know any individual in the vicinity of Vicksburg, Mississippi, who is known as [redacted] He stated that he had made inquiry among his employees and other individuals who are familiar with the people who frequent the Vicksburg waterfront and those who travel on the Mississippi River, and that he was unable to find anyone having knowledge of an individual known as [redacted]

[redacted] Boat Captain of the [redacted] advised that he is familiar with most of the individuals who frequent the Vicksburg waterfront. He stated he does not know of any person in this area who has the nickname [redacted]

[redacted] a Negro [redacted] employee of the [redacted] Mississippi, Yacht Club, advised on July 5, 1968, that the correct name of the houseboat is the [redacted] and that it was owned by a (First Name Unknown) [redacted] who died about two or three years ago. [redacted] wife of (First Name Unknown) [redacted] is still living and residing in or around Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

Following the death of [redacted] the houseboat was sold to [redacted] (Last Name Unknown), a member of the [redacted] Tennessee, Yacht Club, who is believed to be a Mississippi River pilot.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was always considerate of Negroes and gave no indication of anti-Negro sentiments.

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Date: 7/13/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-33861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau and listed offices are copies of an LHM concerning investigation occasioned by information furnished by [redacted] RAYMOND CURTIS prisoner in the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia.

Little Rock and New Orleans should continue efforts to locate and interview [redacted] the widow of [redacted] now married to [redacted] of Monroe, Louisiana. The results of your investigation in this regard should be furnished to the Bureau by LHM.

ENCLOSURES - 2 enclosures 2260

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
July 13, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT -
ROBBERY

On July 8, 1968, [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, advised that the [redacted] is a 55-foot steel-hull diesel-powered house boat that is owned by [redacted] the owner of [redacted] Collierville, Tennessee. [redacted] stated the [redacted] was purchased by [redacted] several years ago, and that prior to being owned by [redacted] this boat was docked at [redacted] Mississippi.

On July 12, 1968, [redacted] Collierville, Tennessee, advised that [redacted] is out of the city and unavailable for interview. [redacted] said that [redacted] purchased the [redacted] from Mrs. [redacted] Altimer, Arkansas, about three years ago, and at the time of purchase this boat was docked at Monroe, Louisiana. [redacted] said that for the past three years this boat has been docked at the [redacted] Yacht Club and is used only to entertain customers. He said there is no regular crew and that the boat is operated by [redacted] and his sons. He also stated that this boat seldom goes more than 10 miles in either direction from the [redacted] Yacht Club and has not been used for lengthy trips on the Mississippi River.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 3, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Ebony" magazine, with which we had cordial contacts, has forwarded letters from a long-time convict, [redacted] RAYMOND CURTIS which [redacted] CURTIS makes reference to his prison association with James Earl Ray, their plans to kill King and regarding businessmen putting up money to have King killed. [redacted] CURTIS who was described by his former defense attorney as a liar and cheat, previously furnished similar information on which logical investigation was conducted and nothing of substantive value was developed.

Atlanta has been instructed to reinterview [redacted] CURTIS to pin him down once and for all and anything of pertinence will be run out. "Ebony" magazine is being advised that results of [redacted] interview will be furnished Civil Rights Division. CURTIS

BACKGROUND:

Bureau is in receipt of a letter from [redacted] "Ebony" magazine, enclosing two semi-literate letters from [redacted] RAYMOND CURTIS an inmate of Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia. [redacted] CURTIS in his letters, claims to have information on the King murder and [redacted] suggests we may want to check into [redacted] story and [redacted] requests to be furnished any information resulting from our inquiries which can be released.

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[redacted] CURTIS alleges he was a former inmate with Ray, discussed killing King over the course of three years and a group of "KK" businessmen covering five states were to put up the money for the King killing.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	MEMPHIS	7-8-68	4/25 - 7/3/68

TITLE OF CASE

JAMES EARL RAY, aka;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.-
VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY CMS

CHARACTER OF CASE

CR - CONSPIRACY
UFAC - ROBBERY

REFERENCE: Report of [redacted] t Chicago, 5/10/68.

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LEADS

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. Review of Chicago files has revealed that Chicago is not in possession of all communications relating to possible conspirators, since Memphis is origin. Chicago files do not disclose whether information concerning suspect [redacted] aka [redacted], has been resolved and Memphis Division will determine from file review whether [redacted] has been eliminated and if not, will set forth appropriate leads.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED None						ACQUITTALS
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CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR [ ] YES [X] NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS [ ] YES [X] NO

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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COPIES MADE:

3 - Bureau (44-38861)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Chicago (44-1114)

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CG 44-1114

ADMINISTRATIVE

This report relates only to individuals who have reportedly made threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: CHICAGO
Date: 7-5-68

Field Office File #: CG 44-1114 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: This report relates to individuals who have made threats against victim KING. [redacted] at Brockville, Ontario, Canada; [redacted] at Lima, Ohio; [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois and [redacted] Penfield, New York; [redacted] born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois; [redacted] born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois; and [redacted] born 1-8-15 at Chicago, Illinois; all investigated and no indication any connected with JAMES EARL RAY or murder of KING developed. Investigation to determine whether [redacted], reported by NAACP to have offered a reward for murder of KING, actually exists was completely negative. Investigation set forth identifying [redacted] aka [redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, [redacted] as person who allegedly threatened to kill KING, ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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CG 44-1114

On March 17, 1965 [redacted] white, male, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, telephonically contacted the Chicago FBI Office and stated "MARTIN LUTHER KING is a man to be watched." [redacted] stated "I'd kill him if he got in my way, yes, I am a threat to him." [redacted] gave the impression of being intoxicated and at times was incoherent.

CG 44-1114
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Re: [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] and [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on April 25, 1968:

[redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, 219 South Dearborn, advised that a check of their files revealed no record on [redacted]

A check of the records of the Bureau of Records and Communications, Chicago Police Department reflected a [redacted] born [redacted] or [redacted] at Ontario, Canada, Social Security Number [redacted] Records revealed that [redacted] was arrested in September, 1962, for sleeping on the sidewalk and had arrests in October, 1965, and December, 1965, for disorderly conduct. Records revealed [redacted] had an address of [redacted] Chicago, in 1965, and an address of [redacted] Chicago, in 1962.

A check of the files at the Chicago Credit Bureau revealed a record on [redacted] Chicago. Records revealed an inquiry was received on March 11, 1968, regarding [redacted] wife [redacted] from [redacted] showing his employment as [redacted]

A check of the telephone directory for the City of Chicago was negative for [redacted] however, the directory showed an [redacted] Company, barbers' fixtures, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] Personnel Manager, [redacted] Company, [redacted] advised that [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted] has been employed with their company as a stockman since July 25, 1966. He described [redacted] as a white male, born June 22, 1915, 6'4" tall, 200 pounds, red hair, brown eyes, residence [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] records show he is married, claims two exemptions, and was in United States Army from 1941 though 1946. [redacted] records show previous employment with United

Exposition, Hilton Hotel, from September, 1963, to May, 1966; Satalite Lounge, 87th and Rockwell, May, 1962, to September, 1963, as a cook; Cal-Mar Restaurant, 72nd and Ashland, as a cook; Como-Inn, Milwaukee near Grand,as a cook. [redacted] records reflect he was working at this company on March 29 and April 4, 1968, from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. [redacted] had not worked on March 30, 1968,as this was a Saturday. [redacted] records reflect no derogatory information and [redacted] advised that he was a good worker.

[redacted] immediate supervisor, [redacted] advised that he has known [redacted] during his employment with [redacted] Company and stated that he knew nothing of a derogatory nature concerning his activities or associates. [redacted] stated that he knew of no participation by [redacted] in hate-type groups or subversive organizations and he stated that although [redacted] has a hot temper on occasion, he does not feel that this characteristic inordinate. [redacted] stated that [redacted] to his knowledge is amiable towards his fellow employees who are of various races and has never displayed or expressed any racist tendencies. [redacted] stated that [redacted] has no credit difficulties and has presented no disciplinary problems other than missing several days work, probably because of excessive use of intoxicants.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/1/68

[redacted], Chicago, Illinois, telephone number [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agents as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was advised of his rights by Special Agent [redacted] as shown on an Advice of Rights Form which he read and signed. [redacted] was advised that he was being interviewed regarding a telephone c that he had made on March 17, 1965, St. Patrick's Day, to the Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Chicago, Illinois, threatening to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[redacted] stated that he could not remember making the call in question. He stated that it was probably he that made the call and that he must have been drunk at the time since it was St. Patrick's Day. He stated that he does crazy things sometimes when he gets a few drinks in him and is capable of saying anything when he is drunk.

[redacted] stated that he knows nothing about the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and has no idea who might have been connected with this crime. [redacted] was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, Identification Order Number 4182, and he stated that this individual was totally unfamiliar to him.

[redacted] explained that he has never been in Birmingham, Alabama, or Memphis, Tennessee, and has not been out of the Chicago area in the last two months. [redacted] stated that he does not own an automobile and has no credit problems. He stated, however, that he has no bank account and has trouble keeping himself in beer money.

[redacted] stated that his whereabouts during the last two months could be verified by checking with the bartender named [redacted] at [redacted] Tavern on the corner of [redacted] and [redacted] Streets in Chicago.

The following is a description of [redacted] as taken from observation and interview:

On 4/25/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

SAs [redacted] ujo

by [redacted] Date dictated 4/30/68

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Name:	[redacted]
Residence:	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Date of Birth:	[redacted]
Place of Birth:	Brockville, Ontario, Canada
Height:	6'4"
Weight:	249 pounds
Hair:	Red
Eyes:	Brown
Sex:	Male
Race:	White
Citizenship:	Naturalized U.S. Citizen
Social Security #:	[redacted]
Army Serial Number:	206-07-355
Employment:	[redacted]
Occupation:	Stock Clerk
Scars and Marks:	Scar on left wrist
Marital Status:	Married, Wife, [redacted] Same Address
Daughter:	[redacted] t, Chicago, Illinois.
Military Service:	U.S. Army from 1942 to 1945
Previous Residences:	[redacted] Bridgeport, Illinois [redacted] Illinois [redacted] Chicago, Illinois

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On September 6, 1965 [redacted] or [redacted], Chicago, Illinois, telephonically advised the Chicago FBI Office that he had joined the "Nazis" and he was to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING when KING returned to Chicago.

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Re: [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SAS [redacted] and [redacted]

A review of the records of the Chicago Police Department conducted on April 25, 1968, disclosed no arrest record for [redacted] and no additional arrest record for [redacted] to that already set forth. The records of the Chicago Police Department do reflect that on September 20, 1966, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, was the victim of an auto theft.

A review of the indices of the Chicago Division under the names [redacted] and [redacted] on April 25, 1968, disclosed no additional references under these names.

On April 25, 1968, [redacted] Proprietoress of the [redacted] advised she recalled a [redacted] a white male, about 25 years old, who lived in the next block, west on School Street. She stated that she had not seen him in almost two years. She stated that she recalled he was from Ohio and she had heard he had returned to Ohio.

On April 25, 1968, [redacted] daughter of the landlord at the building, [redacted] advised that a review of rent receipts disclosed that [redacted] moved from that address in early December, 1966. She advised that his wife was named [redacted] and she was a beautician. [redacted] advised that [redacted] was employed at [redacted] Departmen 75. [redacted] advised that they had no forwarding address for the [redacted] however, she thought they were going to Ohio when they left Chicago in December, 1966.

On April 26, 1968, [redacted] Personnel Clerk, [redacted] made available the employment record of [redacted], born [redacted] at [redacted] Ohio, Social Security Number [redacted] The record disclosed that [redacted] was hired originally on May 29, 1963, and worked to April 6, 1965. He was rehired June 15, 1965, and worked to September 19, 1966. He was rehired April 18, 1967, and was terminated April 28, 1967, when he failed to report for work.

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The record disclosed his address at time of employment in April, 1967, was reflected as [redacted]

The records disclose his wife is [redacted] and describe [redacted] as a white male, 5' 10", 137 pounds, brown hair, and green eyes.

The records further disclose that when [redacted] left [redacted] in 1965, he left a forwarding address of [redacted] Freemont, Ohio.

On April 26, 1968, it was determined that there is no such address as [redacted] however, there is a [redacted] and [redacted] changes to [redacted] at [redacted]

Inquiry at [redacted] and a review of the rent receipts for that address, disclose no record of [redacted] as a resident.

On April 30, 1968, [redacted] was contacted at the [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. He advised that he was a friend of [redacted] and had heard [redacted] was in Oregon a couple of weeks ago. He advised that he received this information through [redacted] half brother, [redacted] who in turn, got it from [redacted] wife, [redacted] He advised that [redacted] lives on [redacted] exact address unknown.

On April 30, 1968, inquiry at [redacted] Incorporated, [redacted] disclosed [redacted] was not working that day and her residence address was unknown as she reportedly had just recently moved.

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[redacted] telephone [redacted], was interviewed at her place of employment, [redacted] Incorporated, [redacted] telephone [redacted] where she is employed as a beautician. [redacted] advised that she is the wife of [redacted] however, they are currently separated. She stated that in September, 1966, prior to separation from her husband, they resided at [redacted] hicago, Illinois. [redacted] advised that the correct spelling of her family name is [redacted] and that she has never known it to be spelled [redacted]

[redacted] advised that she had been contacted by her in-laws in Ohio, who notified her that they had been contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation relative to locating her husband. She stated that she had received a telephone call from her husband on Wednesday, April 24, 1968, from Seattle, Washington. Her husband had been living at [redacted] Seattle, Washington, which is the [redacted] Hotel, however, when he called her, he had indicated he was possibly going to move from the hotel to a local YMCA. She stated that after being contacted by her in-laws she called the [redacted] Hotel in an effort to locate her husband, however was advised that he had moved without leaving a forwarding address. She stated that her husband was working in Seattle at a sporting goods store the name of which she did not recall.

[redacted] advised that in the event her husband had left Seattle, he would, in all probability, go to San Jose, California, where he would stay at the residence of [redacted] San Jose, California.

[redacted] advised that the last time she actually saw her husband was the Thursday after Valentine's Day, 1968. She stated that on that date, he left Chicago and she understands he went to Lima, Ohio, from there to Denver, Colorado, and from there to Seattle, Washington. She stated that she does not have any idea what his activities were during that period.

Regarding a telephone call made by him to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in September, 1966, relative to his being

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contacted to kill Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, she stated she did not have any personal knowledge in regard to this call made by her husband, however, she did receive a telephone call about that time from a police agency, the identity of which she does not recall, wherein she was questioned concerning the call allegedly made by her husband. She stated she informed the inquiring police agency that she knew nothing about it, however, if they want to question her further, they should come out to see her personally. She stated that she was not further contacted.

[redacted] advised that her husband does drink alot and that he does some odd things when he is drinking, however, she has never known him to do anything, even when drinking, which would cause her to believe he might deliberately plot to kill someone.

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The Cleveland Division reported on April 27, 1968, that [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] were interviewed on April 27, 1968, at [redacted] Freemont, Ohio. They said that [redacted] brother, [redacted], left the Freemont area two to three years ago and has not been in contact with them. [redacted] was of the opinion that [redacted] was separated from his wife, [redacted] who is called [redacted]" and that [redacted] could be located as a beautician at the [redacted] Chicago. [redacted] mother is [redacted] Chicago, telephone: [redacted]. [redacted] has a half brother, [redacted] employed at the [redacted] Chicago.

[redacted] telephonically contacted his mother at Findlay, Ohio, and she said that [redacted] had left his wife and that she believed him to be in the Chicago area.

[redacted] said that [redacted] is an alcoholic who regularly left his family. [redacted] recalled hearing in the past that two or three years ago [redacted] telephoned the FBI in Chicago and as a joke said he was going to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. [redacted] said that [redacted] actually had done this because he was angry at some Negroes at the [redacted] Company.

[redacted] said that [redacted] telephonically contacted him several years ago from Chicago and said he had strangled his wife, that she was lying dead in bed in their home and that he had called the police. [redacted] then telephoned the police in Chicago, who said that [redacted] was not injured and that [redacted] was drunk. [redacted] said that his brother has a long history of making up such stories.

The Cleveland Division advised as follows on May 3, 1968:

The following investigation was conducted on May 2, 1968, by Special Agent [redacted] at Lima, Ohio and Special Agent [redacted] and Special Agent [redacted] at Findlay, Ohio:

Mrs. [redacted] Clerk, Health Department, Allen County, Lima, Ohio, advised birth certificate reflects [redacted] born [redacted] at Lima, Ohio; father, [redacted] mother, [redacted] birth record was registered on February [redacted]

AT LIMA, OHIO.

[redacted] Findlay, Ohio, Police Department, advised [redacted], born September 29, 1938, had the following arrests:

March 19, 1960	Leaving scene of accident - $25 fine
September 10, 1960	Operating under suspension $9 costs, 2 days in County Jail
February 17, 1961	1. Entry in Night Season $300 fine. 2. Committing Personal Violence 3 days County Jail.
February 12, 1961	Intoxication -$10 fine $7.50 costs.
May 2, 1961	Non-support Released
July 31, 1964	Public Intoxication $10 Fine

[redacted], advised [redacted] originally was in jail for a few days in 1961, for Non-Support, and in February, 1961, for B & E, then again on July 31, 1964, for Non-Support, and released August 3, 1964. On the arrest of July 31, 1964, which was non-support, his address was indicated as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. His description was white, male, born [redacted] 5'9", 135 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, slim build.

[redacted] Credit Reporter, Credit Bureau of Findlay, Ohio, advised [redacted] had been known to her files since 1961 and there was a notation that he had been divorced from a [redacted] in November, 1961; no other information.

[redacted] advised she divorced [redacted] in 1961 and had only seen him about once a year since when he had come to see their child. She stated he re-married and she believed he left a second wife. She stated the last she knew he was driving an old Lincoln Continental. She stated that on no occasion had she ever heard him mention the Nazi Party, attending any special meetings of any kind, nor had she ever heard him mention Dr. KING. She had no idea as to the whereabouts of subject, but advised his mother, [redacted] and a sister, [redacted] lived in Findlay.

[redacted] advised that she talked to her son's wife, [redacted] in Chicago, by telephone, and that [redacted] who is also known as [redacted] lives at [redacted] Chicago, telephone [redacted] She stated [redacted] is employed at [redacted] Chicago, telephone [redacted] She advised when talking to [redacted], [redacted] told her [redacted] had left and gone to Seattle, Washington, where he lived in some motel, but that he reportedly had checked out of his hotel; also that she believed he had been working at some sporting goods store. [redacted] had no idea as to the present whereabouts of her son, [redacted] and advised that the person he would get in touch with would be his wife, [redacted] She advised that her son had left the Findlay area a year ago and she had not seen him in four or five months. She advised that her son did at one time go with a young man named [redacted] but she did not know the whereabouts of this [redacted] She said that in her opinion, her son needed psychiatric treatment, and has been known to tell tall stories when he has been drinking. Further, she stated she recalled hearing that her son had at one time telephoned the FBI in Chicago, within the last few years, but she thought it had something to do with Communism. She advised that her son does have two or three weapons; that he liked to hunt and fish; but,

she has never known him to carry a weapon on his person. She stated that at no time had she ever heard her son mention Nazism or talk about Dr. KING. She stated it was her belief that at the time he may have called the FBI in Chicago, he may have been drinking at some bar in Chicago with some friends. She advised that although he was not mentally unbalanced, he did frequently during his marriages just take up and leave when he felt like it.

She stated she would immediately contact the FBI if she receives any information as to his whereabouts.

[redacted], subject's sister, who resides with her mother, could furnish no additional information.

[redacted] his mother said that he had a brother, [redacted] in Freemont, Ohio, and a stepbrother, [redacted] in Chicago. She said she believed this [redacted], his half-brother, lived on [redacted], back of the Stewart-Warner Factory.

The Seattle Division advised on May 21,1968, that [redacted] was located and interviewed at Seattle, Washington, on May 2, 1968. He claimed to have been in Seattle, Washington continuously since early March, 1968, which claim was forwarded by hotel and employment records and interview of his roommate.

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On March 25, 1967, Military Intelligence, Evanston, Illinois, reported that one [redacted] Elmhurst, Illinois, had recruited Private First Class [redacted] to serve as a member of a two man team with him to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING on KING's visit to Chicago in 1967. On April 7, 1967 [redacted] was interviewed by military authorities and denied any knowledge of an planned acts of violence against anyone.

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[redacted], advised that he lives at home with his parents and [redacted] is presently a student attending the [redacted] He pointed out the [redacted] is located in the immediate area of his home and that he enrolled in that college on February 6, 1967, now majoring in English.

[redacted] stated he is also a member of the [redacted] U.S. Army Reserve Command [redacted] Chicago, and that his group meets on [redacted] and [redacted] nights.

[redacted] stated he has not made any trips from the Chicago area during the last couple months except during the Easter Vacation period from school during which time he traveled to Pella, Iowa. He explained that he left for Pella, Iowa, about April 11, 1968, and returned on April 14, 1968. He said the purpose of the trip was to visit [redacted] Pella, Iowa, and that he was accompanied by [redacted] a fellow student at [redacted] and his girl friend, [redacted] who is a sister of [redacted] stated that he and [redacted] stayed at the Motel Dutch Mill, Pella, Iowa.

[redacted] stated he has been at school since his time of enrollment except for the time he went to Iowa during the Easter Vacation and about two days during which time he was home with the flu about the middle part of March, 1968.

[redacted] said that he has known [redacted] since childhood days and that [redacted] is now in the U.S. Marines and is presently in Viet Nam. He said [redacted] has been stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, and was home in the Chicago area from approximately December 10-27, 1967. He said he believes [redacted], referred to as [redacted], left for Viet Nam about the middle of March, 1968.

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[redacted] said that he had previously had some discussions with [redacted] regarding the "Minutemen" as well as many other subjects through the years. [redacted] said he has not in the past nor is he now a member of "Minutemen" and has no interest in the organization. He said [redacted] had some knowledge of the organization and although he is of the impression [redacted] might have been a member he is not absolutely certain.

[redacted] stated that he has never mentioned any conspiracy to assassinate anyone and volunteered that the loss of KING is a loss to everyone because he stood for non-violence. [redacted] said he is against violence and the loss of KING "is the worst thing that could have happened." He said he is against all this recent violence including the riots and burning.

[redacted] concluded by stating he assumed he was interviewed previously regarding the "Minutemen" and again this time because someone probably put his name on a membership or mailing list. He said if this has happened he wants it to be known he is not a member and is against violence such as killing, rioting, and burning. He added he is not anti-Negro and has not taken part in any demonstrations or other activity.

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[redacted] Recorders Office, [redacted] advised that [redacted] is presently enrolled in the college. However, it was determined by additional questions that there is no requirement that the students actually attend classes. She added she has no records of attendance by students and that the keeping of attendance records is not required at the school or by the individual teachers.

[redacted] stated [redacted] takes the following courses:

Geography, teacher - [redacted]; English, teacher - Miss [redacted] Philosophy, teacher - [redacted] Art, teacher - Miss [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] is enrolled in his Geography class and added that even though he is not required to keep student attendance records, he can state with certainty that [redacted] is in fairly good attendance. He said [redacted] attends about three of the four weekly classes of his and that [redacted] has been turning in regularly his weekly test papers. [redacted] said he also had [redacted] in his class last semester, therefore, knows him well by sight.

[redacted] added that he has talked with [redacted] outside regular class periods and has gained the impression that [redacted] brags and is always trying to impress others with his importance. He said the times he has talked with [redacted] outside of class he can hardly get away from him once he begins bragging of his exploits, accomplishments and wealth or wealthy acquainances.

[redacted] said that [redacted] is failing in his class.

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Miss [redacted] advised that [redacted] is enrolled in her English class, however, he has not been to class. She said it is possible that he may have been to the first class at the beginning of the semester, but since that time she is sure he has not been to her class. She added that no attendance records are maintained but she is sure of the above statement.

She concluded that since [redacted] has not been to class, he will not receive a passing grade from her class.

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[redacted] advised he is the [redacted] of School and that he teaches the [redacted] class in which [redacted] is enrolled.

[redacted] said th[redacted] is a very poor class attender and has not been to his class for quite some time. He said he wrote a note to [redacted] o see him on April 3, 1968, but has not heard fro[redacted] He said the note was written because [redacted]ad not been to his class for probably a week or two before that date and it may have been longer.

He added the school does not keep attendance records of the students and that [redacted] will not receive a passing grade from his class.

[redacted] said that he lives on the other side of the street from th[redacted]amily residence but has no personal knowledge of the family.

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Miss [redacted] advised that [redacted] is enrolled in her Art class. She said she has a very poor memory for faces and gets the students mixed up. She looked through several piles of papers and finally said she had located a paper, which according to her [redacted] turned in on April 25, 1968.

Miss [redacted] added she is not required to keep attendance records but believes [redacted] is a regular attender even through she does get the students mixed up.

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[redacted] advised that he has enrolled at the [redacted] only to please his parents. He stated he does not want to go to school and was of the impression that the agents would only check to see if he was enrolled at the school. He said that he did not expect that his daily attendance in the classes would be checked and then admitted that he does not attend classes regularly. He said that his mother gets him up in the morning and that he leaves for the campus, but usually does not go to his classes.

[redacted] tated that he has not taken any trips from the area, as stated before, even though he has not been attending classes.

[redacted] xplained that when he does not go to classes, he goes to the room of his friend, [redacted] to rest or listen to records. He said [redacted] ould not know when he has been there because [redacted] at his classes during that time.

He said that other times he walks around the campus or goes to the Elmhurst Camera Shop, located on Addison Street, Elmhurst, Illinois, and talks to his friends, [redacted] who operate the camera shop. [redacted] said he has an interest in photography and considers cameras his hobby.

[redacted] then located the last address for [redacted] which he stated is as follows:

[redacted]
H&S Company,
5th Recon. Batt.,
5th Marine Division, FMF(REIN) M.C.B.,
Camp Pendleton, California.

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[redacted] advised that he expects to fail in school and since he now realizes that it is known that he does not attend most of his classes regularly his whereabouts can be verified through his parents. He maintained that at least one of his parents sees him each day and that both parents usually see him each day.

[redacted] said his parents were on a trip during part of February and early March, 1968, and at least one of them has been home from that time until April 29, 1968. He said that at the present time both of his parents are out of town but that his father is expected to be back in the area the following day.

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[redacted] advised that he is employed as the General Purchasing Agent and heads the purchasing for all [redacted] stores located nationally. He advised that his son, [redacted] is an only child and was adopted.

[redacted] said that he can personally vouch for the whereabouts of his son in this area since he sees the son each day or if he does not, the mother sees the son and is sure he gets off to school.

[redacted] said his son left the area only for a few days during the Easter vacation when he went to Pella, Iowa, and was accompanied by a school friend, [redacted], and his girl friend.

[redacted] said the only time one of the parents was not home was when they were both away on trips during part of February and early March, 1968.

[redacted] id his son has been more or less forced by his parents to go to school and he knows that the son does not want to continue. He maintained that in spite of his son's irregular attendance in classes, he can without reservation vouch that he has been in this area and at home each day since his wife and he returned to the house early March, 1968.

[redacted] said that his son's "weakness" is that he talks too much and in a very immature way is always trying to impress people. He said that on many occasions his son has been talking or exaggerating and in one way or another it has caused him trouble. [redacted] said he has many times cautioned his son about trying to impress people by talking too much but he thinks it is probably something his son has to grow out of or become more mature.

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[redacted] said he has talked at length with his son in view of the previous interview regarding the "Minutemen" and the interview of the day before and still does not understand why his son is being interviewed. He said that if his son's name has been placed on a membership or mailing list of some organization without his son's knowledge, he would like to have the matter resolved once and for all now because he does not want his son to be interviewed everytime something happens.

[redacted] said that he assumes that his son's name probably was turned into the "Minutemen" organization by a childhood friend, [redacted] said that he has forbidden his son to write or associate with [redacted]

[redacted] added that his son has taken no part in school demonstrations or protests of any kind and has expressed no strong feeling for or against Negroes or their causes or any other political or social movements.

[redacted] advised that he very much appreciated the courteous manner in which he and his son were interviewed and the lack of embarrassment caused him or his family because of the interviews. He added that he would like to take some steps if he knew what steps to take to insure that his son's name would be taken off the organization list or the matter resolved.

He concluded by repeating that his son's "weakness" is attempting to impress people by immature talk and added that he can vouch for his son's whereabouts in this area during the periods previously stated.

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The San Diego Division reported on May 1, 1968, that [redacted] Clerk, Base Locator, Camp Pendleton, California, advised that her records reflect [redacted] Marine Serial Number [redacted] is currently serving overseas with F Company, 2nd Bn., 13th Marines, having departed during early February, 1968, from the continental United States.

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[redacted] Street, Apartment 7, Penfield, New York, on November 13, 1967, sent a telegram to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), stating "Please find Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and warn him his life is in danger. Go easy on speeches for a while."

The Buffalo Division reported on April 26, 1968, [redacted] a white female, age 59, a[redacted] Street, Penfield, New York, advised on April 26, 1968, that the above mentioned telegram was sent to the NAACP in Chicago on November 14, 1967, as a result of a dream.

She said that she had read of a speech by Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING made in Buffalo, New York and the next night dreamed that Dr. KING's life was in danger. She said she attempted to contact a member of the NAACP in Rochester, New York, without success. She then called the Chicago Police Department, who suggested that she send the telegram.

[redacted] volunteered that she has been under psychiatric care for four years, part of which time was spent in a local hospital for mental treatment.

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On March 23, 1968 [redacted]
Company, [redacted], advised that [redacted]
Harc[redacted], was one of his shop employees. [redacted]
related that for several months [redacted] has been bragging to his co-workers about his activities in the Nazi Party in the United States and has also mentioned in vague terms threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, and plans to "take care of him."

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On April 26, 1968, [redacted] Foreman, [redacted] Company, [redacted] was contacted. [redacted] reiterated information previously furnished concerning [redacted] a former employee of [redacted]

[redacted] born March [redacted] in Chicago, according to records, has Social Security Number [redacted] and resided at [redacted] Chicago.

[redacted] left his employment at [redacted] on March 29, 1968, after picking up his last paycheck. [redacted] worked in the shop of this printing concern. For several months, [redacted] had been bragging to his co-workers about his activities in the American Nazi Party, and had displayed pictures of himself and women who he purported to be the daughters of [redacted] and EICHMANN, both of whom had been high party functionaries in the Third Reich.

[redacted] had told [redacted] that he was quitting his job to work for the Nazis in Argentina; reportedly with the use of a "forged passport." He advised he would first be going to Dallas, Texas, where he had friends, and had read letters from someone in Dallas telling him to come down because they were having "a ball" down there.

[redacted] advised that during his "bragging" to other employees [redacted] mentioned in vague terms threats against MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and plans "to take care of him."

On the day he picked up his paycheck, [redacted] mentioned other plans including a possible trip to St. Louis, Missouri, then a trip to the Washington, D.C. area where he would be in touch with [redacted] at Arlington, Virginia. [redacted] stated he would discuss his plans with [redacted] and do what ever "The Major" wanted him to do. He indicated his plans may not include a trip to Argentina.

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Subsequently [redacted] also stated that a former employment listed on his application indicated [redacted] Dallas. Records indicate [redacted] to be originally from West Frankfort, Illinois, where he attended grammar and high school. [redacted] told him he had studied for the priesthood.

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The files of the FBI, Chicago, revealed that [redacted], a white male, born Marc[redacted] 5'11", 145 pounds, black hair, blue eyes, was active in the Chicago Unit of the National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP), during the summer and fall of 1967.

[redacted] lived for a time at the NSWPP headquarters and was at the Diplomat Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. He worked at the [redacted] Company, Chicago, until March 29, 1968, when he quit his job. On March 20, 1968, [redacted] advised his foreman he was quitting his job to "work for the Nazis in Argentina", reportedly on a "forged transport." He indicated that he would first visit friends in Dallas, Texas. [redacted] frequently bragged to co-workers about his Nazi party activities and displayed literature and other Nazi party items.

He was reportedly originally from West Frankford, Illinois, and has previously worked as a drummer in quiet spots in the Dallas, Texas area.

While active in the NSWPP affairs, [redacted] participated in demonstrations, including demonstrations against anti-Vietnam peace demonstrators, in Washington, D. C., on October 20 - 21, 1967.

[redacted] picked up his paycheck on March 29, 1968, at the [redacted] Company in Chicago and stated that his present plans included a visit to St. Louis, Missouri, then a trip to Washington, D. C., where he would discuss his plans with [redacted] of the NSWPP in Arlington, Virginia.

The Richmond Division reported on April 25, 1968, that [redacted] NSWPP leader at Arlington, Virginia, advised that [redacted] has not been in Arlington and is still receiving mail at Post Office Box [redacted], Chicago.

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[redacted] Chicago Unit, National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP), 624 North May Street, Chicago, advised he knows [redacted] and [redacted] as a member of the NSWPP, who resided at the headquarters of the NSWPP when it was located at [redacted] during the summer and fall of 1967. [redacted] has not seen [redacted] in about one month. [redacted] indicated to [redacted] he was leaving Chicago to spend some time in Dallas, Texas, then travel to the NSWPP National Headquarters in Arlington, Virginia.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] would probably get in touch with persons associated with the Dallas Unit of the NSWPP, and would probably also visit friends there. [redacted] mentioned the Target Lounge on the outskirts of Dallas as a place [redacted] may have worked in the past. [redacted] has spent time in Dallas in the past and was believed to have worked in various nightclubs as a drummer. [redacted] NSWPP officer, also knows [redacted] and may possibly have additional information. [redacted] is now located at NSWPP headquarters, Arlington. [redacted] had indicated no plans to [redacted] other than travel plans.

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[redacted] Diplomat Hotel, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised on April 26, 1968, that [redacted] stayed at this hotel a number of times in the past year. He stayed in Room 324. During the latter part of March he left the hotel stating he was going to Australia. He left no forwarding address.

[redacted] discussed his Nazi beliefs with whom ever would listen to him, but [redacted] could furnish no additional information concerning [redacted]s plans.

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The Dallas Division advised on May 7, 1968, as follows:

On May 6, 1968, [redacted] was located at his place of employment, the [redacted] Dallas. Records of that company as furnished by [redacted] Personnel Department, reflected that [redacted] had been employed by that company as a printer since April 18, 1968, and his residence was shown at [redacted] Dallas. Personnel records of the above company reflected that [redacted] sustained an injury while on duty on April 22, 1968, and at that time he gave the above address.

On May 6, 1968, [redacted] was interviewed at the [redacted] and stated that he left Chicago, Illinois on March 31, 1968, by way of Greyhound Bus, directly to Dallas, Texas with an approximate two hour layover at St. Louis, Missouri, on the same date. He stated that he arrived Dallas early on the morning of April 1, 1968, and immediately contacted a friend of his by the name of [redacted] who lives a [redacted] stated that before leaving Chicago he lived at [redacted] and worked for the [redacted] He stated that while in Chicago he was a member of the American Nazi Party (ANP) and plans to continue his membership with the ANP by paying his dues to the ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. [redacted] further stated that he does not plan to contact any of the ANP members in Dallas, Texas, since he is becoming inactive in the ANP inasmuch as he is getting married shortly to a Dallas girl by the name of [redacted] who works at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Dallas, Texas.

[redacted] then stated that on April 1, 1968, he obtained a construction job through his friend, [redacted] with the [redacted] Company, [redacted] Dallas, Texas. He stated that he worked continuously at this construction company with [redacted] until approximately April 12, 1968, and has been so employed to the present date.

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[redacted] then stated that in regard to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. he does not recall ever making any threats against the life of KING, however, since he is a member of the ANP, he does not agree at all with the policies followed by KING or his successors. He stated, however, that as a member of the ANP he does not believe in violence and the present policy of the ANP is against physical violence.

[redacted] is described as white male, born March [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, 5'10", 146 pounds, Selective Service Number [redacted] (Classified 1A with Benton, Illinois Selective Service Board), blue eyes, blond hair.

[redacted] stated that since he is getting married in the near future, he plans to stay in the Dallas area and purchase a home and become inactive in the ANP.

He further stated that [redacted] r his foreman, [redacted] could vouch for his whereabouts from April 1 to 12, 1968.

On May 6, 1968 [redacted] Foreman with the [redacted] Company (supra), advised Special Agent [redacted] hat his payroll records reflect that [redacted] as employed by that company as a fork lift operator (assistant) from April 1, 1968, through April 12, 1968. [redacted] tated that in addition to his payroll records he recalls [redacted] orking during that period with his friend, [redacted]

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On August 13, 1966 [redacted] white, male, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, contacted the Chicago Police Department, stating he would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING if KING goes to Winnemac Park, Chicago.

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[redacted] Chicago, was interviewed by [redacted] and [redacted]. At the time of this interview, [redacted] was advised [redacted] that he had the right to remain silent, that anything he said could be used against him in a court of law, that he had the right to engage counsel, and that if he were indigent, counsel would be appointed for him by the court. [redacted] further advised [redacted] that he had the right to have a lawyer present during the interview and if he decided to answer questions without the advice of his attorney, he had the right to terminate the interview at any point. [redacted] stated that he did not wish to consult a lawyer and would answer any questions directed to him.

[redacted] stated that he was born [redacted], in Chicago, Illinois, and for the last 25 years, he has been employed as an underwriter by the [redacted] at [redacted] and [redacted] Chicago. For the past 16 years he has resided in [redacted] Chicago.

[redacted] related that sometime in August, 1966, there was talk circulating in the neighborhood that MARTIN LUTHER KING planned to make a speech in Winnemac Park, which is located across from his residence on [redacted] He further advised that one night during this time, he was having a few drinks in [redacted] a tavern in the vicinity of [redacted] and [redacted] and customers in the bar were discussing the speech of Doctor KING which rumor had it was planned to be held in Winnemac Park. He stated that he had been drinking rather heavily that night but did not consider himself to be inebriated. He further advised that from the tenure of the conversation at the tavern, it appeared that feelings were very strongly against [redacted] LUTHER KING's proposed rally at Winnemac Park. He advised that during the course of the discussion, a few of the other patrons in the bar after learning that he, [redacted] was also

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opposed to MARTIN LUTHER KING's proposed rally, issued a dare to him. He explained that they had dared him to call the police department and make public his feelings about MARTIN LUTHER KING. He left the bar and went to his residence where at approximately 8:30 p.m. that night he used his residence telephone to call the local police district on Foster Avenue. He told a police officer that if MARTIN LUTHER KING appeared in Winnemac Park, he would be killed. He stated he never said or implied that he himself intended to do harm to KING. He explained that by using those words, he meant to express that the feelings in the community were very much against Doctor KING and as a result, he, [redacted] thought that Doctor KING would be harmed if he did appear at the park. He added that the proposed rally never did take place.

[redacted] stated that he has not traveled out of the State of Illinois during the past five years. He advised that the only traveling he had engaged in recently was a Christmas trip to visit relatives in Springfield, Illinois. He stated he has never been arrested nor has he ever been involved in any violence or fighting. He advised that he does not own a firearm and is not familiar with the use of firearms.

[redacted] advised that he did not know JAMES EARL RAY nor does he know anything relating to the slaying of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The following description was obtained through interview and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Residence	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Telephone	[redacted] (moving to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, same telephone)

Height	5'7" tall
Weight	145 pounds
Build	Medium
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Blond, crewcut
Complexion	Light
Wife	[redacted]
Children	
Son	[redacted]
Daughter	[redacted] ge 12
Military Service	None
Occupation	Underwriter
	[redacted]
	Chicago, Illinois
	[redacted] Ext. 1209
Arrests	None

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[redacted] Chicago, provided the following information to [redacted] and [redacted].

She advised that she and her husband, [redacted] have been residents of [redacted] for the past 16 years and were soon planning to move to the new address, [redacted]. She advised that her husband was currently employed at the [redacted] and has been associated with this company for approximately 25 years.

[redacted] stated that she did recall that sometime during the summer months of 1966, her husband had told her that Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING planned to stage a rally in Winnemac Park. [redacted] further advised that she recalled that at the time that her husband had told her this, he had just returned from one of the local taverns and appeared to have quite a bit to drink. She stated that her husband did have one fault and this was that on occasion he did drink to excess. She stated that shortly after her husband returned home, he called the local police station and told them that it was his opinion that MARTIN LUTHER KING should not appear in Winnemac Park. She stated that other than this reference to MARTIN LUTHER KING, she did not recall any of her husband's verbatim conversation over the telephone.

[redacted] stated that to her knowledge, her husband had never been arrested for any violation of the law and had never been involved in any violence or fighting. She stated that her husband enjoyed a good reputation in the community. She stated that she had no further information to offer concerning this incident but was positive that her husband had made this call because of the fact that he was under the influence of alcohol. She stated that he was not the type of man to react violently to any situation and certainly was not the type of man who would threaten another's life.

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[redacted] Janitor, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised that he has been acquainted with [redacted] for the past 16 years. He stated that the [redacted] family had occupied Apartment 2 at this address for the last 16 years and were planning to move within the very near future to a new address approximately one block away. He stated that [redacted] was employed by an insurance company and worked only a short distance away from his home. He advised that [redacted] and his family were ideal tenants who caused no trouble whatsoever. He added that the [redacted] enjoyed a good reputation in the community.

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[redacted] 20th Police District, Chicago Police Department, advised that he could locate no record identifiable with [redacted] treet, Chicago, Illinois. He stated that he had also checked the Bureau of Records and Communications of the Chicago Police Department. These records indicate that an individual by the name of [redacted] who gave his residence as [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, had made a complaint to the police department during July, 1966, to the effect that his automobile had been vandalized. The files contain no other information identifiable with [redacted] further advised that after checking with his personnel, he could identify no police officer who was involved in investigating a threat made by [redacted] against the life of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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On April 8, 1966 [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, reported that he had received a letter in the mail from one [redacted] stating, among other things, that [redacted] Avenue, Chicago, had put up $3,000 to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed.

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[redacted], Attorney at Law, [redacted] furnished the following information:

In addition to being an attorney, [redacted] is the owner of the [redacted] Chicago, which is located in a predominantly Negro area. A majority of the customers of the currency exchange are Negroes.

[redacted] advised that he does not know JAMES EARL RAY by name, aliases or description. [redacted] was shown a photograph of RAY and he advised that he has never seen RAY.

[redacted] business interests are located in Chicago and he uses his office at [redacted] to operate these interests. During March and April, 1968, he was in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] did not travel to Tennessee or Alabama during March or April, 1968.

At this point [redacted] stated that he does not know the FBI's source of information but he attributes this inquiry to an occurence in 1966. At this time, an individual whom he believes is named [redacted] first name unknown, reported to the Chicago Police Department that he, [redacted] had put up some money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. [redacted] was a self-appointed civil rights leader who may have been affiliated with the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). Actually [redacted] was a trouble maker who would disappear for months at a time and then reappear. Whenever [redacted] appeared [redacted] would always anticipate some type of trouble. [redacted] believes [redacted] has been a customer at the [redacted]

At the time of this alleged threat to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, a Chicago police officer came to [redacted] and interviewed [redacted] The officer explained that a complaint had been made. [redacted] told the officer that he did not make any offer of money to have KING killed nor did he make any threats to kill KING. [redacted] believes that

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the officer made a report and that it could be located at the district police station covering [redacted]. The police at that district station were aware of [redacted] and that he had a history of being a trouble maker.

The following is a description of [redacted]

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Chicago, Illinois
Height	6'1"
Weight	190 pounds
Hair	Grey
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Attorney
Address	[redacted] Chicago, Illinois

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On November 3, 1966, a representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Chicago, advised that an anonymous call had been received from an unidentified male. The caller indicated he was acquainted with one [redacted] an employee of the City of Chicago. The caller indicated he had learned that [redacted] was aware of an individual, not named, who was offering $10,000 for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, if and when KING returned to Chicago.

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Re: [redacted]

The following investigation was predicated upon information by [redacted] and [redacted] that on November 3, 1966, [redacted] National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), advised that he had received information from an anonymous source which revealed that [redacted] an employee of the City of Chicago "working for the City of Chicago [redacted] was aware of an individual who was currently reported to be offering $10,000 for the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING when he returns to Chicago.

A review was made of the classified section of the telephone directory for Chicago and no mention was made of a company with the name Chicago [redacted] The only companies that had similar sounding names were the Chicago [redacted] Chicago, and the Chicago [redacted] (office), and [redacted] (plant), Chicago.

[redacted], Partner, Chicago [redacted] advised on April 25, 1968, that he has never had an individual named [redacted] or [redacted] employed for his company.

[redacted], Secretary, and [redacted] Office Manager, Chicago [redacted] from memory and a record check advised on April 25, 1968, that a [redacted] or [redacted] as never been employed for this company.

[redacted] Plant Foreman, Chicago [redacted] advised on April 26, 1968, that he cannot recall any individual having worked for this company having the name [redacted] or [redacted] He had contacted several other knowledgeable individuals working in the industry and could not come up with any information. He suggested, however, that if [redacted] was an employee in this industry, he would most probably belong to a labor organization. He said that the group certified for this company is the County, Municipal, Employee and Foreman's Union, Local 1001, 228 North La Salle, Chicago.

All of the above individuals could not identify a company called the Chicago [redacted]

On April 26, 1968, [redacted] Records of the Civil Service Commission, City of Chicago, City Hall, 121 North La Salle Street, Chicago, advised [redacted] that records of this office reflect that no individual named [redacted] had been an employee of the City of Chicago in any capacity during the period 1966 to the present date.

[redacted] Local 1001, advised on April 26, 1968, that this union has certification of practically all of the companies and government agencies that engage in various trades which include asphalt work. She reviewed records and found nothing concerning membership for 1966 to present of a [redacted] or [redacted].

Due to the possibility that [redacted] could have been a member of another union, the following investigation was conducted:

[redacted] Laborers Union, 6222 West North Avenue, Chicago, reviewed records on April 26, 1968, of Locals 76, 1006 and 1, and found no record of a [redacted] having present or recent (1966) membership in any of these locals.

[redacted] Excavating, Grading and Asphalt Teamsters and Chauffeurs Union, Local 731, 133 South Ashland, Chicago, advised on April 26, 1968, that this union certifies practically all drivers in the asphalt industry. He reviewed records and could locate no information concerning [redacted] or [redacted] 1966 to present.

Chicago telephone directories from 1965 to the present were reviewed and no information concerning a [redacted] or [redacted] could be located.

Chicago indices had no additional references concerning a [redacted] r [redacted]

Since [redacted] the original complainant, advised that he would furnish anything additional to the FBI concerning this matter, no additional contacts with [redacted] have been made.

The records of the Chicago Police Department and the Chicago Credit Bureau, as furnished on April 26, 1968, to [redacted] reflect no information concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] Personnel Department, Chicago Park District, Chicago, Illinois, advised [redacted] on May 2, 1968, that "[redacted]" is unknown to the Chicago Park District and further, that the park district in the last five years has not had any employee with the last name [redacted]

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On September 5, 1966 [redacted] white, male, reportedly of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, told passengers riding in his car in the vicinity of Kansas City, Missouri, that he was rabidly anti-Negro and that he was going to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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On September 7, 1966, [redacted] United States Secret Service, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, advised that his nephew, [redacted] San Francisco, California, along with [redacted] Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, and [redacted] in care of [redacted], Allentown, Pennsylvania, were in San Francisco and answered an advertisement placed in the "San Francisco Chronicle" by [redacted] who was seeking paying passengers to accompany him on a trip from San Francisco to New York City in his car. An agreement was made by him with [redacted] and each paid him $50 for the trip.

On September 5, 1966, [redacted] and his passengers arrived in Kansas City, Missouri, and went to a local YMCA. [redacted] disappeared with his car and the boys' personal effects. They said that before arriving in Kansas City [redacted] made it clear that he was rabidly anti-Negro and he told the boys he was going to shoot MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[redacted] had claimed residence at [redacted], Chicago, Illinois, and claimed that he was employed by the [redacted] Terre Haute, Indiana. He was driving a 1966 light green Chevrolet Impala with Massachusetts license plates PP83473.

The files of the FBI, Chicago, reveal a similar type incident which occurred at Rapid City, South Dakota on February 23, 1953, and involved one [redacted] also known as [redacted] FBI number [redacted] He was described as a white male, born A[redacted] at Detroit, Michigan, about 5'5", 185 pounds and having brown hair and blue eyes.

On April 26, 1968, the FBI Identification Division, Washington, D. C., reported that [redacted] FBI number [redacted] was received on March 12, 1955, at the Federal Correctional Institute, Seagoville, Texas, to serve one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. His latest arrest record in FBI Identification Division files was on April 10, 1958, by the police department at Berlin, New Hampshire.

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The following investigation conducted by [redacted] and [redacted] on the dates indicated:

On April 26, 1968, records of the Chicago Police Department were searched concerning the names [redacted] and reflected the following information:

[redacted] also known as [redacted]

Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Height	6' tall
Weight	162 pounds
FBI Number	[redacted]
Chicago Police Department Number	[redacted]

The records failed to reflect any other individuals with the name or alias of [redacted]

On April 26, 1968, [redacted] YMCA Hotel, 826 South Wabash, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the hotel has no person by the name [redacted] currently residing and that these records would go back for one year.

[redacted] advised that records of so-called "permanent guests" are maintained indefinitely but that they are maintained in the basement.

On April 27, 1968, [redacted] advised that the hotel had a [redacted] from December 7, 1953, to July 20, 1954. He stated that the record gives no further information other than the fact that [redacted] was originally from Texas and was attending the Art Institute.

On April 26, 1968, [redacted], Secretary, Inland Boatman's Union (IBU), 9383 South Ewing, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the union office was previously located at 3261 East 92nd Street, Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted] stated that her records reflect no person by the name [redacted] being a member of the union. She stated that her records are only maintained for one year.

[redacted] advised that should further information be needed concerning past membership, all records are maintained at the IBU Office, 675 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

On April 26, 1968, [redacted] Agent, Seafarers International Union (SIU), 9383 South Ewing, Chicago, Illinois, advised that his records reflect no person by the name [redacted] as having been a member.

On April 26, 1968, [redacted] National Meritime Union (NMI), 2335 East 100th, Chicago, Illinois, advised that his records reflect no person by the name of [redacted] as having been a member since 1959. Records prior to 1959 are not available because they were destroyed by a fire.

On April 26, 1968, the Pittsburgh Division advised that [redacted] United States Secret Service, Pittsburgh, reported that [redacted] former Secret Service Agent, retired one year previously and was now residing at [redacted] Sebastian, Florida.

On April 26, 1968, the Miami Division advised that [redacted] Sebastian, Florida, advised that he possessed no additional information concerning the incident in which his nephew was involved while hitch-hiking from San Francisco, California to Vermont, and did not recall any references to MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that his nephew, [redacted] was not residing [redacted] San Diego, California, and attending college in San Diego.

The Boston Division advised on April 26, 1968, that 1966 Massachusetts license P83473 was listed to National Car Rentals, Boston, Massachusetts.

Investigation at National Car Rentals, Boston, on September 13, 1966, concerning rental of car by [redacted] was negative; however, the manager of the rental agency had frequent contact with [redacted] at that time. The manager stated that [redacted] National Car Rentals, John Fitzgerald Kennedy Airport, New York City, was fairly acquainted with [redacted] contacted [redacted] through Indianapolis telephone number [redacted] as described as a "big talker, who likes to hear himself talk." He has transported cars for his rental agency at much lower rates than other car jockeys. [redacted] has no record at the Massachusetts State Police, however, trooper [redacted] Massachusetts State Police, Logan Airport, Boston, recalled that [redacted] was questioned concerning the theft of personal belongings from riders he had abandoned in Kansas City, Missouri.

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois, born on [redacted] was arrested by the Berlin Police Department on April 10, 1958, for operating an unregistered vehicle. He is described in the police record as a white male, 5'8", medium build, blue eyes. [redacted] paid a $5 fine and was released on April 11, 1958. The New Hampshire State Police found no further information concerning [redacted]

The San Francisco Division advised on April 26, 1968, as follows:

[redacted] Apartment 104, San Francisco, California, reported that her son, [redacted] age 24, is presently attending San Diego State College full time and resides at [redacted] San Diego, California. She possesses no information concerning the incident with [redacted]

On April 26, 1968, the New York Division reported that efforts to locate [redacted] at John Fitzgerald Kennedy Airport were negative and it was determined that the executive officers at National Car Rentals are located at 5000 Normandale Road, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Indianapolis Division reported on April 26, 1968, that Indianapolis telephone number WA 5-8965 was assigned to Ford Motor Credit Company. [redacted] of this firm advised that [redacted] delivered a Mayflower moving van to Indianapolis in repossession for an Indianapolis dealer. [redacted] had been recommended by the Los Angeles Office of Ford Motor Company, 13701 Riverside Drive, Sherman Oaks, California. There is no such company as Eastern States Freight Lines, Terre Haute, Indiana.

The Boston Division reported on April 30, 1968, that [redacted], National Car Rentals, Logan Airport, east Boston, Massachusetts, advised that no present employee of that agency is acquainted with [redacted]

The San Diego Division reported on April 30, 1968, as follows:

[redacted] was interviewed on April 29, 1968. He said that on October (sic; should be September) 2, 1966, an ad appeared in the classified section of the "San Francisco Chronicle" for persons to share a ride to New York and Boston and the ad contained the name of [redacted] with an Oakland, California address given. [redacted] an architectural draftsman from Newark, New Jersey, and [redacted] from Farmingdale, Long Island, New York, a student attending George Washington University, Washington, D. C., answered the ad and all three met with

[redacted] at 7th and Market Street, San Francisco, California for the trip to New York and Boston.

[redacted] was allegedly an employee of the National Car Rental Company and was returning a 1966 Chevrolet Impala to Boston, Massachusetts.

[redacted] said that immediately departing from San Francisco, California [redacted] displayed a very obsessive attitude towards the Negro and Jewish people. He stated "We might as well kill some niggers on the way." During the trip [redacted] indicated he had three .357 magnum revolvers in the trunk of his automobile. During the entire trip from San Francisco to Kansas City, [redacted] continuously talked against the Negro and Jewish people, mentioning that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and all other "niggers" should be killed or sent back to Africa." [redacted] left [redacted] and the two other boys at the YMCA in Kansas City, Missouri and gave the excuse that he had to do something to the automobile and departed, never returning.

[redacted] immediately left Kansas City for Boston, Massachusetts and arrived there before [redacted] When [redacted] arrived at the National Car Rental, Logan Airport, Boston, [redacted] had [redacted] detained, however, no charges were pressed against [redacted] said that [redacted] claimed to be a member of the Teamsters Union and a telephone call from [redacted] to Detroit, Michigan, verified [redacted] membership.

On May 1, 1968, the San Diego Division reported that [redacted] advised on May 1, 1968, that the dates previously furnished by him of October 2, 1966, Et Seq., should have been September 2, 1966, that the classified ad appeared in the "San Francisco Chronicle" and September 4, 1966, that he and the others met with [redacted]

The San Francisco Division reported on May 1, 1968, that [redacted] National Car Rental System, 735 Harrison Street, San Francisco, California, advised on April 30, 1968, that he could not locate any record of [redacted] A present employee, [redacted], is not identical to [redacted]

[redacted], Payroll Clerk, National Car Rental System, San Francisco, advised on May 1, 1968, that she was unable to locate any record of [redacted], also known as [redacted]

No record of [redacted] was found by [redacted], [redacted], Advertising and Accounting Department, San Francisco New Printing, Inc., which firm prints the "San Francisco Chronicle", which indicated that [redacted] was not billed for any ad placed by him.

On May 2, 1968, the San Francisco Division reported an interview on that date with National Car Rental System Manager [redacted], who could furnish no information concerning suspect [redacted]

The San Diego Division reported on May 3, 1968, that a photograph of [redacted], also known as [redacted] FBI number [redacted] which was a Reno, Nevada Police Department photograph number [redacted] taken on March 16, 1953, was displayed to [redacted] San Diego, California, on May 3, 1968, and [redacted] advised that the photograph shown was definitely identical to the same individual called [redacted] who gave [redacted] and others a ride to Kansas City, Kansas. [redacted] reported that [redacted] is actually much heavier than he is depicted in the photograph.

7-12-68

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

Airtel

To: SAC, Springfield (44-561)
REC 26
From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 4838

MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 6-26-68.

Referenced communication indicated that upon completion of proposed circular letter, 1,800 copies should be sent to Chicago, 1,800 copies should be sent to Indianapolis and 700 copies to St. Louis.

Prior to approval, it will be necessary for the Bureau to know exactly the cost of the preparation of the circular letter, as well as the cost of distribution. You should, therefore, advise the Bureau the exact cost for you to distribute these circular letters and by what means they are being distributed. The preparation of the circular letter will be held in abeyance pending the receipt of the cost data from you.

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NOTE:

We have been endeavoring to ascertain the source of subject's funds since he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 4-23-67. The bank of Alton, Illinois, was robbed on 7-13-67, by two unknown subjects wearing stocking masks and approximately $27,000 was obtained. One of the unknown subjects meets the general description of subject Ray. Subject Ray and one [redacted] cased this bank in 1959, and [redacted] has been giving us information which gives possible indication of subject being involved in this bank robbery. Springfield recovered articles of clothing as evidence from bank robbery in which laundry marks appear on two items of clothing. It is not known that these items of clothing are those of the two unknown subjects.

In view of the fact that we are endeavoring to ascertain the source of subject's funds and due to the magnitude of this case, Springfield has requested that a circular letter be prepared and distributed throughout several states to laundry and dry cleaning establishments in an effort to identify the culprits of this unsolved bank robbery. Springfield has submitted a sample letter to be circulated throughout several states to laundry and dry cleaning establishments, but before this letter can be approved, it is necessary to know the exact cost for the distribution of these circular letters. This circular letter will be distributed under the Director's signature and will be to the effect that if any institution has information regarding the laundry numbers, they contact the nearest FBI Office. Springfield is being requested to submit cost data to the Bureau regarding distribution. The cost of the printing by the Bureau will be approximately $25.00. Cost of distribution cannot be set forth (such as franking privileges) in view of fact method of distribution not known.

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FBI

Date: 6/26/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Chicago dated 6/17/68.

Being transmitted under separate cover by registered mail are the following items of clothing previously submitted by Springfield under caption, "Unsubs (2); The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, 7/13/67"; Springfield file 91-3699, Bufile 91-27506.

Man's Van Heusen Vanguard shirt, Item Q3 (PC-A1071 JV).

Man's brown trousers, Item Q6 (PC-A1071 JV).

The above-named shirt bears laundry marks in collar; the trousers bear laundry marks on right front and rear pockets.

REC 26

The laboratory is requested to photograph these laundry marks for suitable reproduction in circular letter, the preparation of which is being requested of the Mechanical Section by this airtel, and the text of which is set out below.

The above-described evidence is being submitted and the preparation of circular letter requested, in order to fully explore laundry and dry cleaning marks on the

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3 - Bureau (44-38861)
1 - Package (RM)
1 - Chicago (44-1114) (Info)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1 - St. Louis (44-775) (Info)
1 - Indianapolis (44-[illegible]) (Info)
2 - Springfield (44-561)
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Special Agent in Charge

submitted items, since allegations have been made by [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, which indicate JAMES EARL RAY cased The Bank of Alton in 1959 and may have been involved in bank robbery at that bank July 13, 1967. The Bureau is vitally interested in ascertaining source of RAY's funds since his escape from MSP, April, 1967.

The Mechanical Section is requested to prepare, upon receipt of photographic facsimiles from the Photographic Section, the following circular letter:

"To all Laundries and Dry Cleaning Establishments

On July 13, 1967, two unknown males, wearing stocking masks, robbed The Bank of Alton, Alton, Illinois, at gunpoint and obtained over $27,000. Investigation of this crime led to the recovery of a white Van Heusen Vanguard shirt and a pair of tan trousers among other items.

The shirt bears laundry marks and the trousers dry cleaning symbols, facsimiles of which appear below. The laundry marks appear on the shirt collar, the dry cleaning symbols appear on the front and rear pockets on the right side of the trousers.

(Facsimile photos inserted at this point)

If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the Bureau, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory."

Offices receiving information copies of this airtel are instructed to hold leads requested in referenced airtel in abeyance pending receipt of above circular letter.

The Laboratory is requested to send direct to Chicago 1800 copies, to Indianapolis 1800 copies, and to St. Louis 700 copies of the prepared circular letter.

The Laboratory is requested to return submitted items upon completion of requested action.

Receipt Tickler, Laboratory
Rev. 2-6-5

Date Received

Contributor	Address

Re

Shipped by

- [x] Registered Mail _____
- [ ] Railway Express _____
- [ ] Bill of Lading _____
- [ ] FBI # _____
- [ ] Air Express _____
- [ ] Insured _____
- [ ] Certified _____
- [ ] Air Mail _____
- [ ] Special Delivery _____
- [ ] First Class _____
- [ ] Regular Mail _____
- [ ] Parcel Post _____
- [ ] Herewith _____
- [ ] Personal _____
- [ ] Other _____

Disposition	Date

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Date: July 9, 1968

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Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)(P)

SUBJECT MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Rebutel to Ottawa 6/17/68 and Ottawa teletype to Bureau 6/21/68.

RCMP "O" Division (Toronto) by Telex July 8, 1968 advised that 125 branches of the Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto, were checked under the name of Subject and aliases with negative results. Further advised no record of resident address related to laundry mark in question.

Investigation continuing.

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1 Liaison Direct
1 Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Ottawa

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 11, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Casper

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In connection with transportation of subject Ray from London to the United States, the question of when the local authorities, namely the Tennessee State authorities, will take custody of subject Ray has been decided today.

SAC Jensen, Memphis, has been in touch with the Sheriff and the Sheriff has indicated that he plans to take subject Ray into custody upon arrival of the plane in the United States at the Memphis Naval Air Station.

This will facilitate the handling of subject Ray insofar as the Bureau is concerned inasmuch as it had been indicated it would be preferable to have the Tennessee authorities assume the responsibility of taking Ray into custody as soon as the plane touches down.

The Sheriff has selected a special group to handle the subject and has made preparations for transportation from the airport to the jail in anticipation of assuming this responsibility.

ACTION:

Assistant Attorney General Vinson will be advised of the decision of the Sheriff to handle subject Ray upon touch down at the Memphis Naval Air Station.

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We should stick to this plan.

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FBI

Date: 7/11/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68; Jackson airtel to Bureau, 7/5/68.

RE: [redacted]
INTERVIEW IN COUNTY JAIL
AT DALTON, GEORGIA

Enclosed herewith for New Orleans Office is a copy of re Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68, and Jackson airtel to Bureau, 7/5/68.

On 7/9/68, [redacted] Altheimer, Arkansas, furnished [redacted], the following information:

[redacted] was a well-respected, well-known, wealthy plantation owner who formerly owned and operated a plantation in the area of Wabbaseka and Altheimer, Arkansas. [redacted] home and main plantation is located near Wabbaseka and had a mailing address of Wabbaseka, Arkansas. [redacted] was formerly [redacted] died approximately three years ago. [redacted] was named [redacted] and they owned a houseboat which [redacted] believes was known as [redacted] and which houseboat

3 - Bureau
2 - New Orleans (Enc. 2)
1 - Memphis (Info.)
1 - Jackson (Info.)
2 - Little Rock
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E. C. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

was kept somewhere on the Mississippi River. Mr. [redacted] believed the boat possibly was docked in the area of Greenville, Mississippi.

[redacted] widow of [redacted] married [redacted] of Monroe, Louisiana, and is now known as [redacted] and [redacted] spend the majority of their time in the area of Monroe, Louisiana, but also reside some on the bayou farm at Wabbaseka, Arkansas, when they are in this area. [redacted] is believed to have been in the real estate business in Monroe, Louisiana. [redacted] and [redacted] are not in the area of Altheimer and Wabbaseka, Arkansas, at this time.

[redacted] First National Bank of Altheimer, advised [redacted], on 7/9/68 that [redacted] was a well-respected plantation owner and was formerly [redacted], Altheimer, Arkansas, and has now been deceased about three years. He verified the information that [redacted] widow, [redacted] had married [redacted] of Monroe, Louisiana, and that they spent a large amount of their time in Monroe. He advised that the [redacted] are not in the Altheimer-Wabbaseka area and he did not know when they would return to this area.

[redacted] Wabbaseka, Arkansas, furnished the following information to [redacted] on 7/9/68:

He checks on and takes care of the house and grounds at the bayou farm, Wabbaseka, Arkansas, for [redacted] and her husband are presently on a trip in Georgia and the Carolinas, and [redacted] has no idea as to when they may return. He advised they may return to Monroe, Louisiana, before returning to Wabbaseka, Arkansas. Mr. and [redacted] reside as much in Monroe, Louisiana, as they do in Wabbaseka, Arkansas. [redacted] furnished the telephone

number [redacted] as the telephone number in Monroe, Louisiana, where he reaches [redacted] when they are in Monroe, Louisiana. He further advised that [redacted] had a cousin, [redacted] and that [redacted] possibly could furnish information as to when [redacted] would be returning to either Monroe or Wabbaseka and could furnish information as how [redacted] could be contacted. [redacted] telephone number is Monroe telephone number [redacted]

LEADS:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

At Monroe, Louisiana. Will contact [redacted] a cousin of [redacted], former widow of [redacted], and determine when [redacted] will be returning either to Monroe, Louisiana, or Wabbaseka, Arkansas, and at which location she will first be available for interview by an FBI Agent.

2. Will attempt to locate [redacted] through Monroe, Louisiana, telephone [redacted], and interview her in accordance with lead set forth in referenced Jackson teletype to Director, 7/5/68, to substantiate information set out in Atlanta teletype to Director and Jackson of 7/3/68.

If [redacted] will not be available for interview at Monroe, Louisiana, will so advise Little Rock when [redacted] is expected to be in Wabbaseka, Arkansas.

July 12, 1968

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO: LEGATS, OTTAWA
PARIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

IN VIEW OF PROSECUTION OF SUBJECT BY TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO DISSEMINATE TO THEM THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE AND PORTUGUESE AUTHORITIES. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE, FURNISH BUREAU A COMPLETE LISTING OF ITEMS SUBMITTED BY YOU AND ADVISE WHAT ITEMS CAN BE DISSEMINATED TO TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES. MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL.

1 - MEMPHIS
1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with SA Graham Day)

VIA TELETYPE
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NOTE: Subject has been ordered to be extradited by the British Court; however, an appeal hearing is scheduled for 7/29/68. Tennessee authorities will prosecute subject for the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. We have furnished the findings of our laboratory examination of the evidence as well as our prosecutive summary report to Tennessee authorities. It may be necessary to furnish results of investigation conducted by Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Portuguese authorities to the Tennessee authorities; therefore, Legats, Ottawa and Paris are being requested to advise if the investigative results may be furnished to them. Legat London has been [illegible]

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GSA FP[illegible]CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : [illegible]

DATE: 7-12-68

FROM : Sheriff

SUBJECT: [illegible]

The attached [illegible] has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

The enclosure, if bulky and not usually filed with other papers in file, may be detached but this action should be clearly noted under the word "Enclosure."

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN; RM

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE DATED JULY ELEVEN LAST.

[redacted], ALTON, ILLINOIS PD, ADVISED JULY TWELVE, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, HIS RECORDS CONTAINED NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO [redacted]

LEADS FOR QUINCY, ILLINOIS CONCERNING ASSOCIATE OF [redacted] HAVE BEEN SET OUT UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

ATTEMPTS TO CONTACT SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR C FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON JULY TWELVE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT HAVE BEEN NEGATIVE TO DATE. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW [redacted] AND [redacted] AND WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

AIR MAIL COPIES ARE BEING SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

END

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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TELETYPE

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556PM URGENT 7-15-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY TWELVE LAST.

[redacted] ALTON CREDIT BUREAU, ALTON, ILLINOIS, ADVISED THIS DATE HIS RECORDS CONTAIN NO INFORMATION PERTAINING TO [redacted] (PHONETIC) OR ANY NAME SIMILIAR.

SI ONE SIX ONE FOUR - C ADVISED JULY TWELVE LAST EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY [redacted] HAVE BEEN UNPRODUCTIVE. SPRINGFIELD WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW [redacted] AND [redacted] WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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FBI

Date: 7/15/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
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To: Director, FBI (44-38861)
Attention: Administrative Division

From: Legat, Mexico City (173-1) (P)

MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Bureau cable 7/2/68.

Cost data set forth below represents the best figures available, based partially on estimates, from case inception through 6/30/68.

I. Total Man Hours

	Regular	Overtime	Total
Special Agent	1290	537	1827 hours
Clerk	156	77	233 hours

II. Total Mileage

Bureau Cars	Personally Owned Cars
3266 miles	112 miles

III. Unusual Costs

Office

Toll Calls and Telegrams	$1,181.51	
Postage	7.70	
Photographs and Photostats	41.48	
		$1,230.69

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(1 - Liaison Section)
1 - Mexico City

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Agents		
Per Diem	$769.57	
Transportation (air fare,etc.)	592.94	
		$1,362.51
Investigative Informants and Other Sources		
Transportation and Other Expenses	$2,822	
Services	2,520	
		$5,342.00
Grand Total		$7,935.20

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working On Case During Period - 12

SECR

The Attorney General

July 15, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

Director, FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

Sheriff William N. MORRIS [redacted] Shelby County, Tennessee, has furnished the following information regarding his plans to transport James Earl Ray from the Memphis Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail and to provide for the security of the prisoner in the jail.

Transportation to the jail will be handled by the Sheriff's Tactical Unit. The prisoner will be transported in an armored car which will be accompanied by approximately five other automobiles. Four of the automobiles will each be manned by five fully armed and uniformed deputies. The other automobile will be occupied by four deputies armed with automatic weapons.

A special cell block is being prepared on the third floor of the Shelby County Jail. Ray will be housed in this unit which contains five separate cells. No other prisoners will be in this cell block. Steel plate is being installed inside the windows of this cell block and windows of the County Office Building, the only adjacent building, will also be secured. The Sheriff is arranging for public business normally transacted in the County Office Building to be handled at other locations while Ray is in jail.

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The cell block selected for Ray has two television monitors as well as an audio monitoring system. A group of fourteen specially selected deputies will be exclusively assigned to Ray's custody. Two of these guards will be within the cell block at all times to keep the prisoner under constant observation and to maintain a written log. Food for Ray will be selected on a random basis from food served other prisoners.

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The Attorney General

Sheriff Morris has also advised that the deputies to be used in guarding Ray will be trained by John J. Clark, Bureau of Prisons, Washington, D. C. According to Sheriff Morris, Lieutenant John Brown, also of the Bureau of Prisons, is presently furnishing advice and guidance on a continuing basis to one of the deputies who will be handling Ray.

This matter will be closely followed and any pertinent developments will be promptly brought to your attention.

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

NOTE:
Classified Secret as material received from Department regarding plans for Ray's removal has been so classified.

FD-263 (Rev. 12-19-67)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW ORLEANS	MEMPHIS	7/12/68	5/2/68 - 7/10/68

TITLE OF CASE

JAMES EARL RAY, aka;
I. O. NUMBER 4182, WF # 442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPE R

CHARACTER OF CASE

CR - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY

REFERENCES: Report of [redacted] 5/19/68, at New Orleans;
Houston airtel to Director, 5/2/68;
Houston airtel to Director, 5/6/68;
San Antonio teletype to Director, 5/7/68.

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LEADS

No leads have been set forth in this report as all have been handled by more expeditious means during the progress of this investigation.

EXP. PROC.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED ☐ NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐

APPROVED [signature] SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE [signature] DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW

COPIES MADE:
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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1 - Houston (44-1509) (INFO) (RM)
1 - San Antonio (44-1242) (INFO) (RM)
2 - New Orleans (157-10673)

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NO 157-10673

ADMINISTRATIVE:

One copy of this report is being provided to the Houston and San Antonio Offices for information purposes in anticipation of assisting in any subsequent investigation.

The purpose in submitting this report even though it contains the results of negative investigation is because information had been previously reported that allegedly the subject was observed on the evening of 12/16/67, making a telephone call from a coin box while being accompanied on a trip from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, by CHARLES STEIN [redacted], during the period December 15 - 17, 1967. This call was allegedly placed from a pay telephone in the area near Houston, Texas.

It has also been alleged that the subject may have made several telephone calls while traveling through Texas.

It has been further alleged that the subject had indicated that his purpose in traveling to New Orleans was on business and the subject had mentioned an Italian sounding name as the person he was to contact.

Referenced Houston airtel, dated 5/2/68, contained a list of 281 calls made 12/15 - 17/67, from within the Houston Division to Louisiana.

Referenced Houston airtel, dated 5/6/68, contained an additional 75 phone calls made 12/15 - 17/67, from within the Houston Division to Louisiana.

Referenced San Antonio teletype contained a list of nine calls made from within the San Antonio Division to Louisiana.

In view of the allegations previously set forth, New Orleans is reporting only the results of interviews of persons residing in the New Orleans area.

The subscribers of the rest of the calls to other parts of Louisiana furnished by the Houston and San Antonio Divisions have also been determined. These persons who still reside in Louisiana have been located and interviewed, and no pertinent information relative to this investigation was developed. The results of these

interviews are being maintained in the New Orleans file in this matter. Of these individuals where it has been determined they no longer reside in Louisiana, leads have been set out to other offices to have them located and interviewed for any pertinent information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: NEW ORLEANS
Date: 7/12/68

Field Office File #: NO 157-10673 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
I. O. # 4182, WF # 442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: Information received regarding identities of 22 New Orleans telephone numbers, which were called from Texas during period of 12/15 -17/67. Subscribers identified and interviewed. Some recall receiving calls from friends or relatives, while others could not recall receiving calls. All state JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to them.

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DETAILS:

NO 157-10673

On May 2, 1968, the Houston Office of the FBI provided information that long distance telephone calls were placed to the below listed New Orleans telephone numbers on the dates indicated. These telephone calls were placed during the period December 15 - 17, 1967, from coin telephones located within the Houston Division on Interstate Highway 10 and Route 90:

NO 157-10673

DATE	NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE NUMBER
December 17, 1967	242-5962
December 16, 1967	242-8580
December 15, 1967	283-1173
December 17, 1967	361-0465
December 15, 1967	361-3374
December 15, 1967	361-4360
December 17, 1967	522-8495
December 15, 1967	524-0001
December 16, 1967	525-7532
December 15, 1967	721-2027
December 15, 1967	861-7067
December 17, 1967	887-8469
December 16, 1967	888-0404
December 17, 1967	888-7744
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[redacted] advised that number [redacted] is the school's telephone number and she cannot recall who may have telephoned the school from Texas during the month of December, 1967.

[redacted] explained that one of many salesmen, with whom the school does business, may have called for an appointment prior to his arrival in New Orleans. This could possibly be an explanation for the Texas call. [redacted] advised she could furnish no specific information regarding the matter.

[redacted] was shown photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone seen at [redacted]

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[redacted] self-employed as a paint contractor, was contacted at his residence and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent.

He advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number [redacted] and the only telephone call he could remember around December 15 - 17, 1967, from Houston, Texas, would be one his wife received from [redacted]

[redacted] was exhibited various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and upon viewing these photographs, advised that RAY was unknown to him.

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[redacted] was located at her place of employment, Schwegmann Brothers Giant Supermarket, [redacted], and advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent.

She advised that the only telephone call she received from Texas during the period of December 15 - 17, 1967, was from [redacted] wife of [redacted] had called to see if [redacted] relatives were going to Texas relative to a local charge pending against [redacted] Her relatives did not go to Texas, and she believed the [redacted] lives in the Houston, Texas area.

Upon being shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, [redacted] advised that RAY was unknown to her.

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[redacted], formerly Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

[redacted] has lived at her present residence for approximately 13 years. She is the subscriber to telephone number [redacted] in the name of [redacted]

[redacted] received a telephone call from her niece, [redacted], address unknown, Houston, Texas, on December 15, 1967, [redacted] birthday. She stated [redacted] placed the telephone call from a pay telephone booth in Houston, Texas, even though [redacted] has a phone of her own, because [redacted] did not want to acquire a large telephone bill which has happened so often in the past when [redacted] places long distance telephone calls from her personal phone.

[redacted] stated her nephew, [redacted] Houston, Texas, would know the address of [redacted]

[redacted] stated she was not a member of any racist or hate-type group and was, in fact, a member of the Eastern Stars. [redacted] stated she had seen photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in the newspapers, but knew nothing about RAY outside of what she had read in the newspapers.

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[redacted] Algiers, phone [redacted] was questioned concerning a phone call she received on December 17, 1967, from Texas. She stated she could not remember this particular call as she received calls from Houston, Texas, quite regularly as she had a friend there.

She advised that this person was [redacted] She stated she did not know his address as he was a seaman cook and was out at sea quite a bit of the time and called her when he got in. She stated she thought he sailed on the ship "American Trader." She stated that this is the only person she has received phone calls from in Texas.

[redacted] was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY but advised she did not know him nor had she ever seen him before.

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[redacted] Apartment B, advised that in the past she had received several phone calls from [redacted] further advised that she met [redacted] at a party in New Orleans and that he presently lives in Orange, Texas, from where questioned call came.

[redacted] stated that she had gone out several times with him but does not know his first name. [redacted] further stated that [redacted] is a seaman and may be reached at this address:

[redacted]
York, New York 10028

[redacted] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY with negative results.

[redacted] stated that she believes she received a call from [redacted] on or about December 15, 1967. She advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted], Gretna, Louisiana, phone number [redacted] advised that the above phone number is registered in the name of [redacted] who is her husband. [redacted] advised that her husband is currently employed by Brown and Root, Incorporated, Post Office Box 3, Houston, Texas. [redacted] stated that her husband is employed in the pipeline department and that the company has a local office on Peters Road in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. [redacted] advised that the address used by the company in New Orleans is Post Office Box 425, Harvey, Louisiana. [redacted] stated that her husband is employed as a pipeline superintendent.

[redacted] advised that her husband is currently on a pipeline barge, Brown and Root, Incorporated barge [redacted] located on the Gulf of Mexico. [redacted] stated that this barge will be in the Gulf of Mexico for approximately two weeks and that this current job was begun on Wednesday, May 8, 1968.

[redacted] recalled that from approximately December 15-17, 1967, her husband was out in the Gulf of Mexico on Brown and Root barge [redacted]

[redacted] stated that it was possible that some employee could have called her husband at the above number sometime around that period of time. [redacted] stated that Brown and Root employs many people who live in Texas.

[redacted] stated that she was unable to recall receiving any long distance telephone call from the Houston area from a pay phone.

[redacted] advised that her husband's mother, [redacted] lives in Houston, Texas, at [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] very rarely leaves her house and would definitely not be calling from a pay phone. [redacted]

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advised that both she and her husband have no other relatives in Houston, or the Houston, Texas, area.

[redacted] was shown Identification Order Number 4182 of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that she did not recognize this individual.

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[redacted] Apartment 7, [redacted], was contacted and furnished the following information:

She advised her telephone number is [redacted] however, she advised that to the best of her knowledge she has not received any long distance telephone calls from Texas during December, 1967, or at any other time. She advised she has no relatives, friends or any other persons known to her to be residing in Texas. In addition, she advised that she is divorced from her husband and lives at her present address with her two sons, ages ten and eighteen. Her oldest son is working but she stated he also has no friends or relatives in the Texas area.

She advised after viewing all available photographs of JAMES EARL RAY that such a person was completely unknown to her by either name or photograph.

It was noted during interview of [redacted] that she was of Cuban extraction and spoke broken English. The interview was conducted with some difficulty, although she was emphatic in her denial of herself or anyone else ever receiving any long distance telephone calls from Texas to her present telephone number at any time.

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[redacted] Apartment 303, New Orleans, telephone [redacted] advised she could not recall receiving a telephone call possibly in December, 1967 but she thought probably it was November, 1967, from one [redacted] Miss [redacted] stated that [redacted] was from Tel Aviv, Isarel, and that she had met him sometime in the previous summer while on a shipboard cruise. She stated that she recalled [redacted] was calling her from a telephone booth in Houston and from the noise she heard in the background, she thought that the telephone was located near the docks in Houston.

[redacted] tated that she had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY prior to the recent publicity and the photographs of him were unknown to her. She further related that [redacted] did not resemble RAY.

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Miss [redacted] after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] She furnished the following information:

[redacted] stated that she was unaware of any telephone calls being made from Texas to her residence telephone, telephone number [redacted] from December 15, 1967, through December 17, 1967. [redacted] did state that her roommates received telephone calls from Texas, but that the last call she remembers was made in the earlier part of December. [redacted] stated that [redacted], a roommate, has a father who is a Lieutenant Colonel stationed in San Antonio, Texas. She further advised that [redacted] another roommate, has a boyfriend who is with the Merchant Marines and who was stationed in Galveston, Texas, before leaving for London, England.

[redacted] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, but upon viewing these photographs, she stated that RAY was unknown to her.

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Miss [redacted] after being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents, was interviewed at her residence, [redacted] and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that her residence telephone number is [redacted] but that this number is subscribed to by one of her roommates, [redacted] advised that she was unaware of any telephone calls being made from Texas to her telephone number in New Orleans from December 15, 1967, through December 17, 1967. She stated, however, that she remembers her boy friend telephoning her from a pay telephone in Galveston, Texas, on either December 6, or December 7, 1967. She advised that her boy friend's name is [redacted], and that he is a [redacted] on the ship Old Louis Lykes. She stated that when [redacted] telephoned, his ship was located in Galveston, Texas. [redacted] noted that [redacted] was en route for London, England, and was due to arrive on either May 9, 1968, or May 10, 1968.

[redacted] was displayed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, but upon viewing these photographs, she advised that RAY was unknown to her.

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[redacted] after being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents, was interviewed at her home address, [redacted] She furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that her home telephone number is [redacted], but that this number is subscribed to by one of her roommates [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she was unaware of any telephone calls being made from Texas from December 15, 1967, through December 17, 1967.

[redacted] did state, however, that her father, Lieutenant [redacted] Randolph Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, telephone number [redacted] called her from Texas sometime around Thanksgiving. [redacted] advised that this was the last telephone call from Texas that she could recall.

[redacted] was displayed various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, and upon viewing these photographs, she advised that RAY was unknown to her.

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[redacted], Kenner, advised he is presently employed as a painter at the Henry Lamia Company. He stated that he previously had telephone number [redacted] which was disconnected January, 1968. He stated that to the best of his memory he probably received a long-distance call from the Houston, Texas area in December, 1967, from his twin brother, [redacted] He stated that his twin brother left New Orleans, before Christmas, 1967, and called several times from Bridge City, Texas, where he presently resides. Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were not identified by [redacted] nor has he ever heard of JAMES EARL RAY o[redacted]

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[redacted] student, Tulane University, was interviewed at his residence, [redacted] Apartment H. [redacted] stated that his home address is [redacted] Texas, where his mother, [redacted] resides.

[redacted] advised that during the Fall Term of the 1967-68 school year, he lived in an apartment at [redacted] with [redacted], who is also from Houston, Texas.

[redacted] stated he left New Orleans for Houston on December 17, 1967, for Christmas vacation. [redacted] advised he had not received any long distance calls from Texas during the period from December 15 to 17, 1967.

[redacted] advised that his roommate, [redacted] R, received a long distance telephone call from his, [redacted] father, [redacted] of Houston, Texas. [redacted] stated he thought this call was on December 15, 1967, and that arrangements were made for [redacted] s father to pick [redacted] up on December 16, 1967, in New Orleans.

[redacted] reviewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that this individual was unknown to him.

[redacted] advised that he is the subscriber to telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he is the subscriber to New Orleans telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] informed that he could not specifically recall receiving a long distance telephone call at his residence on December 17, 1967, from the general area of Houston, Texas.

He stated that in the past he has received many long distance telephone calls at his residence in connection with his employment. He advised that he is a salesman for Clark Brothers.

Upon viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, he advised that RAY was unknown to him. He stated that he had observed photographs of RAY in local newspapers as a suspect in the shooting of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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[redacted], Metairie, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

She and her husband [redacted] and their four children have resided at [redacted] for approximately ten years and they presently have a telephone with number [redacted] The telephone is listed in her husband's name and the telephone bill is made out in her name because she had previously been employed by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Her husband is employed as a diesel engine mechanic for [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana.

She advised she cannot recall receiving a telephone call from Houston, Texas, or from that area during December 15 through 17, 1967. Neither she nor her husband have any relatives, friends, or acquaintances who were living in Texas during December, 1967, nor does she know of anyone who passed through that area and called them in December, 1967.

She further advised that only her family uses the telephone and no one else received a call on their telephone in December, 1967. Her husband sometimes receives business calls on their home telephone, and possibly he received a telephone call from that area.

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[redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted] Incorporated [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, and furnished the following information:

He is employed as a diesel mechanic and he and his wife [redacted] have resided at [redacted], Metairie, Louisiana, for approximately ten years. Their telephone number is [redacted]

He advised that his wife had called him on the telephone just before the Agent arrived and informed him of the questions asked her. He advised that he cannot recall receiving a telephone call from either Houston, Texas, or that immediate area during December 15 through 17, 1967. He does not have any friends, relatives or acquaintances who were in, or passed through that area during December, 1967.

He further advised that from time to time he receives business calls from customers at his home and therefore, he has tried to recall if he received a telephone call from a customer in Texas during the December 15 through 17, 1967, period and he just cannot recall receiving such a call. He has the office personnel checking their December, 1967, job orders for any calls coming from the Houston, Texas area, but so far, no job orders have been located coming from that area.

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[redacted] was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and after reviewing same, he advised that he has never seen this individual.

He further commented that he would discuss this matter with his wife and try to further recall if they received such a call and he would continue to have his office check their records for such a call and advise the interviewing Agent.

At a later time on May 9, 1968, [redacted] telephonically contacted the interviewing Agent and advised that a search of their office records failed to reflect that he received a telephone call from the Houston, Texas area during the period December 15 through 17, 1967.

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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] at Metairie, Louisiana:

On May 12, 1968, [redacted] telephonically advised that he and his wife had been discussing the possibility of receiving a telephone call from the Houston, Texas area between December 15-17, 1967 and determined that possibly one of their babysitters had received such a telephone call at their home. In contacting one of five of their babysitters, [redacted] who was babysitting for them on December 16, 1967, advised that her then fiance, [redacted] was in Pasadena, Texas near Houston, Texas on the weekend of December 15-17, 1967 and her fiance contacted her by telephone at the [redacted] residence. [redacted] stated that Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] now reside at [redacted] Metairie, Louisiana.

On May 13, 1968 [redacted] telephonically advised that she had received a telephone call on December 16, 1967 while babysitting at the [redacted] residence and this telephone call was received from her husband, [redacted] who was in Pasadena, Texas. She stated that her husband is presently employed at [redacted] Harvey, Louisiana.

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[redacted] Metairie, Louisiana, was contacted at his place of employment, [redacted] at which time he furnished the following information:

In 1960, he was involved in an automobile accident, in Jamestown, Louisiana and received severe head injuries and since that time he has been under medical treatment at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. He stated that since residing in New Orleans he has traveled to Houston, Texas on the weekends for medical treatment in that since the accident he has been bothered with severe headaches.

During the weekend of December 15-17, 1967 he telephonically contacted his fiance, [redacted], who he is presently married to, at the [redacted] residence, [redacted] Metairie, Louisiana. He recalls that he first attempted to contact his fiance at her home without success and he then called his fiance's sister, who is the neighbor of [redacted] and his fiance's sister said that [redacted] as babysitting at the [redacted] residence. He then placed a long distance call to his fiance at the [redacted] residence. This telephone call was made from one of two telephone booths in Pasadena, Texas, one of which is located at a Seven - Eleven Grocery Store, approximately 8 or 9 miles away from Route I-10 in Texas or [redacted] a telephone booth at a cut rate service station in Pasadena, Texas. He stated that the Seven - Eleven Grocery Store is located on the corner of South Shaver and Pauline in Pasadena, Texas and the cut rate service station is located on South Shaver between the Seven - Eleven Grocery Store and Pasadena, Texas. He stated that during the weekend he made the telephone call to his fiance, he was residing with friends at [redacted] Pasadena, Texas.

[redacted] was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and after reviewing same stated that he does not know this individual nor has he ever seen this individual. He did comment that he recalls reading about this individual in the newspaper, however, he has never seen this individual in or around the telephone booths in Pasadena, Texas.

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[redacted] advised that he was born [redacted] in Sweetwater, Alabama and he is presently employed as a district mechanic for [redacted] He requested that his employer not be told the reason he was being contacted in this matter, inasmuch as he has lost several jobs in the past three years due to his physical condition in that he blacks out due to severe headaches. He also requested that his employer not be advised regarding his treatment for this illness at the Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas.

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[redacted] advised that he is the subscriber to New Orleans telephone number [redacted]. He advised that friends of theirs, [redacted] and [redacted], moved from New Orleans to Houston, Texas, in December, 1967, shortly before Christmas. [redacted] advised that they would call Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] as soon as they arrived safely in Texas. [redacted] stated that the [redacted] called them from the vicinity of Port Arthur, Texas, on the Sunday before Christmas, December 17, 1967, to advise them that they had arrived safely in Texas, and had moved to Houston. Mr. [redacted] added that he believes this call was made from a pay phone and was of short duration because the [redacted] were still on the road. [redacted] commented that he and his wife were concerned because the [redacted] were pulling a house trailer.

[redacted] furnished the following address for [redacted]

[redacted]
Houston, Texas
77021
[redacted]
Area Code 713

[redacted] added that [redacted] is an employee of Texas Automatic Sprinkler Company in Houston, Texas.

[redacted] viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and advised that the face looked familiar because he has seen photographs of RAY either in the newspapers or on television; however, JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him. [redacted] commented that he knows of no one using the names of ERIC STARVO GALT, W. C. HERRON, HARVEY LOWNEY, JAMES MC BRIDE, JAMES O'CONNER, JAMES WALTON, JOHN WILLARD or JAMES EARL RAY.

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[redacted] Negro female, [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that she is the subscriber to telephone number [redacted] however, she does not recall receiving a long distance telephone call from the State of Texas during the month of December, 1967. [redacted] stated that to the best of her knowledge, she has no relatives or friends residing in the State of Texas and could not imagine who possibly may have called her from this destination. She advised, however, that it was possible one of her relatives may have called and not indicated the place where they were calling from. She indicated that she could not furnish any specific information regarding this telephone call.

[redacted] was shown several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone whom she has seen.

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[redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that she has telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] stated that her husband [redacted] is presently a patient in a mental hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, and that she receives numerous calls from [redacted] her nephew, concerning the well-being of her husband.

[redacted] advised that to the best of her knowledge, the telephone call from Texas during December was either from her nephew, [redacted] or from her son, [redacted] who was traveling from California to New Orleans for the Christmas holidays. She stated she can recall receiving a telephone call from [redacted] sometime during the month of December, 1967, and that during this short conversation, [redacted] had advised her that he would be in New Orleans shortly.

[redacted] stated that to her knowledge, [redacted] has never been in trouble with the law and is considered a highly respected individual.

She stated that she is employed by the United States Coast Guard, Gateway Building, Marine Inspection Office, as a Supervisory Clerk in Licensing and Certification. She stated that she has been so employed by the Coast Guard for the last 27 years.

[redacted] stated that she has conducted numerous name checks for the FBI since the assassination of Doctor KING in reference to GALT, LOWMYER and RAY. She added that she is familiar with photographs of RAY, having seen these photographs in various newspapers and magazines. She added that JAMES EARL RAY is unknown to her.

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[redacted], after being made aware of the official identity of the interviewing Agent, furnished the following information:

His residence telephone number is [redacted] at the above address, which is occupied by [redacted] and his wife. [redacted] said that he is unable to recall any telephone call received on his residence telephone during the period December 15-17, 1967. He said that he knows of no relatives or acquaintances who might have been traveling in Texas during the pertinent period and who may have telephoned [redacted] home. He can recall absolutely nothing regarding any telephone call to his home.

[redacted] mentioned that his wife is presently visiting relatives in Kentwood, Louisiana. He said that it is remotely possible that she may have received a call in December, but he is certain that she would have mentioned it to him, and he can remember no telephone call during December which his wife spoke of receiving. He said that his wife plans to return to New Orleans in about ten days.

[redacted] said that he has two relatives who live in Texas, and it is possible that either of them may have telephoned his home, especially since the call was made during the Christmas season; [redacted] recalls no such call from either relative, however. He identified the Texas relatives as his wife's brother, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Dallas, Texas, and [redacted] residing at [redacted] Dallas, Texas.

After viewing photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, PREISS advised that he had previously seen photos of RAY in the newspaper, but the face does not appear at all familiar to him and he has never seen the man before. RAY's name and all known aliases likewise had no significance to [redacted]

During the interview, it was noted that [redacted] is an elderly man who speaks with a noticeable German accent.

On 5/9/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by [redacted] 30 Date dictated 5/9/68

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He indicated that in March of 1968, he became seventy years old, and he is presently retired and living on Social Security. [redacted] said that he is a native of Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States in 1922. [redacted] further said that, while he had learned of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., from news sources, he paid very little attention to the matter or indeed to any current events, preferring to spend his time working on his hobby of horticulture. It was noted that a large variety of unusual plants were growing on [redacted] property.

NO 157-10673
SMC:njc

On May 9, 1968, information was received from the Houston Office of the FBI that it had been determined that long distance telephone calls had been placed from coin telephones in the Beaumont, Texas area on December 16, 1967, to the following New Orleans telephone numbers:

282-6540

899-4323.

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/13/68

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[redacted] Negro female, [redacted] furnished the following information:

She is the subscriber of telephone number [redacted] but does not recollect receiving a long distance telephone call from the State of Texas during the month of December, 1967. She advised that she does have a niece, [redacted] who resides in Houston, Texas, but does not recall receiving a telephone call from [redacted]. [redacted] further advised that her niece has subsequently been married and she has no knowledge of her marriage name or present address.

[redacted] was shown several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone she has known or seen. She advised she could furnish no specific information regarding the long distance telephone call.

On 5/11/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by [redacted] iah 33 Date dictated 5/13/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date May 14, 1968

[redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, advised that telephone number [redacted] is listed under his mother's name, but that she has been dead since 1961. He said he lives with his half brother, [redacted] who is 56 years old.

He said that he does not recall receiving a telephone call from Beaumont, Texas, on December 16, 1967. He said, however, that his brother is a seaman and may have called him from Beaumont, Texas. He said that [redacted] is currently en route to Saigon, Vietnam, on board the "Wesleyan Victory," a Gulf South American Lines vessel out of New Orleans and Beaumont, Texas, or some Grace Lines ship.

He was exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and he stated that RAY is unknown to him, except that he has seen his picture in the newspapers.

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by [redacted] nmb Date dictated 5/13/68

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On May 7, 1968, information was received from the San Antonio Office of the FBI that it had been determined that the following long distance telephone calls had been made from coin telephones located at or near San Antonio, Texas, to the following listed telephone numbers at New Orleans, Louisiana, on the dates indicated:

Telephone Number	Date
834-0436	December 17, 1967
895-9029	December 16, 1967
943-9109	December 15, 1967.

FD-302 (Rev. 1-25-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 5/13/68

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[redacted], Apartment 2, advised that she is the subscriber of telephone number [redacted] but does not specifically recall receiving a long distance telephone call from the State of Texas during the period December 15-17, 1967. [redacted] advised, however, that she does telephonically communicate with the Reverend [redacted] of San Antonio, Texas. She advised that Reverend [redacted] is a Redemptorist missionary priest who travels throughout the State of Texas and very possibly called her on this particular occasion. She advised that this is the only individual whom she knows in the State of Texas who would possibly contact her.

[redacted] stated that in view of the fact of Reverend [redacted] position, she did not particularly care to get him involved in this matter and as such, declined to furnish Reverend [redacted] address other than stating that his residence is located at a Redemptorist parish in San Antonio, Texas.

[redacted] was shown several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, whom she could not identify as anyone she may have met or previously seen.

On 5/11/68 at Metairie, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by [redacted]jah 36 Date dictated 5/13/68

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FD-302 (Rev. [redacted]-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION [redacted]

Date May 10, 1968

[redacted] was contacted at [redacted] Apartment 211 where she advised that she resides with [redacted]

[redacted] advised that their telephone number at the apartment is [redacted]

[redacted] was questioned concerning any telephone calls received at the apartment from December 15 to December 17, 1967 from anywhere in Texas. She advised that a mutual friend of theirs who is in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed somewhere near San Antonio, Texas during that period has called the apartment on numerous occasions and that she feels fairly certain that he called shortly before Christmas, 1967. She said that she could not be certain that the call was between December 15 to 17, but that it was near those dates. She advised his name is [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] also has a friend in Houston, Texas and that individual occasionally calls the apartment, but she does not know this person's name and could not say he called during the above period.

[redacted] advised that Miss [redacted] is in Lafayette, Louisiana and will not return until May 13, 1968.

[redacted] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not know this person although she was aware that he was being sought for the murder of Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 5/10/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by [redacted] 37 Date dictated 5/10/68

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FD-302 (Rev. [redacted]-60) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION [redacted]

Date May 10, 1968

[redacted] was contacted at the Katz and Betzhoff Drug Store, Napoleon Avenue and St. Charles Street, where she advised she is employed. She stated that she lives at [redacted] and has telephone number [redacted]

She advised that she has not received any telephone calls from Texas during the period December 15 to 17, 1967 although her roommates, Miss [redacted] and Miss [redacted] do have friends in Texas and they sometimes receive calls from those friends.

[redacted] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised that she did not know him but recognized his as the man being sought for the slaying of DR. KING.

[redacted]

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by [redacted] Date dictated 5/10/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 5/13/68

Miss [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] Apartment 211, at which time she advised that she resides at that apartment and subscribes to telephone numbe[redacted]ich is located at that apartment.

[redacted]tated that she cannot recall receiving any telephone call from any place within the State of Texas, during the period December 15 to 17, 1967. She advised that she cannot recall her roommates Miss [redacted] r Miss [redacted] eceiving calls from Texas during that period.

[redacted] advised that she has one friend in Houston, Texas, with whom she communicates but that at best she can recall she generally telephones this individual in Houston. She advised that person's name is [redacted]

[redacted] was shown various photographs of JAMES EARL RAY at which time she advised she recalls seeing RAY'S photograph in a newspaper but that she was not familiar with RAY and had never received a call from him.

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by [redacted] 39 Date dictated 5/13/68

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[redacted] advised her telephone number is [redacted] and she has had this telephone since an unrecalled date in 1964.

[redacted] advised that she cannot recall receiving a telephone call from anyone in the State of Texas between December 15 and December 17, 1967. [redacted] stated if she did receive this call, the only person that would call her from Texas is her son, [redacted] who is currently enrolled in the Job Corps and is staying at the Job Corps Training Center at San Marcos, Texas.

[redacted] advised her son can be reached through [redacted] Texas Educational Foundation, Gary Job Corps Training Center, Box 1108, San Marcos, Texas.

[redacted] a Negro, was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and she advised that she has never seen this individual and knows nothing about the individual.

[redacted] further advised that if her son, [redacted] did in fact telephone her in December of 1967, he would have made this telephone call from a pay telephone booth as he would not have been permitted to use any of the telephones at the Job Corps Training Center to make a personal long distance telephone call.

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Section 65

7/15/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. McDonough

EX-103

To: SACs Kansas City (44-760)
St. Louis (44-775)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 4847

MURKIN REC 46

ReKCairtel 7/12/68.

Unless other circumstances would preclude locating and interviewing [redacted] you should do so immediately.

In light of his previous court martial for murder and his mental status, he should be approached with suitable caution.

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FBI

Date: 7/10/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

MURKIN

ReMEairtel, 7/3/68, enclosing copy of letter dated 6/28/68, from CHARLES F. MAYER, Dallas, Texas, to LLOYD RHODES, Assistant Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee; CItel to WFO, 7/2/64, captioned "COMMITTEE OF ONE MILLION CAUCASIANS TO MARCH ON CONGRESS" (CI 157-234); and WFOairtel to Director, 2/14/66, re HCUA Klan Hearings, RM (Klan) (copies to Cincinnati).

Enclosed for Cincinnati are two Xerox copies of referenced letter from CHARLES F. MAYER. Also enclosed is one copy of Part 5 of Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations, Hearings Before Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 89th Congress.

Two copies of referenced airtel to Director, 2/14/66, re HCUA Klan Hearings enclosed for Memphis.

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51 Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Referenced teletype indicates ELOISE WITTE head of Committee of One Million Caucasians to March on Congress, Cincinnati, in July, 1964.

Referenced WFO airtel, 2/14/66, re HCUA Klan Hearings, RM (Klan) (a copy enclosed for Memphis) contains information about ELOISE WITTE's testimony before HCUA on 2/14/66. This testimony included the following:

ELOISE WITTE, in 1966, an Empress of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKK) in Ohio. Also, WITTE considered "assassination letter" of WAGNER to be ridiculous and stated WAGNER had never discussed the detailed violence in that letter with her. ELOISE WITTE said she repeatedly told WAGNER the Klan did not believe in violence.

WFO indices reviewed and do not contain any information that ELOISE WITTE, [redacted] Cincinnati, Ohio, was interviewed concerning her testimony before House Committee on Un-American Activities on 2/14/66.

"Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations in the United States," Part 5, Hearings Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 89th Congress, Second Session, published by U.S. Government Printing Office in 1966, reviewed concerning testimony of ELOISE WITTE on 2/14/66 and RICHARD JOSEPH HANNA on 2/15/66.

Page 3543 of Mrs. WITTE's testimony contains the following:

Mr. MANUEL: "Did you ever make the statement to Mr. WAGNER that the Klan had hired a gunman for $25,000?"

Mrs. WITTE: "Heavens, no."

Mr. MANUEL: "Did you have any conversation with Mr. WAGNER regarding the appearance of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio?"

Mrs. WITTE: "No."

WITTE added that WAGNER read of this in newspaper, wrote a letter to WITTE, and phoned her about KING's appearance at Antioch College. DANNY WAGNER said he hoped WITTE would not be alarmed with him but he had some ideas he wanted to carry out. She added that WAGNER never told her what these plans were that he had for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Page 3545 contains information from WITTE that Mr. MORRIS told her he had heard of a plot underfoot to do away with the President, Mr. WITTE, ELOISE WITTE's husband, Mr. MORRIS, MARTIN LUTHER KING, and HUMPHREY. Mrs. WITTE said she did not know the above plot in a letter written by DANNY WAGNER. She described the plot as ridiculous and WAGNER, a psychopathic case. Mrs. WITTE said she did not furnish this information to law enforcement officers as she did not think WAGNER would carry through on anything as ridiculous as this. Mrs. WITTE thought WAGNER might have taken this method of retaliation for being denied membership in the Klan.

Mrs. WITTE stated she did not introduce WAGNER to W. A. DAVIS at National States Rights Party to put WAGNER in touch with a gun dealer.

Page 3631 contains portion of testimony of RICHARD JOSEPH HANNA on 2/15/66. HANNA said Mrs. ELOISE

WITTE said "Mr. WAGNER to do some work for her. Mr. JOHNSON, if he needed assassination, Mr. WAGNER could do it." Mrs. WITTE added, "Right now, we are interested in other people." WITTE said "MARTIN LUCIFER COON" was one, according to HANNA. Above name described by HANNA as right wing expression for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

LEADS

CINCINNATI

AT CINCINNATI, OHIO.

1) Will ascertain if Mrs. ELOISE WITTE was interviewed by Bureau Agents concerning matters contained in her testimony before HCUA on 2/14/66, including possible assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

2) Forward enclosed copy of Part 5 of Activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations, Hearings Before Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, to Memphis when interview of Mrs. ELOISE WITTE completed.

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FBI

Date: 7/12/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760)

MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Kansas City, dated 7/9/68.

For information St. Louis, referenced airtel contained two copies of a letter from one [redacted] eterans Hospital, Topeka, Kansas. This letter had been forwarded to the Bureau from the Department who had received the letter from United States Senator STUART SYMINGTON. The letter which was dated 6/8/68 and signed by [redacted] stated in essence that he had served time in the United States Medical Center at Springfield, Missouri, and another prisoner named [redacted] had at that time told him that a guard at the prison told him that he was a member of a group who would pay to have Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. [redacted] indicated in his letter that [redacted] is now at Leavenworth.

Efforts were made to contact [redacted] at the Veterans Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, on 7/12/68, however, GLENN HENDERSON, the Assistant Registrar, Veterans Hospital, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] had eloped from the hospital 6/13/68. He was discharged from the hospital on 6/14/68 against medical advice as a result of his elopement. His home of record was listed as [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, and his mother was listed as [redacted] Independence, Missouri.

EX-103

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Mr. HENDERSON advised that [redacted] had been incarcerated at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners to serve a sentence received in a court-martial for the murder of a member of the United States Air Force. [redacted] conviction however was subsequently reversed due to his mental capabilities at the time of the murder. [redacted] had Air Force Serial No. [redacted] and is described as a Negro male, date of birth [redacted]

LEADS

ST. LOUIS DIVISION

At St. Louis, Missouri

[redacted] Will review the Air Force records pertaining to Air Force Serial No. [redacted] and report results to Kansas City. Bureau has instructed prompt handling.

KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Springfield, Missouri

Will review records United States Medical Center re [redacted]

At Kansas City, Missouri

Effort to locate and interview [redacted] will be held in abeyance pending results of record checks set forth above in view of possible mental abnormality on the part of [redacted]

South Central Bell Telephone Company

BEN B. BROWN
Vice President and General Manager
[redacted]

July 11, 1968

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20013

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 1 commending [redacted] of my organization for assistance which he rendered to the Bureau recently. I appreciate very much your taking time out of your busy schedule to commend [redacted] and please be assured that he will know of this commendation.

I wanted to respond to your letter not only for [redacted] recognition, but also to tell you of my admiration for the organization which you founded and have led so efficiently through the years. [redacted] worked for the FBI [redacted] in Charlotte, North Carolina, for about three years, and I may be a little prejudiced. However, over the years it has been my good fortune to know and work with many of your agents throughout the country. They have all been of good character with a sincere dedication to their job.

During this period of change and restlessness, I know I speak for many people when I say we feel more secure knowing that the FBI is still in good hands.

Sincerely,

EX-105 REC-44

Ben B. Brown
Vice President and
General Manager

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12 JUL 15 1968

6-94 (Rev. 1-31-63)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

DATE: July 16, 1968

ATTENTION: Mr. Vinson

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference is made to your memorandum dated 7/12/68 (your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent _____ dated _____ at _____.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☒ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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NOTE: Enclosed is one copy each of the reports of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5/15/68 and 6/14/68 at Kansas City, Missouri. Also enclosed is a copy of the Identification Record on James Earl Ray.

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NOTE CONTINUED:

Enclosed also is a copy of a telegram from the American Embassy, London to the Department of State dated 7/3/68, pertaining to the desire of Arthur J. Hanes to visit Ray in prison.

Copies of the enclosed are also being furnished to the Civil Rights Division, attention Mr. Pollak.

July 13, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The requested information has previously been developed in connection with our investigation; however, it has not previously been disseminated to the Department since it pertained to the fugitive aspect of our investigation and had no bearing on the Federal violation involved. Pertinent information requested will be furnished to the Department.

JGK:erg

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT — DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

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TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 12
FMV:AMP:cav
144-72-662

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

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Investigation in captioned matter disclosed that James Earl Ray, Inmate Number 00416, was confined in the Missouri State Penitentiary until his escape from that institution on April 23, 1967.

It is requested that the Bureau review the files of the Missouri State Penitentiary pertaining to Ray and summarize all references to his family background; education; physical, medical and psychiatric examinations; and disciplinary proceedings. It is also requested that the names of all visitors and persons with whom Ray corresponded be noted.

It is further requested that the Bureau furnish the Criminal Division with a copy of the arrest record of James Earl Ray.

EXPEDITE — JUL 12 1968

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Airtel

I - Mr. McDonough

To: LEGAT, London

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

You are requested to obtain copies of photographs taken of Ray at time of his arrest by British authorities in order that appropriate copies can be made for distribution by the Bureau to the field and RCMP by Legat, Ottawa, in connection with continuing bank robbery survey designed to ascertain if Ray responsible for any unsolved bank robberies in United States and Canada since his escape.

1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with SA Graham Day)

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5:00 PM URGENT 7/12/68 RJT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1897) (2P)

44-1981

MURKIN.

WEEKLY SUMMARY.

SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED JULY ELEVEN LAST HE IS BOTH READY AND WILLING TO ACCEPT CUSTODY OF SUBJECT RAY IMMEDIATELY UPON HIS ARRIVAL HERE. SHERIFF MORRIS HAS MADE PLANS IN ANTICIPATION OF ASSUMING SUCH CUSTODY, AND IF SUBJECT IS RETURNED VIA AIR, HE WILL ASSUME CUSTODY IMMEDIATELY UPON LANDING.

PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE BY SHERIFF MORRIS TO HAVE A VIDEO TAPE MADE OF THE FACE AND VOICE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING THE RAY TRIAL AND IDENTITY CARDS WITH PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ISSUED TO ALL ACCREDITED NEWSMEN.

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SUBJECT'S BROTHERS, JOHN AND JERRY RAY, HAVE ARRIVED IN MEMPHIS. JERRY RAY ARRESTED BY MEMPHIS PD JULY NINE LAST AND CHARGED WITH DRUNK. CHARGES SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED AND JERRY RAY RELASED.

END PAGE ONE

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END PAGE TWO.

ON JULY NINE LAST, JOHN L. RAY RENTED P.O. BOX [redacted] AT MAIN POST OFFICE, MEMPHIS TENN., GIVING HIS ADDRESS AS [redacted], MEMPHIS.

RE RAYMOND CURTIS:

INVESTIGATION AT MEMPHIS REFLECTS THE [redacted] IS A FIFTYFIVE-FOOT STEEL-HULL, DIESEL-POWERED HOUSE BOAT WHICH HAS BEEN OWNED BY [redacted] TENN., FOR PAST THREE YEARS AND HAS BEEN DOCKED AT MEMPHIS YACHT CLUB DURING THAT TIME. THIS BOAT USED ONLY TO ENTERTAIN [redacted] CUSTOMERS, IS OPERATED BY [redacted] AND HIS SONS, AND IT TRAVELS NO MORE THAN TEN MILES FROM THE DOCK ON THESE CUSTOMER EXCURSIONS.

SINCE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT RAY RESPONSIBLE FOR ROBBERIES THIS COUNTRY AFTER HIS ESCAPE FROM MSP, IT IS SUGGESTED BUREAU OBTAIN ARREST PHOTOGRAPHS FROM NEW SCOTLAND YARD AND FURNISH SAME TO ALL OFFICES. P. & END

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July 16, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. BISHOP

Assistant Director Al Rosen returned my call to him. I told him that in talking with the Attorney General there were two problems. I stated it seems that Arthur Hanes, the lawyer, has been demanding of the Department of Justice that he be allowed to come back on the plane with James Earl Ray and I told the Attorney General I was absolutely opposed to that and it should not be allowed and he was going to have Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson call Hanes and tell him.

I said that secondly, I would like Mr. Rosen to find out from Legal Attache John Minnich in London what happened today at the hearing in court so we will know exactly what the status is and if he, Minnich, thinks the plane should go over to England now and stand by -- whether the movement of Ray is imminent. I stated if it were not going to be another week or ten days, there would be no reason to send it now, but if it were going to be in a few days, we would do it because we want to get the fellow out as fast as possible because Hanes apparently is going to London with the purpose of getting on the plane to return; that I did not think Hanes has any rights over in England, but he will probably try to put on a shyster act.

Mr. Rosen said that under normal conditions it takes 24 to 48 hours but under these circumstances the Home Secretary is going to keep it on his desk four days. Mr. Rosen said that Mr. Vinson was supposed to get in touch with the Minister who in turn would contact the Home Secretary and find out on an informal basis, and formally if necessary, just when the papers will be signed, assuming the final order will be put out on the 17th, which is the expiration of fifteen days. Mr. Rosen said that if that happens, the extradition order will be immediately signed and then, according to Vinson's information which he gave us, the Air Force needs 24 hours. Mr. Rosen said my comment made it even more important that we find out where we stand.

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Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Bishop July 16, 1968

I told Mr. Rosen we want to get these men of ours aboard the plane to go over to England and if the Air Force needs 24 hours advance notice, if that is their procedure, we will have to adhere to it, but we do not want Ray sitting around waiting for the arrival of the plane; if the plane can go there and stand by there and be ready to take off, it would not be held up.

Mr. Rosen asked if I would suggest he touch base with the Department to see if they have made plans to see that we won't be in the middle on the diplomatic issues. I stated I did not want Minnich to take diplomatic action but I thought he might know what the situation is and get his feeling as to whether the plane should be going on over. Mr. Rosen said he would give me a rundown on this from Minnich.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 3:45 PM
DATE 7-16-68
BY jmd

12:55 PM July 16, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. BISHOP

I returned an earlier call from Attorney General Ramsey Clark. The Attorney General stated there were two developments in the James Earl Ray case. He stated he received a letter from or signed "Sneyd" which he thought he had mentioned to me the other day and it was fairly difficult to understand it, probably purposely so; then he, the Attorney General, received a letter from Arthur Hanes, the lawyer, on Friday or maybe it was Monday, and it referred to the earlier letter from Sneyd, or James Earl Ray, and said he was apprehensive about the return flight and requested permission to accompany Sneyd, or Ray, on the airplane. The Attorney General continued that Hanes had then called just before noon. The Attorney General stated that he has not been taking calls from him, but the man who had been taking the calls is out of town so he had his Executive Assistant, Sol Lindenbaum, take the call. Hanes said that he was en route to London leaving early in the afternoon and he was planning to waive extradition at this time and wanted to know whether he would be permitted to fly back on the plane with Sneyd, or Ray. Lindenbaum told Hanes that he had not talked this over with the Attorney General and he doubted very much that it would be possible, but if he would inquire later when he got to London, they would let him know.

The Attorney General stated he guessed this means two things: One, we will have to be prepared earlier than we thought to bring Ray back; and second, we need to make a decision as to whether we should permit Hanes to come on that plane.

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I stated I did not think the latter ought to be done as he has no status officially other than being his attorney and in the letter which Ray wrote his brother asking that he get $300 so Ray would have it to pay his lawyer, the brother apparently suggested this lawyer in Texas named Percy Foreman and Ray in his reply to his brother stated he would wait until he got back here and confer with Hanes as to any associate counsel as he wanted to get a prominent lawyer with whom Hanes could work so he would defer that decision until he got back to this country. I continued that in the letter to his brother, there

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was indication he might waive extradition and be back here soon. I stated that Hanes, of course, is retained by him tentatively with the expectation of another lawyer, although I doubt Hanes will agree to that because knowing his make-up, he will want to run the case himself. The Attorney General commented that he would guess letting him on the plane would bring him closer to Ray and it would be more difficult for Ray to get another lawyer if he wanted one. I stated also that it would allow him to carry on about his conversation with Ray or bring an objection by Hanes of not talking to him; that in other words, at that time, Ray is in the custody of FBI Agents and I do not believe anybody should be allowed to sit down and have a long conversation with him and Hanes would try to do it.

I continued that there is no reason why he should worry about the plane flight; in other words, if he is afraid the plane is going to fall, Hanes can't stop it and if he is convinced somebody is going to talk to Ray and get information, he could make a disturbance on that although one of the four men on the plane is the Supervisor of the case who knows all the angles so if Ray volunteered anything, we would have somebody who knows all the aspects and after telling Ray of his rights, Ray could answer if he so desired, but we are instructing our man to make no effort to question him. I stated also that Hanes when he got back would give a long interview as to what transpired on the plane and we are trying to keep it as quiet as we can with no publicity either in London or Memphis. The Attorney General stated that, of course, he would be in the way.

I stated he would be in the way and I did not think he has any right to be on the plane. The Attorney General stated he could not imagine that he has any right and, in fact, he could not remember any case when we are transporting a prisoner where the lawyer is allowed to accompany him. I said no lawyer, relative, or anybody outside the immediate officials are allowed to go with the prisoner. The Attorney General said this would be a bad precedent. I said it would be a very bad precedent and no doubt would be brought up in future cases and it is such an outstanding case it would certainly be a precedent seized upon by others. I said I felt no representative

of the State of Tennessee should go along because there would be articles written or long interviews given about things that happened that never did happen, whereas with our own people, we have tight control and they won't say anything and we have indicated to the Sheriff in Memphis to keep his mouth shut, although I don't know if he will.

I told the Attorney General that I had sent him a memorandum on what the Sheriff's plans were in transporting Ray from the airport to jail; that I thought he had five armored cars and the officials, or officers, will be the same ones who will guard him in jail. I said they have also put up bullet-proof material in the cell block where he will be detained and there will be no other prisoners in the cell block, so I thought the security at Memphis was pretty well assured. I stated that as to the activity on the plane, I did not think there should be anybody on board; that, of course, the Air Force Doctor will be on board, but he is really a member of the crew and I thought it would be a bad precedent to set and with a fellow like Hanes, I thought it would be undesirable to make an exception, even if he were a high class person. The Attorney General said that if he were honorable, we might figure it would eliminate the question of coercion of force or anything. I said the doctor will be aboard, but he is an officer of the Air Force and, therefore, would be able to testify. I said the plan is to have Ray examined immediately upon boarding the plane at the airport in London before it takes off and before leaving the plane at the airport in Memphis. I said the Air Force doctor will do that.

The Attorney General said then that my feeling is that Hanes should be advised he may not come back on the plane and I told him I thought so definitely.

The Attorney General said they would tell him that and let me know, or perhaps Legal Attache Minnich in London would be the first to get the word, about the waiving of extradition and when he might be returned. I told the Attorney General that we would advise Minnich this afternoon that Hanes is going over to London.

The Attorney General asked if we had any fear of Klan infiltration in the Sheriff's Office in Memphis and I told him no. I told him that the Prison Bureau has two men down there who are instructing the guards who will have Ray in custody in jail as to how to handle the custody of a prisoner considered dangerous and apparently they are going into the technical aspects of it. I said we have looked the jail over and talked to the Sheriff as to his plans on the removal of the prisoner from the airport to jail and the transportation there if the Sheriff is going to handle this. I said we did not tell him he was going to, but learned how it would be done if he were going to do it. I said he has no idea, of course, when the fellow will be coming in nor do we at the present time.

I said I thought we ought to get the plane over to London as rapidly as possible even if it has to stand by over there so the minute the proceedings are over we can get him aboard and out, particularly in view of Hanes going over because we do not know what kind of motions he can file in the British courts, although I doubted he could do anything, because he will do everything he can to try to raise questions. I said our relations with the Home Office and Scotland Yard are such that they will see the situation as we do.

The Attorney General said that maybe he better have Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson call Hanes now and tell him he will not be allowed to return on the plane before he gets to England. I told him I thought so as he may not go as it is an expensive trip and he has no cash yet from Ray so far as we know because Ray was trying to get $600 from his brother which, I think, was to be a kind of retainer fee for Hanes and if Hanes does not have any cash yet, he may not spend more money to make the trip to London. I said that so far as Hanes knows, he may be ready to depart at any time and I thought the sooner we move the departure up, the better. The Attorney General agreed and said he was not sure we know enough now to send the plane over now. He said he did not know where it was and I told him the plane is at Andrews Air Base. The Attorney General said also that I would want to send my men in it too. I told him I did and we have four men available to go over. I told him the reason I knew the plane is here is because Vinson sent over word to Assistant Director Rosen this morning that he thought they should go look the plane over so I presume it is at Andrews now and is being kept there.

The Attorney General suggested that maybe I could find out from Mr. Minnich what happened at the hearing today and get his advise as to whether the plane should go over now. I told him I could do that.

The Attorney General said he had not talked to Assistant Attorney General Vinson and to let him talk to Vinson and then he would get back to me.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 3:48
DATE 7-16-68
BY [illegible]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 7/12/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 6/19/68.

AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 6/10/68.

[redacted] Gulfport Police Department, advised they have the following identification record for [redacted] who was described as a white male, born [redacted]

Date	Charge	Disposition
[redacted]	Drunk and Vagrancy	$15.00 fine on drunk charge and Vagrancy Nol Processed
[redacted]	Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, test showed 18% alcohol	Charge reduced to reckless driving and fined $110.00
[redacted]	Improper license	Charge dismissed

[redacted] son of the owner of [redacted] advised he is personally acquainted with [redacted] who, according to their records, was employed by them from November, 1966, until September, 1967. He was a good [redacted] however, he was an alcoholic and when they were rushed and working fast, he could not stand the pressure and would become shaky and start drinking. He said the reason they tolerated [redacted]

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[redacted] as long as they did was the fact that his father felt sorry for him. He said that one day he did not show up for work and that was the last they ever saw him. They received information from some source that he was deceased.

[redacted] advised that he would be skeptical of any information furnished by [redacted] and would not consider him to be a reliable individual because of his use of alcoholic beverages.

[redacted] owner and manager of [redacted] Hotel, [redacted] advised she is personally acquainted with [redacted] and he rented the front room on the second floor on the southeast corner, which would be Room 201, from them for a number of months. Since he was there for a number of months, she was unable to verify the exact dates of arrival or departure but did locate records showing that he was a guest in the hotel as of [redacted] She recalled that he came to them from Pass Christian, Mississippi, and he was later evicted by them. His eviction was the result of his drinking, which they do not tolerate in the hotel and the fact that he claimed he could not sleep and would play his radio and records all hours of the night. He was not the type guest they like to have in the hotel. She added that she could not state if any information furnished by him would be reliable or not but she would be inclined not to believe him and it would depend on his condition at the time he furnished the information, and whether he had been drinking.

[redacted] further advised that she had located records showing that [redacted] occupied Room 205 in the hotel as of [redacted] This room would have been two rooms down the hall from [redacted] room.

She recalled that [redacted] was living at the hotel the same time as [redacted] and that they were also friendly with one another and would visit in each other's room.

Complaints were received from other guests as to their misconduct. She further recalled that [redacted] played a guitar during the time that he lived at the hotel. She had no information as to [redacted] residence or employment at this time but did recall that he was originally from Beaumont, Mississippi, as that is her home town also. She said she did not know him or his parents during the time she lived in Beaumont, but during conversation with her he mentioned that he was from Beaumont and this fact stuck in her mind.

Inasmuch as [redacted] current whereabouts is not known at this time and since [redacted] identification of JAMES EARL RAY was based upon a brief meeting with an unknown individual who did not identify himself approximately one year before the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY appeared in the paper, no further efforts are being made by the Jackson Division to locate [redacted] and attempt to identify the person with [redacted] in [redacted] room, UACB. The fact that [redacted] was at the time an alcoholic and acquaintances of his at that time did not consider him reliable is of significance in evaluating his information.

One copy of this communication is being furnished the Milwaukee Division for their information since it is possible they may have further contacts with [redacted]

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

7/15/68

I talked with John Minnich, Legal Attache, London, re the attached information. He advises subject did send a letter to his sister [redacted] This would seem to confirm information previously forwarded today that the appeal may not take place in this case and that, therefore, the extradition would be expedited.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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1245PM DEFERRED 7/15/68 LMA

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114) 3P

MURKIN

"CHICAGO DAILY NEWS" BLUE STREAK EDITION, JULY FIFTEEN INSTANT CARRIES FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "RAY ADMITS HE IS SNEYD!" ARTICLE RELATES PAPER OBTAINED COPY OF TWO PAGE HANDWRITTEN LETTER FROM RAY TO A MARRIED SISTER WHO LIVES IN ST. LOUIS SUBURB SIGNED "LORD R. G. SNEYD." UNDATED LETTER SENT FROM LONDON'S HEATHFIELD ROAD PRISON WHERE RAY INCARCERATED. LETTER WAS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER SENT TO THE PRISON BY JOHN RAY, A BROTHER, ADDRESSED TO JAMES EARL RAY AT HEATHFIELD ROAD PRISON. JOHN RAY IS CONVINCED LETTER IS GENUINE AND WAS SENT BY RAY, DESPITE THE SIGNATURE, BASED ON HANDWRITING, LANGUAGE OF THE LETTER AND PERSONAL COMMENTS. LETTER WRITTEN ON BLUE - RULED STATIONERY BEARING PRISON LETTERHEAD. PUBLISHED PORTION OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS: "DEAR JOHN, I WILL JUST WRITE YOU A FEW LINES TO LET YOU KNOW EVERYTHING IS ALLRIGHT. I WILL

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PROBABLY BE BACK SHORTLY.

ANYWAY, DON'T COME OVER, FOR ONE, YOU COULDN'T GET IN, ATTORNEY HANES COULDN'T, AND TWO, IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE.

ABOUT JUDGE CASEY WANTING TO REVERSE MY CASE, I DON'T WANT IT REVERSED I WILL EXPLAIN LATER, BUT YOU KNOW THEIR THINGS ARE NOT DOING ANYTHING TO BENEFIT ME.

IF YOU COULD, I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO GIVE THE ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS YOU CAN GET SOME OF IT OFF JERRY AND I WILL STRAIGHTEN IT UP WITH YOU WHEN I GET BACK.

YOU MENTION PERCY FOREMAN. HE IS A GOOD ATTORNEY BUT I WILL WAIT UNTIL I GET BACK AS I WANT SOME ATTORNEYS WHO CAN WORK TOGETHER, SO I WILL LET HANES DECIDE ON SOMEONE HE THINKS WOULD BE BEST.

I COULD APPEAL MY EXTRADITION HEARING BUT I AM GETTING TIRED OF LISTENING TO THESE LIARS, SO I MIGHT CLOSE IT UP ABOUT TUESDAY.

LORD R. G. SNEYD."

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SECTION OF LETTER REFERRING TO PERSONAL FAMILY MATTERS DELETED AT REQUEST OF FAMILY.

JOHN RAY FEELS LETTER CONSTITUTES "STRONG EVIDENCE" HIS BROTHER DID NOT KILL DOCTOR KING FOR HE WOULD NOT CONSIDER SIGNING EXTRADITION PAPERS.

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(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: July 16, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680712073 JK

Examination requested by: Cleveland

Reference: Airtel 7/10/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q388.

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2 - Cleveland (44-565) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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REPORT
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FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: July 16, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861-4856
Lab. No. D-680712073 JK

Specimens received 7/12/68

Q388 American Heritage business reply card bearing on reverse side the hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt Loraine Motel Memphis Tenn."

Result of examination:

Significant differences were noted as the result of comparing the questioned hand printing on Q388 with the known hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G; however, because of the limited nature of the hand printing involved and the presence of certain characteristics a definite conclusion was not reached.

Q388 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

RE: MURKIN
CR

OO: MEMPHIS

CV tel to Bureau, 7/3/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis are 1 and 8 copies respectively of FD-302 reflecting interview of ALVIN R. CARLSON, Marion, Ohio. Also enclosed for Bureau is an American Heritage Business Reply Postcard from ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Bureau is requested to compare the hand printing appearing on enclosed specifically the name ERIC S. GALT Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, with any known hand printing on file for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 C.

Bureau is also requested to process enclosure for latent prints and if any developed determine if identical with prints of RAY.

Bureau is requested to furnish Memphis and Cleveland results of examination, and return enclosure to Cleveland.

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 8) (RM)
2 - Cleveland

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P 1)

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RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JYLY FIFTEEN LAST.

[redacted] STATES [redacted] LEFT ALTON JULY FIFTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN TWO DAYS AFTER BANK ROBBERY AT THE BANK OF ALTON; FURTHER THAT [redacted] HAS ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE TO [redacted] AND [redacted]

PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED TO [redacted] AND [redacted] ALL STATE THEY ARE CERTAIN RAY NOT AN ASSOCIATE OF [redacted], [redacted] OR [redacted] AND RAY UNFAMILIAR TO THEM.

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MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7-16-68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are original and one of seven clippings from local newspapers re captioned matter.

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1 Memphis

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Ray Appeal Hearing Set For July 29

LONDON. — (UPI) — A British court said today it will hear James Earl Ray's appeal against extradition to the United States to stand trial for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on July 29.

The surprise announcement was made when Ray appeared at Bow Street Magistrate's Court on charges of violating British gun and immigration laws.

BRITISH CHARGES

Ray was ordered to appear again July 16 to answer to the charges of carrying a loaded .38-caliber pistol and two forged passports, which got him arrested in the first place June 8.

It was expected Britain might ignore the charges if Ray is extradited.

IN COURT

Ray, whose extradition was ordered a week ago, appeared in court today to meet a British legal requirement that prisoners appear before a magistrate every eight days while they are held.

The announcement on the extradition appeal had been unexpected as the appearance today was supposed to deal only with the gun and passport charges.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 7-9-68

Edition:

Author: CHAS. H. SCHEINER

Editor:

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Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

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ENCLOSURE

CARAVAN

Ray, brought to court in a caravan of three police Jaguar cruisers, appeared under the name Ramon George Sneyd, the name listed on one of the two forged Canadian passports Scotland Yard detectives said they pulled from his coat along with the gun at Heathrow Tirport.

Ray swaggered into the courtroom without the dark hornrim glasses he wore when he was ordered extradited last Tuesday. His jaw twitched but he looked less jittery than in previous appearances. His white sport shirt hung open at the neck and he wore the same dark jacket.

Only a small crowd of spectators and newsmen were on hand when Ray arrived. Interest had declined so much that even Mary Brown, 71, a retired hospital worker who had risen at 5 a.m. for Ray's other courtroom appearances, failed to show up. She was first in line outside the court building the other times.

Ray's attorney, Michael Eugen has another week to appeal formally the order that Ray be extradited.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Ray's Extradition Likely in 4 Weeks

LONDON. — (UPI) — James Earl Ray could be extradited to the United States as early as the first week in August to stand trial for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, legal sources said today.

A court official disclosed Tuesday that a hearing on Ray's appeal against the extradition order has been set for July 29.

Three White-wigged, black-robed justices of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court of the High Court of Justice will hear Ray's lawyers fight the extradition order.

It is the British equivalent of a U.S. Court of Appeals.

Legal sources said that should the appeals court turn down Ray's appeal of the extradition order, he could still appeal to the House of Lords. But permission to go to the House of Lords could be refused.

In that case, Ray would be returning to the United States about the first week in August, the sources said.

Ray appeared at Bow Street Magistrates Court Tuesday to answer charges of violating British gun and immigration laws.

It was carrying what police said was a loaded .38-caliber pistol and two forged passports that got him arrested in the first place as he arrived at London's Heathrow Airport June 8.

If Ray is extradited, the passport and gun charges were expected to be forgotten.

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Ray's Brother Arrested Here

Jerry William Ray, who told police he is a brother of James Earl Ray, the accused in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was free today after being dismissed in City Court on a charge of public drunkenness.

Ray was arrested about 2 a.m. Tuesday at Main and Vance where, police said, he was seen staggering drunk. The charge was dismissed later yesterday by Judge Bernie Weinman.

Police said Ray registered .17 on the intoxication meter and was booked. He listed his occupation as a bar waiter but told officers he was unemployed.

Ray gave no Memphis address but said he lived at 1902 Cherokee in St. Louis.

Assistant Chief W. E. Routt said Ray told police he is a brother of James Earl Ray and that he and another brother were in Memphis to raise funds for the defense of James Earl Ray.

John Larry Ray, also of St. Louis, appeared in court for the hearing, and the two left together.

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British Charges Against Ray Cited

Lawyer Says Extradition Would Cancel Counts

LONDON, July 8. — (UPI) — The British lawyer defending James Earl Ray on two British charges said Monday they would probably never be pressed if Ray is extradited to America for trial as the accused murderer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Ray's barrister, Michael Eugene, said "nothing" would happen Tuesday when Ray is scheduled to appear again in Bow Street Magistrates' Court under the name of Ramon George Sneyd. The hearing is in connection with charges Ray violated British gun and passport laws.

"He will be turned around and remanded until the following Tuesday," Eugene said.

The British lawyer said he still has not filed an appeal of last Thursday's ruling that Ray be extradited to face the United States charges against him.

Eugene indicated the filing of a writ of habeas corpus in district court would not take place before early next week. Ray has 15 days to lodge an appeal.

London Chief Magistrate Frank Milton last Thursday ordered Ray extradited to face the United States charges of murdering King in Memphis on April 4 and of escaping from the Missouri State Penitentiary last year.

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Ray Brothers In Memphis—One Faces Judge

By GEORGE BRYAN

Two brothers of James Earl Ray, who is charged with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., were in Memphis yesterday and a public drunkenness charge against one was dismissed by City Judge Bernie Weinman.

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Bill Jackson, manager of the Green Beetle Cafe at 325 South Main, confirmed that Gerald Ray was in his establishment Monday night "with another man." He said Ray appeared to be drunk.

A waitress said Gerald Ray came into the place about 6 p.m. Monday and left about 1 a.m. "He didn't cause any trouble in here."

Police said they arrested Ray after a call from the Green Beetle, but Mr. Jackson said last night he had not called police. "He didn't cause us any trouble, he left with a man with a mustache. I heard he was arrested a few minutes later."

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"He had never been before the court on a public drunk charge. On the first offense, it has been the policy of the court to dismiss these charges," Weinman said.

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A police spokesman who did not wish to be identified said he understood that Gerald Ray had come to Memphis "to collect money" through contributions to help defend his accused brother. James Earl Ray is fighting extradition to the United States from England to stand trial in Memphis for the murder of Dr. King.

The other brother in town was believed to be John Larry Ray, 34, a St. Louis tavern owner.

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Witness Absent At Ray Hearing

Grand Jury's Indictment Reached Without Calling Charles Stephens

In reaching an indictment against James Earl Ray for the slaying of Martin Luther King Jr., the Shelby County Grand Jury did not even call the man now considered to be the prosecution's most important witness.

But court authorities yesterday pointed out that the state often does not submit its most important evidence if the necessary "probable cause" can be established without it.

Charles Q. Stephens, 46, was the one witness named at Ray's extradition hearing in London last month. David Calcutt, the British attorney retained by the federal government, told the hearing. Stephens heard the fatal shot fired on April from the common bathroom of a rooming house on South Main.

Stephens is now in protective custody of local authorities.

The Grand Jury charged Ray with first degree murder May 7 and with carrying a dangerous weapon May 17 in indictments made available to the public yesterday.

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The 12-man jury heard testimony from Mrs. Bessie Ruth Brewer, manager of the rooming house; Ralph Carpenter, employe of York Arms. Co. who the state says sold binoculars to Ray; Guy W. Canipe, owner of the amusement company where police say Ray dropped his rifle; John L. Carlisle, an investigator with Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale's office; and two police officers.

Officials did not even admit Ray had been indicted for the murder until after his arrest in London June 8 since Tennessee law prohibits releasing an indictment until the accused is in custody.

The indictment offers no hints about the state's case against Ray, giving only the date of the murder and charging it was premeditated.

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Video Surveillance To Track Ray Trial

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

A video tape will be made of the faces and voices of every person attending the trial scheduled to be held here this fall of James Earl Ray, charged with the rifle slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King at the Lorraine Motel April 4.

Charles Holmes, director of information for Memphis State University and new public relations adviser to Sheriff William N. Morris for the trial, yesterday confirmed that security plans call for such a tape to be made. This, he said, will be the first time such a precaution has been taken in a trial anywhere.

Identity cards with photos will be issued to all newsmen accredited for the trial. More than 50 such accreditations have been requested and this is considered only a start.

South Central Bell, it was learned, is preparing to run 150 new telephone lines to the Shelby County Office Building, adjacent to the Criminal Courts Building, to accommodate newspapers, radio, television and law enforcement.

Cables are expected to be laid between the scene of the trial and the three Memphis television stations, a telephone company representative said. Cables are necessary for prolonged live television broadcasts, although motorized microwave stations can bridge the gap for brief periods.

In keeping with a long-standing rule, no press or television photos may be made in the courtroom, even during court recess. But protocol, until now at least, has allowed photos to be made in corridors.

This is expected to be one of the most highly publicized trials ever held in the United States. Press, radio and television reports will be carried in practically every nation in the world. Those in charge of preparations expect the non-white majority of the world's population to observe the trial as a test of justice administered "without regard to race, color or condition."

But Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale and Sheriff Morris declined to comment on this beyond saying: "The trial will be conducted in strict keeping with established standards of dignity and justice."

To emphasize that the judicial process is operating normally, the trial will be held in one of the five regular courtrooms of the Shelby County Criminal Court. The largest will seat, in addition to the principals of the trial, hardly more than 100 persons.

Most of the seats will be reserved for the press, but reservations are assured also for relatives of the defendant and of the family of Dr. King.

Sheriff Morris said a certain proportion of the seats will be reserved for the general public, even though all the newsmen present at any one time may not be seated. Tennessee law calls for a "public trial."

The last world - famous Tennessee trial was the so-called "monkey trial" at Dayton, near Chattanooga, in 1925. This was to test the validity of a law, since repealed, to forbid teaching the theory of evolution in tax-supported schools.

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The Northern and foreign press criticized what it termed the "carnival atmosphere" at that trial.

"There will be no carnival air here," Sheriff Morris said last night. "This is a serious matter. The sheriff, the judges and the attorney general have been conferring at intervals for several weeks to assure a fair and orderly trial in a dignified atmosphere."

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'Sneyd' Was Name Used In Letter

'No Doubt' Ray Is Same Person, Says Newspaper

CHICAGO. — (AP) — The Chicago Daily News said today in a copyrighted story that a letter written by James Earl Ray to a brother removed any doubt that Ray and Ramon George Sneyd are the same person.

Sneyd was the name under which Ray was arrested in London in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Daily News said the letter was written to John Ray and was signed, "Lord R. G. Sneyd."

John Ray said the handwriting was his brother's and he added, "I don't know where he got the name of Sneyd, but he had lots of names."

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'LORD' TITLE

Asked about the title, "Lord," John Ray said, "That's probably his idea of a joke."

The Daily News published portions of the letter which in part read, "I could appeal my extradition hearing but I am getting tired of listening to these liars so I might close it up about Tuesday."

There was no indication which Tuesday the letter referred to. John Ray said he interpreted the letter as evidence that his brother did not kill King, who was shot to death on the balcony of a Memphis motel April 4.

"If he really did it," John Ray said, "he wouldn't be thinking about signing these extradition papers, would he?"

UNDATED

The letter was mailed to a married sister who lives in a suburb of St. Louis, the Daily News said. It was not dated.

U.S. officials working on obtaining Ray's extradition have said they are convinced that Ray and Sneyd are the same person.

The letter also implied that Ray would have sufficient funds to finance his defense when he is returned to Memphis to stand trial.

"If you could," the letter said, "I would like for you to give Attorney Arthur Hanes $600. You can get some of it off Jerry (another brother) and I will straighten it up with you when I get back."

Hanes, of Birmingham, Ala., is representing Ray in London.

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: July 16, 1968

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

The Department has forwarded to the Bureau a handwritten letter addressed to the Attorney General under the signature of R. G. Sneyd. A typewritten copy of the contents of this letter and Xerox copies of the envelope and letter are attached hereto.

A comparison of the questioned writing appearing on the letter and envelope with the known handwriting of subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #4059426, disclosed that the letter in question was prepared by Subject Ray.

44-38861

ACTION: None. For information.

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
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1 ENCLOSURE

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In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:-
Number 059184 Name SNEYD.

H. M. Prison,
Heathfield Road,
Wandsworth,
London, S.W. 18.

Dear Sir;

I am at present in dention at the above listed address in London England. In the near future I will most proably be deported to the United States. The reason I am writing you is that you will proably dispatch agents to London to return me to the U.S. and I would like to have it on record now that I have no intentions of making any oral statements not that I have anything to hide but I would perfer to tell my story to a judge & Jury. Therefore I would respectfully suggest you send someone with less imagination than Mr. Vinson. I have also written my attorny Mr. Arthur Honas a simular letter.

Sincrely

R. G Sneyd.

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R.G. Sneyd

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Mr. Ramsey Clark
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Legat, London has forwarded a photocopy of a page of the guest book of the Heathfield House Hotel, London, England, which bears the signature Ramon George Sneyd and indicates that this individual registered at this hotel on May 17, 1968.

Handwriting characteristics noted indicate that the Sneyd signature on the above described page was probably prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G, but because of the indistinctness of the photocopy submitted a definite opinion could not be reached.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. McDonough 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
1 - Lab File

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EX-107

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Airtel

1 - Mr. McDonough

To: SAC, New York

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Legat, London has learned from New Scotland Yard that it has been determined that Ray under the name Ramon George Sneyd, stayed at the Heathfield House Hotel, 181 - 183 Cromwell Road, London, 5/17-28/68, the period previously unaccounted for relative to Ray's activities in England.

The proprietress of the Heathfield House Hotel, Mrs. Doris Catherine Westwood, advised that sometime after Ray checked out on 5/28/68, her husband deposited three $10 American Express checks to their account at their bank. Neither she nor her husband can specifically recall but believe there is a possibility that these travelers checks could have been received from Ray.

It is not known whether it is possible for American Express, New York to check for any checks issued to Ray under the name Ramon George Sneyd without the check numbers, however, if it can be done, New York appropriately handle.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

10:45 AM July 17, 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. DE LOACH
MR. ROSEN
MR. BISHOP

While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, I told him there were some developments in the James Earl Ray matter. I stated first that the airport from which we were going to leave in England is under repair so the plane will be leaving from a different airport called Lakenheath, which is near the other one and is perfectly satisfactory so far as we are concerned. The Attorney General asked if it were a public airport or a Royal Air Force airport and I told him it was a Royal Air Force airport.

I continued that we were told yesterday here in Washington that the Air Force was contemplating going to another field in Arkansas in case some emergency prevented their landing at Memphis. I stated we took the position this was most undesirable because it would involve the transportation of the prisoner from Arkansas to Memphis. The Attorney General stated there are all those bridges to cross, too. I stated also there was the matter of jurisdiction which would be raised. I stated we would not leave the plane if it had to land in Arkansas and just wait until the emergency was resolved and then take off for Memphis.

I said there is also complication in regard to the matter of a plane from here. I stated that Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson yesterday indicated the Air Force indicated a plane might not be available in view of the President going to Honolulu and having to press a number of planes into service. I said there has been no further word this morning. I said this man can leave right now if we had the plane over there, but we have to wait and see what the Air Force is going to do and if they won't furnish a plane, we will have to charter a commercial plane. The Attorney General said he could not believe the Air Force does not have enough planes. I commented that it is ridiculous.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Memorandum for Messrs. Tolson, DeLoach, Rosen, Bishop July 17, 1968

I told the Attorney General that confidentially, the Commandant of the Air Base in London when he was here last week was briefed and told the plane is standing by ready to take off without advance notice. I said this is highly confidential because the Commandant was told this by officers of the Air Force. I said I think they are playing games at the Air Force as they say we have to wait for the return of this Colonel Burleson (phonetic), who is the one Mr. Vinson has been dealing with and he is due back around noon today. I said at that time we will probably know more what the situation is because Ray has now signed the order waiving any appeal so he is ready to move as soon as we get a plane over there. The Attorney General said the Home Secretary has to sign the order. I said he had not yet but he would by noon today so that will clear all formalities, but Ray has already signed the paper he was supposed to sign waiving appeal.

The Attorney General said he would talk with Mr. Vinson, that Clark Clifford, Secretary of Defense, was out of the country. I said I thought it was a matter where he might talk to the highest official over there. The Attorney General said he was sure there was no problem. I said our men are ready to leave at a moment's notice and it should be possible to leave as soon as the Air Force gives clearance and be over in England by evening and be able to arrange to come back tomorrow.

The Attorney General said that the jail may not be ready down there yet, which would be another complicating factor. I told him we understood from our people in Memphis that they were ready as they had put in the bullet-proof shields, et cetera, the Sheriff had picked his squad, and he had five cars standing by in case they were needed.

The Attorney General said then he would talk with Mr. Vinson further and see if we can't move it out and thanked me for calling.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

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Attached is the translation which you requested by letter dated 6/26/68.

The contents thereof, where pertinent, must be reported under appropriate captions and afforded whatever investigative attention is necessary.

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Disposition of the foreign language material submitted in this connection is set forth below:

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit, sent direct without enclosure.

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The Attorney General

July 19, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. McGowan

JAMES EARL RAY

With reference to the extradition of James Earl Ray, Ray was turned over by Agents of this Bureau to officers of the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office and incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail at 5:32 a. m., Eastern Daylight Time, July 19, 1968.

Transportation of Ray from Great Britain to the Memphis Naval Air Station and from the Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail was accomplished without incident.

The Air Force flight surgeon who conducted physical examinations of Ray aboard the plane en route from Great Britain to the United States stated that Ray was in good physical condition.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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STATE 005

URGENT 7-12-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT SANTO DOMINGO NO. 11

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FOLLOWING ARE THE FIGURES PERTAINING TO LEGAT'S INVOLVEMENT IN ABOVE-CAPTIONED CASE:

(1) MANHOURS AGENT - REGULAR APRIL FIFTEEN HOURS, MAY FOUR HOURS, JUNE ONE HOUR; OVERTIME APRIL THREE HOURS, MAY ZERO HOURS, JUNE ZERO HOURS; CLERICAL - REGULAR APRIL FIVE HOURS, MAY ONE HOUR, JUNE ONE HALF HOUR; OVERTIME ZERO HOURS FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE.

(2) TOTAL MILAGE (ESTIMATED) BUCAR - TEN MILES IN APRIL, FIVE MILES IN MAY, TWO MILES IN JUNE; P.O.A. FIVE MILES IN APRIL, ZERO MILES IN MAY AND JUNE.

(3) UNUSUAL COSTS - NONE IN APRIL, MAY, AND JUNE.

(4) PEAK NUMBER OF AGENTS WORKING CASE TWO IN APRIL, ONE IN MAY AND ONE IN JUNE.

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1 - Mr. Rosen
(Mr. Long 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Foreign Liaison
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LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 17, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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REPORT
of the

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: July 17, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861 - 484
Lab. No. D-680715037 JK

Specimens received 7/15/68

Qc389 Two photographs comprising front and back of paper bag bearing on one side the hand printed words "PUT ALL" and on the other side hand printing beginning "PLACE ALL.." and ending "..IN THIS BAG"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Two photographs of latent prints found on bag and copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State

Result of examination:

Specimen Qc389 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Bank Robbery Note File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file.

The process of outlining and filling in the letters comprising the Qc389 note, is more a form of art than hand printing, and therefore normal identifying characteristics of the writer would not be in evidence. For this reason, it could not be determined whether the Qc389 note was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #4059426.

Qc389 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material have been retained.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

(Rev. 8-29-68)

Mechanical Section

July 19, 1968

1 - Mr. McNiff
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Fugitive Section (44-38861)

JAMES EARL RAY, aka- FUGITIVE
I.O.#4182; WFS 442 and 442-A
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY; UFAP - ROBBERY
TOP TEN FUGITIVE

There is set forth below a draft of an Apprehension Order which should be printed and distributed:

Name and Fingerprint Classification	FBI Number	A.O.	I.O.	W.F.	CC	Cancellation
Ray, James Earl 16 M 9 U 000 12 M 4 W 101	405,942 G		4182	442 & 442-A		Extradited from London, England to Memphis, Tennessee on July 19, 1968.

1 - Crime Records
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Cancelled
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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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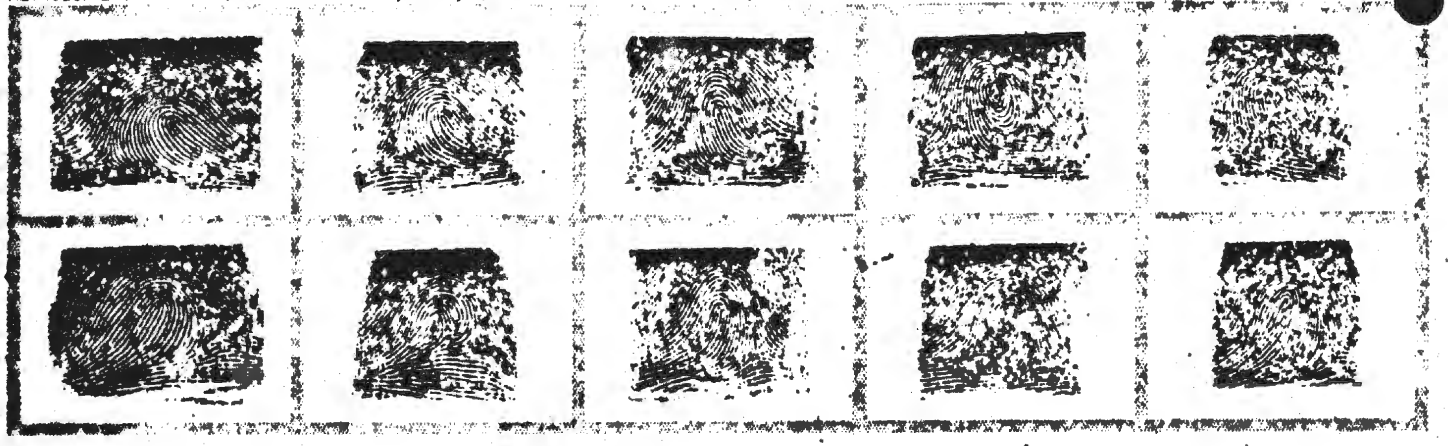
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INTERSTATE FLIGHT - ROBBERY

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JAMES EARL RAY

FBI No. 405,942 C
16 M 9 U 000 12
M 4 W 101

ALIASES: Eric Starvo Galt, W. C. Herron, Harvey Lowmyer, James McBride, James O'Conner, James Walton, James Walyon, John Willard, "Jim"



Photographs taken 1960



Photograph taken 1968
(eyes drawn by artist)



James Ray

DESCRIPTION

AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois
HEIGHT: 5'10"
WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds
BUILD: medium
HAIR: brown, possibly cut short
EYES: blue
COMPLEXION: medium
RACE: white
NATIONALITY: American
OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer
SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on palm of right hand
REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and operating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

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RAY IS SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER WHEREIN THE VICTIM WAS SHOT. CONSIDER ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

Identification Order 4182
April 20, 1968

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20535

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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J. Edgar Hoover

DIRECTOR
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April 19, 1968

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 17 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

159PM URGENT 7-17-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED JULY SIXTEEN LAST.

CANVASS OF APARTMENT AND ROOMING HOUSES VICINITY THE BANK OF ALTON INITIATED; PHOTOS OF JAMES EARL RAY DISPLAYED WITHOUT EFFECTING IDENTIFICATION. CANVASS CONTINUING.

[redacted] OF KNOWN UNRELIABILITY, CLAIMS HE HAS INFORMATION [redacted] DEFINITELY INVOLVED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON, AND USED MOTOR BIKE TO EFFECT ESCAPE. SAME BASIC INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED BY [redacted] COULD NOT BE VERIFIED. [redacted] REFUSES TO DIVULGE SOURCE OF HIS INFORMATION.

GGGMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

END.

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July 5, 1968

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

EX 106

C. L. Sanders

Mr. Charles Leonard Sanders
Managing Editor
Ebony
1820 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60616

Dear Mr. Sanders:

Your letter dated July 1, 1968, and its enclosures have been received.

The interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

The results of any interview will be furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JUL 5 - 1968
COMM-FBI

EJM:cs
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NOTE: See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated July 3, 1968, captioned Murkin, EJM:cs.

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July 1, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover: I have enclosed xerox copies of correspondence that EBONY has had with Raymond Curtis, who describes himself as an inmate at Whitfield County Jail in Dalton, Georgia, and who claims to have information about James Earl Ray and plans to murder Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We thought that you might wish to have one of your agents check the authenticity of the allegations. We would be pleased, Mr. Hoover, to receive any report that can be released in connection with the agent's investigation of Mr. Curtis' charges.

Very respectfully yours,

C. L. Sanders
Charles Leonard Sanders
Managing Editor

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C. 20025

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COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

home address
Raymond Curtis
[redacted]

Mr. John H. Johnson May 30 (1968)

Sir I am Raymond Curtis the man that said we talk about killing king.

will sir there is things that for never been told thing he did and better (?) thing things that would make a Story so if you or Enterrested and want the story then I will look to here form you or some one you send ok.
if you or not enterrested and you no someone that is I would appriciate it if you woud till them about me and give my address ok. I am still at the whitfield County Jail Dalton Ga. 30720. My home address is at th top. sir I would appriciate it if you would let me here form you. thank you for your time.

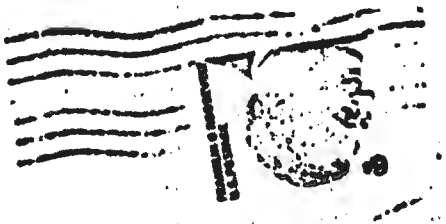
Raymond Curtis

COPY:nm

(The following note from Mr. Sanders was noted on the envelope of the above letter --"1. Initial contact with Curtis."







Mr John H Johnson
C/o Johnson Publishing Co. Inc
1820 S MICHIGAN AVE.
Chicago Illinois 60616

Charles Lonnie Raymond Curtis
Box 21
Tunnel Hill Ga
30720

Dear Attorney

Mr John H Johnson

Sir I am Raymond Curtis the
man that said we talk about
filing suing
will sir there is things that
for never been told
did and Little thing
that would make a story
so if you or Interested and
want the story again I will
look to here form you or
some one your sent of
if you or not Enterested or
you no some one that is I
would appriciet it if you
would still them about me
and give my address. I am
still at the whitfield County Jail
Dalton Ga. 30720. my form adress
is at the top sir I would
appriciet it if you would
me here form you soon
you for your time

Raymond Curtis

May 30

EBONY
1820 South Michigan Ave. • Chicago, Illinois 60616

June 18, 1968

COPY

Dear Mr. Curtis:

Thank you for your recent letter which we read with interest. Before we can determine its value as regards our magazine, we will need more specific information. We would appreciate hearing from you again, giving us more details.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Sanders
Managing Editor

Mr. Raymond Curtis
Box 21
Tunnel Hill, Georgia 30720

CLS:ch

[redacted]

June 22 (1968)

Mr. Charles L. Sanders
Managine Editor

Dear Mr Sanders.

I thank you for your answer to my letter.

I hope that what Details I give you in this letter will be of help to you.

will sir. I have writing a story. no one but myself has Read it but me. at this time I _no_ that it will have to be Re wrote for I am not a writting it not bad as it is.

it all about the crime I (illegible) did and about a crime I did in 1954 with James Earl Ray. and about the 13 years as Prison Pal. and every thing we talk about. every thing and about James Earl Ray wanted the Job of killing Martin Luther King Jr. we talk of killing King for 3 years. and we talk to this man. form mississippi that _new all about th KK businessmen association that was to put up the money to kill king I also _no_ the men man form mississippi.

in that 3 year_ we made maps. Just have to find the Right Plac_ to kill king. will I have made the maps over my self they or with the story also.

and Just where we would go after we kill king So yes when we talk about I was to be in on it. but I was not. the story has it all in it. all the big thing and the little one also. and what Ray like and what he did not like this story could get me kill_ I no that. that is why. I wont send the story by mail I _no_ that this is geting to be a long letter. but when you Read this if you want the story ok. If not Just let me _no_ you dont ok. that way I wont talk to (illegible) more about it ok.

Mr Sanders. there or men in 3 Stat that is behing the King killing. and they dont _no_ what I _no_. but James Earl Ray done.

now that they have Ray. tenn will trial him if they get him back.

will they will want me to tirtefy will I Just dont _no_ yet what I will do.

You see me and Ray were Pal. I could tell what I have to the newes. that not much. or I Could not say evy thing. and. I did not tell the F. B. I. will this is not a book Ha Ha. I am Just trying to tell you what you ask of me in your letter.

if you have a man or have some one down this way if you will have them stop by the Jail I will let them Read the story and you can go form there ok.

I thank you again I will be looking to here form you soon.

Raymond Curtis

I am still in the Dalton Co Jail.

COPY:nm

(The following note from Mr. Sanders appeared on the envelope of the above letter -- "3. Curtis' second letter."

[redacted]

No. 30733-

Mr Charles T Sanders.
Managing Editor

Jan. 2

Dear Mr Sanders.

I thank you for your answer to my letter. I hope that what details I give you in this letter will be of help to you in this case. I have nothing to gain by no one but myself to blame it but me. at this time I no that it will force to be Re-wrote for I am not a writer be it not bad or it is it all about the Crim I sing Dr as about 8 Crim I did in 1964 with James Earl Ray. and about the 13 years in Prison Col. Over the thing we talk about sing thing and about James Earl Ray worked the Job. of killing Martin Luther King Jr. we talk of killing King for 3 years but we all to this one for purpose that how all about the K K. Conspiracy prosecution that

Mississippi

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pitch piny.
was in that 3 year we made
more: just seem to find the
right place to pitch piny.
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the story also. &
and just before we would go
after we pitch piny so you
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to be in ohio. but & was
not. the story for it all is
it all the city thing at the
letter one also. and what Brian
like and what he did not &
this story could get me pitch
& no stab. that is why. &
must send the story keep on
& me that this is going to 2
a long letter. but also
you Read this & you know
of story of my stab pitch
let me so you don't be
that way & must talk to
any more about it. &
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killing. and they dont no
what I no. about James Earl
Ray does.
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they get him back.
while they will wont me a
tiontly I will I just dont
got what I like do.
you see me or Ray when t
I could tell what I you t
he never that not much. o
I could not say eny thing
and I did not tell the F.B.I.
will this is not a book Wh
I or I just trying to tell
what you. but if my
your letter
if you have a son or have
the law this way you
have the top by the
me the the
me a
I
he
you. Ray
I on the Fulton Jail

Raymond Curtis
[redacted]
30755

TUNNEL HILL, GA
JUN 24
PM
1968
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Mrs Charles L London Editor
1820 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVE.
Chicago Illinois 60616

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7/19/68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Submitted herewith to the Bureau, for information purposes only, is one Xerox copy of an "Order on Courthouse and Courtroom Procedures and Publicity," issued by Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Division III, Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, July 18, 1968, in case of State of Tennessee vs. JAMES EARL RAY.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

ENCLOSURE

(2 - Bureau (Enc.-1)
1 - Memphis
EGJ:ME
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EX-103

44-1987-A869

22 JUL 23 [illegible]

[illegible] Unit 3296

JUL 31 [illegible]

Date: July 18, 1968

persons employed in the "Criminal Courts Buildings", their associates, deputies, assistants, staff members and personnel under their supervision and control are forbidden to participa in interviews for publicity and from making extra-judicial statements about this case from this date and until such time as a verdict in this case is returned in open Court.

IX.

All witnesses, persons subpoenaed to Grand Jury or Court, jurors, and those persons summoned but excused from serving as jurors, are forbidden to participate in interviews for publicity and from making extra-judicial statements about this case from this date and until such time as a verdict in this case is returned in open Court.

X.

Nothing in this order shall prohibit any witness fro discussing any matter in connection with the case with any of attorneys representing the defendant or the State, or any representative of such attorneys.

C.W. Preston Judge

JUDGE, DIVISION III

Criminal Court of Shelby County

Date: July 18, 1968

yards or grounds immediately surrounding said buildings. No photographs will be taken of the Jury, nor will they be televised. No sketches will be made in the Criminal Courts Buildings.

III.

All persons seeking admission to the Courtroom will submit voluntarily to a search of his person before being admitted.

IV.

No one will enter the Courtroom after a session has begun without permission of the Court, but must wait until the next recess. No one will leave the Courtroom except at recess or adjournment except in an emergency. At noon recess and adjournment, and at any other time the Jury is retiring from the second floor, or the prisoner is being removed to the jail, the spectators shall remain seated in the Courtroom until the Jury and prisoner have had ample time to withdraw, and said spectators have been given permission to disperse.

V.

The bar of the Court within the rail is reserved for the defendant, counsel, members of the Bar, Court personnel and such witnesses as counsel may desire to be within the bar for consultation purposes. No one else will enter without permission of the Court.

VI.

No one except attorneys of record, their agents, Court personnel, witnesses and jurors may handle exhibits except by order of the Court.

VII.

All lawyers participating in this case, their assistants, office associates, staff members, investigators and employees under their supervision and control are forbidden to take part in interviews for publicity and from making extra-judicial statements about this case from this date until such time as a verdict is returned in this case in open Court.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE VS. JAMES EARL RAY Alias Eric Starvo Galt, Alias John Willard, Alias Harvey Lowmeyer, Alias Harvey Lowmyer.	NO. 16645 Murder First Degree NO. 16819 Carrying Dangerous Weay

ORDER ON COURTHOUSE AND COURTROOM PROCEDURES AND PUBLICITY

The Constitutions of the United States and the State of Tennessee guarantee defendants in criminal cases due process of law and the right to a fair trial by an impartial jury. It is the duty of the trial Court to see that every defendant receives all his constitutional rights.

From the world wide attention attracted to this case at bar resulting in massive and pervasive publicity in the news media, the Court is of the opinion that the following rules are necessary to a constitutionally guaranteed, orderly and fair trial by an impartial jury, and therefore orders:

I.

The term "Criminal Courts Buildings" as used herein shall mean the Criminal Courts Building, 150 Washington, and the adjoining Shelby County Building, 157 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

All entrance ways, corridors, and approaches to Court rooms, offices and other rooms in the Criminal Courts Buildings will be kept clear at all times for free access thereto by those using them in the course of their employment or those having business to transact therein.

II.

No cameras, photographic, television, radio or sound equipment, including tape recorders, will be permitted in the Criminal Courts Buildings or upon the alley-ways, parking lots,

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7/15/68

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In accordance with the Director's instructions the attached memorandum has been revised to the Attorney General to reflect that four Agents completely familiar with our plans have been assigned to receive the prisoner from the British authorities upon his delivery by them to the Air Force plane.

Enclosure

AR:WW
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REC-78 62-3[illegible]4871

16 JUL 23 1968

9 JUL 1968

FBI

Date: 7/9/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/3/68.

Inasmuch as [redacted], Penfield, N. Y., is obviously a mental case, Buffalo should not bother to interview him UACB.

EX-116

REC-65 44-38861-4872

(3) - Bureau
1 - Buffalo (INFO)
1 - WFO (44-703) (INFO)
2 - Memphis

JCH:mjh
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17 JUL 10 1968

Airtel _____

Teletype _____

A.M. _____

A.M.S.D. _____

Spec. Del. _____

C. C. - Bishop

Reg. Mail _____

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM M. MORRIS ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING ARE CURRENT PLANS FOR INCARCERATION OF SUBJECT.

SPECIAL BLOCK BEING PREPARED ON THIRD FLOOR SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. FIVE SEPARATE CELLS IN THIS CELL BLOCK UNIT. NO OTHER PRISONERS TO BE IN UNIT, NOR WILL PRISONERS HAVE ACCESS TO THIS UNIT. CELL BLOCK HAS TWO SEPARATE TV MONITORS, AS WELL AS AUDIO HOOKUP WITHIN CELL BLOCK. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR TWO GUARDS WITHIN UNIT, ONE TO MAINTAIN WRITTEN LOG DURING DAY, THE SECOND TO OBSERVE SUBJECT. THESE MEN ON SPECIAL SHIFTS. SPECIAL UNIT OF FOURTEEN SELECTED OFFICERS OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WILL BE UTILIZED ONLY FOR DEALING WITH SUBJECT. THESE FOURTEEN SPECIALLY SELECTED DEPUTIES, ACCORDING TO SHERIFF MORRIS, WILL BE TRAINED BY J. J. CLARK OF BUREAU OF PRISONS. AT PRESENT TIME, LT. JOHN BROWN OF BUREAU OF PRISONS IS MEETING ON CONTINUING BASIS WITH ONE OF SPECIALLY SELECTED DEPUTIES AND FURNISHING ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO HIM.

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Investigative Section

SHERIFF MORRIS ALSO ADVISED THAT ACCESS TO UNIT IN WHICH SUBJECT WILL BE MAINTAINED WILL PERMIT NO ACCESS TO OTHER EMPLOYEES OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE IN CONNECTION WITH FOOD TO BE SERVED PRISONER. FOOD WILL BE SELECTED ON RANDOM BASIS FROM FOOD SERVED OTHER PRISONERS IN SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. THIS FOOD WILL THEN BE PLACED IN LOCKED CONTAINER AND DELIVERED TO CELL BLOCK IN WHICH SUBJECT WILL BE MAINTAINED.

SPECIAL STEEL PLATE BEING INSERTED INSIDE LOCKED AND SECURED WINDOWS IN CELL BLOCK OCCUPIED BY PRISONER. BUILDING ACROSS COURTWAY, AND ONLY ADJACENT BUILDING, IS COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING. ALL WINDOWS IN COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING WILL BE SECURED. SHERIFF AT PRESENT TIME MAKING ARRANGEMENTS TO INSURE ALL PUBLIC BUSINESS IN ADJACENT BUILDING WILL BE HANDLED IN OTHER COUNTY BUILDINGS IN CITY DURING PERIOD OF INCARCERATION OF SUBJECT. WITH CLOSED WINDOWS WHICH ARE FROSTED TYPE, AND QUARTER INCH STEEL PLATE, SUBJECT DURING PERIOD OF INCARCERATION CANNOT BE SEEN FROM OUTSIDE JAIL. LIKELIHOOD OF SUBJECT BEING SHOT UNDER THESE CONDITIONS WOULD APPEAR EXTREMELY REMOTE. IN ADDITION, ARRANGEMENT AND LOCATION

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CELL BLOCK IS SUCH THAT PRISONER WILL NOT BE EXPOSED TO ANY OUTSIDERS OR ANY EMPLOYEE OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BEYOND SELECTED GROUP OF FOURTEEN WHILE IN TRANSPORT FROM CELL TO COURTROOM. SUBJECT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED TO TRAVEL THROUGH ANY OPEN PUBLIC CORRIDORS.

SHERIFF MORRIS HAS STATED IT IS HIS INTENTION TO INSIST ON A PHYSICAL SEARCH OF ALL PEOPLE WHO ENTER COURTROOM DURING PERIOD OF TRIAL. STATED HE IS MAKING ARRAGEMENTS FOR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS THAT ALL NEWSPAPERMEN AND OTHERS WHO WILL ENTER THE COURTROOM WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND COVERED WITH VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPE. IT IS HIS INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THIS VIDEO AND AUDIO TAPE ON DAILY BASIS AND MAKE PERMANENT STORAGE OF THIS TAPE AT CONCLUSION OF TRIAL. HE ALSO STATED THAT DURING PERIOD OF TRIAL HE WILL ESTABLISH A PERIMETER, NOT YET DECIDED UPON, OUTSIDE THE AREA OF THE COUNTY JAIL. ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING EMPLOYEES WHO WISH TO ENTER THE COUNTY JAIL, MUST PASS A TRIPLE CHECK IN ORDER TO SECURE ACCESS TO THE COUNTY JAIL. ACCESS INTO THE COUNTY JAIL IN ITSELF WILL NOT PERMIT ANYONE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL AND SEPARATE AUTHORIZATION TO COME INTO AREA WHERE PRISONER WILL BE KEPT. COURTROOM IN WHICH TRIAL IS

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CURRENTLY PLANNED WILL HOLD APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE. THIS FIGURE INCLUDES JURY, POLICE OFFICERS, JUDGE, EMPLOYEES OF COURT, AND SUCH MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC CITIZENS WHO WOULD BE THERE.

INSOFAR AS TRAVEL FROM INSTALLATION AT WHICH SUBJECT WILL BE DELIVERED, SHERIFF MORRIS STATED HE PLANS TO HAVE TACTICAL UNIT HANDLE TRANSPORTATION OF PRISONER. THIS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY FIVE AUTOMOBILES AND ONE ARMORED CAR IN WHICH PRISONER WILL BE TRANSPORTED. FOUR OF AUTOMOBILES WILL HAVE FIVE FULLY ARMED DEPUTIES IN UNIFORM. ONE UNIT WILL HAVE FOUR MEN WITH ALL AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. FINAL SECURITY PLANS AT INSTALLATION HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY RESOLVED SINCE IT IS NOT KNOWN EXACTLY WHEN OR AT WHAT TIME PRISONER WILL BE RETURNED. THEREFORE DEEMED ADVISABLE NOT TO MAKE EXTENSIVE PLANS TOO FAR IN ADVANCE SINCE POSSIBILITY EXISTS PLANNING AT INSTALLATION AWAY FROM IMMEDIATE CONTROL OF SHERIFF COULD CONCEIVABLY RESULT IN LEAK OF INFORMATION TO PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED. P.

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FBI WASH DC

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

I talked with John Minnich in London and advised him of the departure of the plane for Lakenheath Air Base. All arrangements have been rechecked and found to be in order.

Minnich verified the fact all local charges have been dropped; that the extradition order will be signed by the Home Secretary at 6:00 p. m., London time, 1:00 p. m., Washington time, today. Minnich has stated the Home Secretary has indicated it will be necessary for him to make an announcement concerning the signing of the order at 6:30 p. m., London time.

Minnich has established a contact point at the airfield where he will be stationed in ample time to recheck all arrangements and to be available for any contact which the Bureau may need to make with him.

You will be advised of any further developments.

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JUL 23 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 7-18-68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

FINGERPRINT FROM LONDON, ENGLAND, BANK ROBBERY IDENTIFIED AS FINGERPRINT OF JAMES EARL RAY

This case concerns the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Identification Division received from Legat, London, England, two photographs of latent print on a bag bearing words 'PLACE ALL 5-10 POUND NOTES IN THIS BAG," used in Fulham bank robbery, London, England.

The latent fingerprint has been identified as a fingerprint of James Earl Ray.

A copy of the incoming airtel from Legat, London, is attached.

General Investigative Division, Memphis Division, and Legat, London, have been advised.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

44-38861

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad

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ENCLOSURE

JUL 25 1968

FBI

Date: 7/8/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) PERSONAL ATTENTION
ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

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ReLonairtel 7/3/68.

Enclosed are documents as follows:

(1) Photograph of note on paper bag beginning "Place all...."

(2) Photograph of note on bag, "Put All."

(3) Two photographs of latent print on bag.

(4) One copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State dated 7/3/68 pertaining to desire of ARTHUR J. HANES to visit RAY in prison.

Concerning robbery of the National Provincial Bank and the bank in Devon & Cornwall, Plymouth, mentioned in referenced airtel, Chief Superintendent TOM BUTLER, New Scotland Yard, advises RAY has been eliminated as a suspect in both.

Concerning the Fulham bank job BUTLER advises he will not see RAY regarding this. BUTLER has been advised by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to let this matter rest until RAY is on his way out of England. The DPP advises that

C.C. - Bishop

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per SIX
Special Agent in Charge

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if BUTLER were to see RAY on this and RAY denies it, then a charge of armed robbery would have to be placed against RAY. Armed robbery cannot be heard in Magistrate's Court but must go to the Central Criminal Court (CCC). The CCC has a crowded calendar and a charge of armed robbery against RAY could result in a delay of six to eight weeks in his ultimate removal. BUTLER advises he will attempt to get an admission out of RAY when he transports him to the airport for removal to the U. S.

Concerning HANES, he did arrive in England on 7/5/68 and he saw RAY on that date. He returned to the U. S. on 7/7/68. Newspaper clips pertaining to HANS submitted by routing slip to the Bureau.

Sources at New Scotland Yard advise they are in process of preparing overall report re investigation this matter, and I hope to obtain unofficial copy by end of this week, with official copy to follow.

At the discretion of the Bureau, all or any of the foregoing may be disseminated to Department of Justice.

Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 19 1968

TELETYPE

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1:08 PM URGENT 7-19-68 MEM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY EIGHTEEN, LAST.

CANVASS OF APARTMENTS AND ROOMING HOUSES VICINITY THE BANK OF ALTON COMPLETED TODAY; DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF JAMES EARL RAY UNPRODUCTIVE.

[redacted] CONTINUES AT ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Martindale

July 23, 196

It is noted that a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charging the subject, as Eric Starvo Galt, with a violation of Section 241, Title 18, United States Code.

It is our understanding that prosecution of the above charge is no longer possible in view of the fact that this offense was not cited in the order of extradition. It is requested that we be advised as to whether this is correct and if this is so, it is suggested that the Department arrange for the immediate dismissal of the Federal complaint.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 12, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

In accordance with the Director's instructions, there is attached hereto a memorandum to the Attorney General, with a copy to Vinson, to the effect that the Director has, in accordance with his conversation with the Attorney General, immediately issued instructions to go forward with the appropriate plans in order to carry out the Bureau's responsibilities insofar as the transportation of subject James Earl Ray from London to the United States is concerned. We will also advise the Attorney General that he will be informed of the proposed arrangements at the jail and of its security, in addition to the plans of the Sheriff for the take over of subject Ray from the FBI at the Naval Air Station in Memphis.

For your information, the Memphis Office has been instructed to immediately obtain this information and the plans of the Sheriff for the transportation of the prisoner from the Naval Air Station to the jail and his subsequent plans concerning the detention of the individual in the Shelby County Jail. Memphis has also been instructed to keep in touch with the situation so as to know of all intelligence that would be of value in preventing any overt act against Ray after he is placed in the custody of the Sheriff.

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The Director's comment to the Attorney General that there would be three Special Agents and an Air Force physician accompanying Ray, rather than four Agents, is correct, according to my understanding. It is also pointed out that in accordance with the Director's instructions, ASAC Harold Light was not being sent to Memphis inasmuch as the Director had approved sending only one man to Memphis to look things over and this would be about two days prior to Ray's arrival rather than sometime next week as Vinson has indicated.

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Vinson's memo said 4 days since that was our commitment. Correct.

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

With reference to Vinson's memorandum to the Director which was received subsequent to the Attorney General's visit, Vinson sets forth several items which are entirely new insofar as details are concerned.

The details concerning the arrangements on the aircraft, the identity of the Major General who will maintain liaison with Minnich, the selection of the air crew are new items which have not been discussed in detail. The other items mentioned have been brought up generally in discussions but no final decision was reached. For example, as to whether an Air Force physician would be used, we had previously advised you that an Air Force surgeon would be more desirable than a Public Health physician.

Vinson had never reached a definite decision as to whether he would ask the Bureau to transport the subject from the Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail and had specifically asked that the Bureau inquire concerning the Sheriff's intentions. When this was discussed with Vinson on July 10, 1968, and pursuant to the Director's instructions, I called the SAC at Memphis concerning this and he advised me as reflected in my memorandum of July 11, 1968, that the Sheriff had made detailed plans concerning the transportation and detention of Ray.

It is also pointed out that the other matters which have been referred to by Vinson have previously been the subject of memoranda showing that these items were being considered. At no time did I represent to Vinson that any discussion with him was other than for the purpose of being aware of the plans which he had made in order to assist us in carrying out our responsibility. No commitment was made to Vinson except for those matters which were specifically approved in memoranda heretofore submitted.

ACTION: Memorandum to the Attorney General is attached.

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The Attorney General

July 15, 196

Director, FBI

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JAMES EARL RAY

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In connection with our discussion concerning the plans for the transportation of subject James Earl Ray upon his being ordered extradited from England, I wish to advise you that steps have been taken to put into effect those plans which will implement the FBI's responsibility in this matter.

In this connection, our Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office has conferred with the Sheriff of Shelby County concerning his detailed arrangements for transporting Ray from the Memphis Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail. He has also advised our Memphis Office of his detailed plans concerning detention arrangements with special reference to security aspects. I will advise you of these arrangements as soon as the details are received from our Memphis Office. Any information coming to our attention affecting the security of Ray will be brought to the attention of the Sheriff.

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With reference to the removal of the prisoner, I have assigned four Agents completely familiar with our plans to receive the prisoner from the British authorities upon his delivery by them to the Air Force plane. Our Agents will then be able to request the Air Force flight surgeon to immediately give the prisoner a physical examination. In this connection, Mr. Vinson has indicated in his memorandum of July 11, 1968, that an Air Force flight surgeon will be furnished for the flight.

Inasmuch as the Sheriff has planned to transport the subject from the Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail and in line with our concern for the security measures instituted by the Sheriff, I have instructed an Agent completely familiar with our plans to proceed to Memphis a couple of days in advance of Ray's arrival to check over the procedures which have been instituted.

NOTE: Classified Secret inasmuch as incoming from Department so classified. See memo Rosen to DeLoach 7/15/68 captd. MURKIN AR:ww

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: July 17, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

I met with Vinson concerning arrangements for the flight. He advised me he had spoken to Colonel Burleson and suggested I call him concerning the arrangements.

In the meantime, he said he wanted to advise me of tentative arrangements by the Home Secretary who is supposed to announce after the group is airborne that the extradition order has been signed. Vinson said he was saying this with tongue in cheek because he does not know whether this actually will be held by the Home Secretary or released just as soon as he signs the order.

I asked him when the Agents would depart. He said there is a probability of departing tomorrow and most likely on Friday.

I called Colonel Burleson in order to get him before the close of business and said Vinson had suggested I touch base with him. I advised him our Agents were ready to proceed and wanted to know where they were supposed to report. He said they should report to the MAT Terminal Building at Andrews Air Force Base between 9:30 and 9:45 tomorrow morning; that the plane would be at this terminal. It is Air Force Plane 4129. I gave him the names of the three Agents who would depart and stated Harold Light would be in charge of our party.

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I advised him that Light would want to talk to the Flight Commander. Colonel Burleson said he would be at Andrews and would introduce Light to the Commander. I advised the Colonel that Light had certain plans with reference to the handling of the prisoner and so forth and would want to brief the Flight Commander. He said he would arrange for this.

The question of whether the flight would take place tomorrow was raised. Colonel Burleson said there was a 90% chance that it would leave tomorrow. (There is a possibility the President may want this plane for the Hawaiian trip.)

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There will be an air flight surgeon on board. Burleson was advised that he would need to examine the prisoner upon arrival at the air base, take care of any emergency in flight, and give him a physical examination upon arrival in the U.S. All food will be supplied by the Air Force.

With reference to the arrangements Vinson has made, he advised me that Colonel Burleson was to have a cover story for the flight.

Vinson asked about arrangements in London, and I advised him Minnich had been in touch with the General and had established necessary liaison for the handling of the prisoner.

Vinson stated he would alert Immigration Commissioner Farrell tomorrow to have a man available at the air base when it is definitely known that the prisoner will be returned.

Vinson also advised me J. J. Clark of the Bureau of Prisons will be in Memphis. He has previously looked over the facilities and will be there when the prisoner arrives. Vinson said he was obtaining the names of the employees of the Sheriff's Office who were assigned for special guard duty of the prisoner. He said the Bureau of Prisons men had previously checked on these persons and found them to be satisfactory; however, he would like to have a name check made through our files. He will furnish the names and date and place of birth of the various individuals. This will be handled when the names are received.

Vinson advised me he had planned to have a press release which was to be made when the prisoner was received at the Sheriff's Office. He said he was going to have Sessions of the Department get in touch with Bishop's office concerning this.

He advised me the plane will return from Memphis to D.C. and consequently our Agents will be able to return on the plane.

Vinson stated in his conversation with Burleson earlier today prior to my call, the question of payment for the craft was brought up and this was the first time it was mentioned. The Colonel indicated he thought it would run around $10,000 and there was no further comment made of this by Vinson to Burleson. Vinson mentioned to me that, of course, the

Department had no funds. I told him the Bureau had no funds for this transportation that I knew of and that insofar as we were concerned I was going to let the matter stand as is until some further comment was made. He said the question of funds came up because he asked Colonel Burleson whether the plane was coming back to Washington in which event the Agents could stay on the plane. It was at that time he said Burleson brought up the fact the Department of Justice was paying for the plane anyway so as many men as desired could get on the plane at that time. No mention was made to me concerning payment for the plane when I talked with Burleson.

ACTION:

Our Agents have been alerted and will be at Andrews in the morning at the designated time.

Minnich has been advised of the probability for his information only and Minnich has again advised me that all arrangements have been completed and he merely needs to know the time of arrival and is prepared to go forward with all of the arrangements that have been perfected.

The Department has insisted on making all arrangements. The Department should bear the expense.

D. Mohr certainly.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: 7/17/68

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Legat Minnich called from London to advise that Arthur Hanes, attorney for Ray, saw subject Ray today. Minnich does not know the substance or nature of the conversation.

Minnich stated that all of the press services are running wild with speculation as to when Ray is going to depart, where he will depart from, and so forth. Minnich indicated we should be expecting all sorts of stories concerning this matter but insofar as he knows - it is all speculation.

Hanes has advised the press that the Department of Justice is blocking his efforts with respect to his relationship with subject Ray, his client. According to Minnich the above position will probably be amplified by the press.

The Consul General advised Minnich today that in conversation with Hanes he had pointed out to Hanes that the Department of Justice, namely Vinson, regretted that Hanes could not be allowed to accompany the subject; that Hanes would understand the reason why; and that insofar as Hanes activities on behalf of his client in Britain were concerned, the Department of Justice had no control over this.

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Arrangements have also been made for Assistant Legat Attache Alden McCray to be in contact with the Bureau in the absence of Minnich when he departs from London.

I inquired of Minnich if any details were available concerning British plans for transporting the prisoner. He advised me that in view of the open line he would prefer not to give me all of the details but assured me he has gone over all of the arrangements and is thoroughly satisfied with security, etc. He did explain in guarded language that the prisoner would probably be moved when final notice was received that he was going to depart for the U. S. to an intermediate point under proper security measures and that this point would be near the final

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departure point, namely Lakenheath Field. This would facilitate in assuring that the prisoner would get to the departure point without any difficulty. Minnich feels that all of the arrangements which have been made are entirely satisfactory.

ACTION:

If there are any changes in the situation in London, you will be advised.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

DATE: July 17, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Minnich called from London to advise me that Hanes is in London and has seen the Consul General at the U. S. Embassy. He is now in the process of holding a press conference and is furnishing information to the press concerning his activities. He is indicating that he has requested permission to accompany Ray on the flight back to the United States, that Ray is waiving any appeal and he wants to get back and get things over and done with. Minnich said Hanes has indicated his request of the Department of Justice has been to see his client alone and, if not, to accompany him on the plane.

The Consul General has advised Minnich that the Consul General told Hanes he knew of no arrangements for Hanes to accompany the subject. Hanes also mentioned that if all his requests are denied he would want to see his client just as soon as he arrives in the United States.

Minnich has also been in touch with General Lightner in London and all arrangements have been finalized so far as Minnich is concerned. Minnich has also advised the General of Hanes' desire to see the subject and that Hanes would probably make numerous protestations about getting on the base. Minnich has advised the General that Hanes has not been given any permission to interview the subject. The General said that Hanes would not be allowed on the base nor near the aircraft.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen

TO: MR. TOLSON

DATE: 7/16/68

FROM: C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Legat Minnich called me at 1:30 p. m. this afternoon. He wanted to report on the latest information he had received in captioned case. He stated that previously the defense attorney, Arthur Hanes, had written the Attorney General (AG) to indicate that he did not want his client to be interviewed. He also stressed in his letter to the AG that he, Hanes, desired space on the plane bringing his client back to the United States. Minnich stated he understood that the AG, in effect, had advised Hanes that insofar as space was concerned, this would be impossible.

Minnich stated that Hanes called the AG today to indicate that he was proceeding to London and that he wanted to fly back with his client. Minnich told me it was his understanding that the AG had replied that this was impossible. I interrupted Minnich to tell him that I had just returned from lunch and did not know of these details. Mr. Rosen advised me that the Director had called him asking several questions and had indicated the above information. He was also advised that the Director was very definitely opposed to Hanes being allowed on the plane and would object very strenuously to it.

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Insofar as the appearance this morning in court by subject Ray, Minnich stated that this was a simple remanding procedure whereby Ray was legally held over by the British authorities for another eight days based upon his violations of British law. This was a necessary procedure every eight days so that the subject can be legally held under British law. This procedure has nothing to do with subject's extradition. The entire hearing lasted some 30 seconds this morning.

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Minnich was asked about the timing of the subject's departure. It was indicated that we were particularly concerned with getting him out of London once authority had been given to do this. It was pointed out that the Director did not want any delays chargeable to the FBI in connection with the transportation to the United States.

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DeLoach to Mr. Tolson
Re: MURKIN

Minnich stated that his best estimate of the situation is that the Minister of the U. S. Embassy will be informed by the Home Secretary as to when the extradition order will be signed. Minnich understands that Vinson has been in touch with the Minister and that just as soon as the Minister learns of the time that the order will be signed, he will be in a position to call Vinson and alert him. Under the present plans, the Minister believes he will know at approximately midnight on Wednesday, July 17, 1968. This will be around 7:00 p. m. Washington time. Minnich understands that Vinson is to receive a call around 7:00 p. m. from the Minister alerting him to the fact that the extradition order will be signed the following morning, which will be Thursday, July 18, 1968.

In this connection it is noted that if the order is signed on Thursday morning, in order to get the subject out of London that evening, it would be necessary for the plane to leave the United States no later than 9:00 a. m. Thursday morning, July 18th. It would appear that the Air Force would therefore have to be alerted so that it can be prepared to depart on schedule. We have previously been informed by Vinson that the Air Force needs 24 hours advance notice. This being true, then Vinson should alert the Air Force no later than tomorrow morning.

I told Minnich that I felt this answered the questions that the Director had raised, but in the event there were any additional questions, I would be back in touch with him immediately.

ACTION:

In view of the above information, it is suggested that we call Vinson and tentatively pose the question as to whether or not the Air Force should be put on notice as of tomorrow morning, July 17, 1968. As things now stand, this would certainly seem to be in order.

Yes. L

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Martindale

DATE: July 15, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Vinson advised me he received a call this morning from the Consul General in the Embassy in London in connection with this matter.

He said that apparently a committee or board of the British Government has to approve any appeal that is taken to a higher court. Apparently they considered the matter over the week end and the committee has disapproved the request of Ray's counsel to appeal this case on the basis that it was frivolous. Apparently this decision will be appealed and it should be acted upon sometime this week. However, if the appeal committee upholds the board's or committee's decision, then the order could become final and the U. S. Government would have to move earlier than was anticipated.

He said he was uncertain about his conversation because he did not trust telephone lines and he was going to be in touch with the Consul General later today and will get more details.

It is noted that Minnich has already advised me in more detail concerning this matter.

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Vinson also asked whether we had had a chance to look over his memorandum. I told him we had and just as soon as the entire matter had been approved by the Director he would be advised. He wanted to know whether his memorandum created any serious objections and I said I did not know of any serious problems at this time.

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He mentioned that Colonel Burleson, who is handling this matter for the Secretary of the Air Force and the General Counsel of the Air Force, would not be back in Washington until Wednesday and this might create a problem because he had been familiar with the Air Force arrangements and no one else.

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Date: 7/15/68

Transmit the following in AIRTEL
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: LEGAT, HONG KONG (44-1)(RUC)

MURKIN

ReBucab 7/2/68.

The following are figures from the Legat, Hong Kong Office as requested in reBucab: (They are for the period from case inception through 6/30/68)

SA Regular	SA VOT	SA Total	Clerk Regular	Clerk VOT	Clerk Total
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No transportation cost was incurred by this office and there were no special or unusual expenses.

July figures would be one hour SA regular time and one hour clerical regular office hour time.

No further action remains in this matter at Hong Kong.

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 15, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

While talking with Minnich at London, I advised him of the current status of matters and he informed me that the developments appear to be taking form along the following lines:

He understands that subject Ray will probably not want to file an appeal, in which event the last day within which such action can take place will be July 17th. This would be at the close of business on Wednesday, July 17th. Ordinarily the matter would then be in form to be sent to the Home Secretary and he would probably within a period of 48 hours sign the extradition order. This would be either on the 19th or 20th, assuming he received the order for signature on the 18th following the lapse of 15 days which would be at the end of July 17th.

The Minister of the U. S. Embassy has tentatively set up an appointment to meet with the Home Secretary between 6:00 and 7:00 p. m., London time, on Tuesday night. This is to be an informal discussion concerning the procedures which will be followed.

When Minnich finds out concerning these developments, he will advise us.

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In order to firm up arrangements which have heretofore been set forth, I called Vinson to ascertain whether he had made definite arrangements for the plane and had firmed up its departure time. He advises me he has been in touch with London and the Minister should be in the position to advise Vinson sometime late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning of the time the final order will be signed and the date departure may take place. This will depend upon when the Home Secretary intends to sign the extradition order.

As soon as Vinson gets a definite time from the Minister, he will alert his contact in the Air Force, Colonel Burleson in Washington. The Colonel is presently out of the city and will not return to Washington until Wednesday. Vinson understands our Agents will go to London on the

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Air Force plane and will take over immediately upon the prisoner being delivered by the British authorities.

Vinson also suggests it would be well for me to accompany him to Andrews Air Force Base on Thursday at 11 a. m., to look at the plane. He also suggested that this would be an opportunity for Light to also examine the plane, (ASAC Harold Light, Quantico.)

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

(1) That Special Agent Kenneth Bounds be instructed to proceed to Memphis in order to check over security arrangements which have been made at that point.

OK

(2) That ASAC Light accompany Vinson and Rosen to Andrews Air Force Base in order to meet Colonel Burleson and establish proper liaison.

OK

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 7/16/68

FROM : C. D. DE LOACH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. Rosen and I met for approximately two hours this morning with Special Agents Light, Zeiss, Martindale and Bounds, all of whom, in addition to Legat Minnich, have been assigned duties in connection with the return of subject Ray in this case. SA Bounds, as approved by the Director, will proceed to Memphis to handle plans there as well as serve as liaison with appropriate authorities.

During the session this morning, all possibilities were completely discussed. The above-mentioned Agents are thoroughly familiar with planning and how to handle themselves upon delivery of the prisoner, during flight, and at touchdown in Memphis. These are all experienced, capable men and it is obvious they are enthusiastically looking forward to their assignment.

Both Rosen and I will be here at FBI Headquarters during the night hours and will have an open line to Memphis shortly prior to and during touchdown. We will, of course, be immediately notified upon take-off in London.

EX-110 REC. 47 44-38861-4889

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Legat Minnich called at 10:50 a. m. this morning and indicated that the U. S. Consul General, American Embassy, London, had received a cable from the U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C., relative to delivering to the British Foreign Office by 5:00 p. m. today, on a confidential basis, the identities of the escort officers who will accompany Ray back to the United States. The names of the four Agents in question were given to Minnich and he, in turn, will furnish them to the Consul General.

Minnich stated that if Ray decides to make no further appeal upon seeing his British attorney some time today, then in all probability extradition papers will be signed by the British as of tomorrow night, July 17, 1968. Minnich will, of course, immediately notify us of such action.

Minnich has a conference scheduled at 9:00 a. m., July 17, 1968, with the commander of the military base from which the plane will take off after the extradition papers have been signed. All details insofar as security is concerned will be discussed at that time.

ACTION: For information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 17, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

Legat Minnich, London, called this morning to furnish the following information.

Solicitor Eugene, who represents Ray in the extradition proceeding, has assured the U. S. Consul General that no appeal will be filed; however, the fifteen day appeal period, which expires tonight, must still run its course. The Consul General has advised Minnich that if no appeal is filed today the Home Secretary is expected to sign the final papers at 5:30 p.m. (12:30 p.m. Washington time) 7-18-68, and Ray can be removed at that time.

The Consul General also told Minnich that he understands Vinson is meeting with the Attorney General in Washington at noon today to decide when the escort party's flight will depart for London.

There is no record of Hanes' arrival in London and British sources speculate that Hanes cancelled his trip after telephoning Ray's British counsel and being assured there was no possibility of his being able to accompany Ray to the U. S.

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Minnich has been in touch with General Lightner, the Commanding Air Force General in England. There are no problems with the Air Force in England. It is noted that Vinson has told us Minnich would be expected to supply food for the prisoner and escort party. General Lightner said this would be completely unnecessary as it is his understanding that the plane will be fully provisioned for 1125 passengers. This will be verified when we are able to establish direct contact with the Air Force in Washington, it being noted that up to the present time all liaison with the Air Force here is through Vinson.

General Lightner also stated that Mildenhall Air Base, which was to be used in England, is undergoing repairs

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and cannot be used for this flight. The landing will be at Lakenheath, an RAF field near Mildenhall which is used by the Air Force. General Lightner said there will be no problems involved in using this field.

It is noted Vinson has told us the Air Force will require 24 hours notice to provide a plane. [redacted]

ACTION:

This is being closely followed and you will be kept advised of all pertinent developments.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

DATE: July 17, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Vinson called with reference to the current developments.

He advised me the Presidential warrant has left the White House and should be in our hands within an hour or two.

I inquired about the arrangements for the aircraft. He advised me he was to be in touch with Colonel Burleson around 2:30 this afternoon and that he will call me after he has completed his discussions with him.

I asked him whether the departure time had been set. He said there was a possibility the plane could leave tomorrow; however, it would be more likely on Friday. I indicated I hoped it would be tomorrow and, in any event, would like to know just as soon as a decision is reached.

I inquired as to the identity of the man who would clear our escort party upon return to the United States at the Memphis Naval Air Station. It is recalled Immigration and Naturalization Service Commissioner Ray Farrell had advised Vinson our group could be immediately cleared without any difficulty so there would be no delay in turning the subject over to the Sheriff. Vinson said he had not obtained this name but he had been in touch with Farrell and all that Farrell needs is a couple of hours inasmuch as he has a man stationed at Memphis. He will let us know in ample time of the identity of this person.

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ACTION:

I will continue to follow Vinson for a definite answer as to departure time of the plane. The men have been alerted and are ready to proceed just as soon as the word is given.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: July 17, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

I have been in touch with Vinson this morning and he has advised me the news stories concerning subject Ray's waiving an appeal are totally misleading. He said the contact he has made with English barristers is clearly to the effect the 15-day waiting period is mandatory and he could sign 18 waivers in the meantime and they would have no effect. This means the 15-day period will not expire until midnight, London time, tonight. According to the information Vinson has, the British authorities would not sign the extradition order until tomorrow and that most probably it will be at the close of business, British time, tomorrow.

I asked him if the plane was ready inasmuch as our Agents are prepared to leave. I also mentioned if the order was to be signed tomorrow we ought to be ready to pick him up tomorrow. He said he did not think this would be done tomorrow but rather would be done on Friday. I stressed the need for getting a definite answer from him as soon as possible.

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I asked him if the Presidential warrant had been prepared. He advised me he had talked with the State Department yesterday and had jacked them up on it but it is not ready as yet. He said he would check again with them. He said that insofar as the subject being interviewed is concerned, he is sending some correspondence to the Bureau indicating that Hanes had requested that subject Ray not be interviewed and if he be interviewed it should be done in his presence. He also said he would send us some correspondence concerning a letter Ray sent to the Attorney General in which he mentioned he had gotten a lawyer and did not intend to talk.

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Vinson said this raises a question as to whether we should interview him at all in view of the fact he will be transported as a prisoner. He said, of course, if Ray volunteers any information, we, of course, would listen. He also advised me in the correspondence he was sending over there is a reference to the fact Ray feared for his life because he was being transported by the FBI. [redacted]

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The question of whether a recorder should be used was discussed during the conversation and Vinson said after consideration he did not feel this was desirable as such equipment would have to be on at all times in order to be acceptable and then the Agent's testimony would be necessary anyway.

ACTION:

I will keep pressing Vinson for a definite answer with reference to the departure time and the Presidential warrant.

Keep pressing.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 7/18/68

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The Agents have proceeded to Andrews Air Force Base where they are supposed to contact Colonel Burleson. This is to take place between 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. Arrangements have been made to be advised if the plane will depart and also the exact departure time will be furnished the Bureau when the plane is airborne.

The Presidential warrant is in possession of the Agents. This gives them authority to receive the subject from the British. It bears the signatures of the President and the Secretary of State.

The local British charges against Ray according to the news dispatches were dismissed after it was indicated the extradition order would be signed. This is in accordance with information furnished by Minnich that this would probably be done in order to prevent any further delays. Minnich will advise us when the Home Secretary signs the extradition order today. This should be around 5:30 p.m. British time (12:30 p.m. Washington time). Arrangements have been made to be advised of this when it occurs.

ACTION

You will be advised of any further developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 22, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. Bounds

This is to advise that Special Agent Kenneth L. Bounds of the General Investigative Division on special assignment, Memphis, Tennessee, participated in the turnover of James Earl Ray to Sheriff William N. Morris, Shelby County Sheriff's Office on the morning of 7/19/68.

Sheriff Morris advised Special Agent Bounds he fully understood that once he accepted custody of Ray aboard the military plane, the responsibility of transporting the prisoner to the county jail rested entirely with the Sheriff. However, he asked if Special Agent Bounds could restrain the prisoner on the aircraft and accompany him with the prisoner to the county jail as a matter of cooperation. Special Agent Bounds agreed to this arrangement.

Shortly after the prisoner was legally turned over to the Sheriff, Special Agent Bounds proceeded to apply the Sheriff's restraining gear on the prisoner. The restraining belt was placed around the prisoner's waist and he was asked by Special Agent Bounds, "Is this too tight?" and the prisoner replied, "No." Special Agent Bounds then placed the Sheriff's handcuffs through the restraining belt and applied them to the prisoner's wrist at which time Special Agent Bounds asked the prisoner, "They are not too tight, are they?" and the prisoner replied, "That's fine."

Thereafter, the prisoner was escorted from the plane by Sheriff Morris and Special Agent Bounds and he was immediately placed into an armored car. Special Agent Bounds accompanied the armored car to the Shelby County Jail and upon arrival at the jail, Special Agent Bounds and Sheriff Morris hurriedly escorted the prisoner safely into the confines of the jail without incident.

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For information and record purposes.

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CABLEGRAM

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1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. LOng
1 - Mr. Martindale

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

MAJOR GENERAL LAWRENCE S. LIGHTNER, COMMANDING GENERAL, THIRD AIR FORCE, SOUTH RUISLIP, LONDON, WAS BRIEFED IN WASHINGTON LAST WEEK REGARDING AIR FORCE TRANSPORTATION FOR RAY'S REMOVAL. ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH LIGHTNER AND WORK OUT DETAILS FOR HANDLING REMOVAL WITH AIR FORCE AT LONDON : INCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET PRISONER AND ESCORTS AT GATE TO TAKE THEM DIRECTLY TO PLANE.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 15, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Martindale
1 - Mr. McDonough

John Minnich, Legat London, called at 6:20 a. m., 7/15/68, to advise that a Government board in London which grants legal aid certificates has refused to grant a certificate to James Earl Ray. Board has indicated it would be a waste of money to take Ray's cause to the high court.

The solicitor who is acting for Ray is appealing this board's decision to an appeals committee which will hear this on Wednesday, 7/17/68. If the appeals committee upholds the board's decision, that will be the end of Ray's legal actions and Ray's case will not go to the high court unless Ray or someone else will put forth money for legal aid. In the event no one puts up money, it means in all probability the final orders will be signed by the Home Secretary on or about 7/19/68. According to Minnich, this will mean that the Bureau will have to be prepared to move on the evening of 7/19 or 20, 1968.

Minnich states foregoing information will be telephonically given to Assistant Attorney General Vinson by the Consul General at the Embassy today at 12:15 p. m., London time, 7:15 a. m., Washington time.

It is noted Ray had been ordered extradited by the Magistrate's Court in London on 7/2/68. The procedure permits an appeal to be filed within 15 days and it was previously indicated an appeal would be filed 7/17/68 and heard 7/29/68.

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This is for your information. Minnich states he will keep the Bureau advised of further developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 16, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Vinson advised me the Attorney General had received a letter from attorney Arthur Hanes asking for permission to be on the plane coming back with the prisoner. Vinson said he answered this letter and in effect told Hanes in view of Hanes' previous experience in the Bureau he should know that this was impossible.

He said that Hanes is on his way to London. The Solicitor representing the defendant, as well as the Solicitor representing the Tennessee and Missouri authorities who are seeking his extradition, will decide tomorrow after they talk with Hanes as to what is going to be done about the appeal.

The Home Secretary has been in touch with the Minister and the Consul General. The Consul General has advised Vinson that if there is no appeal he understands the Home Secretary will sign the order at the close of business Thursday.

Vinson inquired of the Consul General whether the order could be held by the Home Secretary without any publicity until the prisoner was released. The Consul General stated he has been advised that the Home Secretary would have to publicly announce the fact that he had signed the extradition order on Thursday night, London time.

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Vinson then asked the Consul General concerning the time when departure from London would have to take place. Vinson said he understood Minnich was in the office of the Consul General and asked to talk to him. He asked Minnich what his preference would be as to leaving London. Vinson advised me that Minnich indicated his personal preference would be Friday. I am advising Minnich he is not to talk to Vinson any more and to refer any inquiries to Washington.

Vinson said the departure time would have to be dependent upon when the Air Force could get its plane to London. He stated this presented some problems because he would not know definitely when the order would

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be signed until sometime Wednesday evening, at which time he expected a call from the Embassy in London. He said that recognizing the Air Force needed 24 hours advance notice it would mean that the Air Force, in order to be ready to handle the transportation Thursday night, would have to be advised Wednesday morning. He went into the problem of having to get in touch with the Air Force and put them on alert and perhaps cancel the plans if a change in departure time took place. Consequently he said he was a little reluctant to request any plans for the Air Force to stand by if he had to subsequently cancel them.

Vinson asked me for my views and I told him I thought it would be well to get the prisoner out of British hands just as soon as we could once the extradition order had been issued so that there could be no delay chargeable to us and this, therefore, would be Thursday night. I told him that insofar as our men were concerned we were ready and able to move at any time and that he should let us know when a decision is reached as to when departure will take place from London and also what arrangements have been made with the Air Force because our men are going to have to get on the plane that is going to transport the prisoner.

He said he would immediately begin discussions with the Air Force concerning this matter and he would let us know.

Subsequent to the above conversation, I talked with Minnich and told him the information which Vinson had given me concerning his conversation with Minnich. Minnich stated he was in the office of the Consul General and one of the individuals there indicated to Vinson that Minnich was in the office. Vinson asked to talk to Minnich. Minnich did not indicate any preference for Friday as stated by Vinson. Minnich indicated to me that insofar as he was concerned just as soon as the aircraft would be available and all arrangements made by Vinson, he, Minnich, was ready to move. He indicated he understood Vinson was to make all arrangements for the handling of the aircraft and just as soon as this was arranged there were no problems as far as he was concerned.

Minnich also advised me he had been in touch with the British authorities and they assured him that if the extradition order was issued and signed on Thursday, the British would be ready to move that day.

I again reiterated to Minnich if he gets any calls from Vinson he should refer them to Washington.

Right.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

ACTION:

We will keep the pressure on Vinson and find out when the aircraft will be ready and when the prisoner is going to be made available for transportation. This is his problem and it ought to be placed directly in his lap.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 16, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Martindale

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Assistant Attorney General Vinson called and indicated he had learned through his sources in London that it was highly unlikely any appeal would be filed by subject Ray.

I asked him what arrangements had been made with reference to the aircraft. He said that he will have to wait until noon 7-17-68, for the return of Colonel Burleson. He said the real problem has been due to the Hawaiian Conference coming up at this time, creating a problem for the Air Force. He said he would be in a better position to tell us on 7-17-68, of the arrangements that will be made.

He said he has gotten word to London that Hanes will not be allowed on the plane.

Vinson advised me the Air Force was considering an alternate landing field in case of an emergency and indicated there was one in Arkansas approximately 50 miles from Memphis. I told him that insofar as we were concerned if an emergency landing was necessary, we had no intention of leaving the plane, that we would wait until the emergency was clear and deliver him to Memphis in accordance with our initial arrangement. It was noted that if we delivered him to Arkansas authorities, this would create another problem, not only regarding transportation on land but also insofar as jurisdiction is concerned.

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Subsequent to Vinson's call, it was learned that the Department of State had advised the Embassy in London with reference to a revision in the letter which is being prepared by the American Government concerning the extradition of Ray. One sentence was of concern to the Bureau inasmuch as it indicated the Agents will carry the "usual Presidential warrant."

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Upon receipt of this information, I immediately called Vinson and advised him this was the first information we had received that

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

our Agents would carry a Presidential warrant and that such was necessary. He said he would check on it immediately. He called me back and indicated that such a warrant was necessary and that he had made arrangements for it to be prepared and delivered to the Bureau. He asked that I communicate with the individual in the State Department who would be familiar with it.

I contacted Mr. M. B. Feldman and advised him of the identity of the four Agents who would be in the escort party. He said he would have the Presidential warrant prepared and would have it ready in a couple of days. I told him that this would not be satisfactory, that we might need this warrant tomorrow or the next day and that it would have to be gotten into my hands as soon as possible.

I then called Vinson and advised him that the State Department apparently did not realize that this had to be obtained as quickly as possible. He said he would call State Department and jack them up on it.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

1. I have a call in trying to get Vinson. I have not been able to reach him this morning as yet (July 17, 1968).

2. We have received information from Minnich this morning that he has established contact in London with the Air Force and the field will be near Mildenhall, which is under repair. The landing will, therefore, be at Lakenheath.

Minnich [redacted] understands the flight is on a stand-by basis. This is contrary to the information Vinson has been feeding us. It appears if this is correct the Attorney General and Vinson are jockeying for a time to suit themselves. The Minnich call is the subject of a separate memorandum.

In connection with the above, this does not change the information which we had initially received that the time does not expire mandatorily for appeal until the close of business today, which is midnight London time, which means that the flight, in order to get the subject out as quickly as possible, would have to leave by 9:00 a.m., Thursday morning. We will keep pressing Vinson on this.

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FBI MEMPHIS

7:58 PM URGENT 7-17-68 DNB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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FBI - DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
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RE MEMPHIS TEL JULY TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT, SIX FIFTYEIGHT P.M.

ON THIS DATE, SA K. L. BOUNDS MET WITH SHERIFF WILLIAM M. MORRIS AND REPRESENTATIVES HIS STAFF. DURING DISCUSSION WITH SA BOUNDS, SHERIFF MORRIS REPEATED VARIOUS ITEMS SET FORTH RETEL. AFTER DISCUSSING THESE ITEMS, SA BOUNDS WAS TAKEN TO CELL BLOCK TO BE OCCUPIED BY SUBJECT INSTANT CASE. AS OF TEN THIRTY THIS MORNING, STEEL PLATE HAD NOT BEEN POSITIONED IN BETWEEN WINDOWS AND CELL BLOCK WHERE SUBJECT TO BE INCARCERATED. AT APPROXIMATELY FOUR P.M. THIS AFTERNOON, SHERIFF MORRIS ADVISED STEEL PLATE NOW IN POSITION. PLANS CONTEMPLATED BY SHERIFF FOR REARRANGEMENT OF ENTRANCE INTO COUNTY JAIL NOT YET COMPLETED. DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATION FOR ALTERNATION COMPLETED BUT MATERIAL FOR COMPLETION OF INCREASING SECURITY IN ENTRANCE TO PRISON NOT YET RECEIVED BY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SHERIFF ANTICIPATES THIS MATERIAL WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS AND WORK WILL PROGRESS WHETHER PRISONER IS OR IS NOT IN CUSTODY.

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ROUTE FROM CELL BLOCK TO COURTROOM IN WHICH TRIAL WILL BE HELD WAS TRAVELED BY SA BOUNDS. AT EACH STAIRWELL AND INTERVENING CORRIDOR, SHERIFF MORRIS ADVISED DEPUTY WILL BE POSITIONED TO INSURE NO OUTSIDERS WILL BE IN CORRIDOR OR STAIRWELL DURING PASSAGE BY SUBJECT. THIS AREA NOT OPEN TO PUBLIC.

PRIOR TO SUBJECT'S DEPARTING FROM ENCLOSED STAIRWELL AND PASSAGEWAY, A DEPUTY WILL SCREEN AREA OUTSIDE COURTROOM TO INSURE NO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL. AFTER THIS HAS BEEN DONE AND ONLY THEN WILL SUBJECT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER AREA OUTSIDE COURTROOM AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENTER COURTROOM. SHERIFF MORRIS ALSO ADVISED HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH APPROPRIATE JUDGE CERTAIN BASIC RULES WHICH HE WANTED JUDGE TO ISSUE IN CONNECTION WITH CONDUCT OF NEWSMEN AND OTHERS AT SCENE. SHERIFF MORRIS INDICATED HE ANTICIPATED NO PROBLEM IN RECEIVING NECESSARY ORDER FROM JUDGE TO CONTROL ACTIVITIES OF NEWSMEN.

SHERIFF MORRIS ALSO ADVISED HE WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO INSURE THAT SUBJECT DID NOT LEAVE CELL BLOCK EVERY DAY AT EXACTLY SAME TIME TO APPEAR IN COURT. HE SAID ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE SO THAT DEPARTURE OF SUBJECT FROM CELL TO COURT WOULD BE AT VARYING TIMES ON EACH APPEARANCE IN COURT.

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FURTHER DISCUSSION HAD WITH SHERIFF MORRIS RELATIVE TO CONTEMPLATED PICKUP OF SUBJECT WHEN SITUATION ARISES. SHERIFF MORRIS STATED HE FELT HE NEEDED MINIMUM OF SIX HOURS NOTICE BUT WOULD PREFER MORE THAN THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. IT IS NOTED SHERIFF MORRIS STILL PLANS UTILIZATION OF TACTICAL UNIT AS INDICATED PREVIOUS MEMPHIS TEL. SHERIFF MORRIS OF OPINION, AND MEMPHIS OFFICE CONCURS, THAT MOVEMENT OF TACTICAL UNIT OF THIS SIZE TO INSTALLATION WHERE SUBJECT WILL ARRIVE AT ONE TIME WOULD CREATE UNDUE INTEREST. SHERIFF MORRIS FEELS HE WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO DEPLOY VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES OF TACTICAL UNIT IN AREAS CONTIGUOUS TO INSTALLATION WHERE THEY COULD REMAIN HIDDEN FOR REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME. AFTER SUCCESSFULLY DEPLOYING MEMBERS OF TACTICAL UNIT, HE PLANS TO ALERT EACH UNIT ON PERIODIC INTERVALS SHORTLY BEFORE ARRIVAL OF SUBJECT SO THAT THESE UNITS CAN ASSUME POSITIONS ON INSTALLATION. SHERIFF MORRIS INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO GO ABOARD AIRCRAFT AND ASSUME CUSTODY OF SUBJECT AT THAT TIME. P.

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517 PM DEFERRED 7-18-68 DHD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

AS A RESULT OF A RIGID SECURITY PROGRAM IN EFFECT IN THE AREA OF THE SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., JAIL, FRANK A. MINNICK, WHITE MALE BORN [redacted], OWNER OF FRANK A. MINNICK INSURANCE COMPANY, MEMPHIS, WAS ARRESTED THIS A. M. BY OFFICER OF THE MEMPHIS PD AFTER IT WAS REPORTED THAT MINNICK WAS ROAMING AROUND THE VARIOUS FLOORS AND THE BASEMENT OF THE SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AND REMARKED TO A CUSTODIAN OF THE BUILDING THAT HE WAS A U. S. GOVERNMENT AGENT CHECKING THE BUILDING OUT. MINNICK REFUSED TO DISPLAY IDENTIFICATION WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO AND WAS THEREAFTER AFFESTED ON A PUBLIC DRUNK CHARGE. THE COUNTY JAIL IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING.

MINNICK DENIED TO BUREAU AGENT THAT HE REPRESENTED HIMSELF AS A U. S. GOVERNMENT AGENT. MINNICK APPEARED IN CITY COURT P. M. THIS DATE AND HIS CASE WAS CONTINUED UNTIL JULY TWENTY FOUR NEXT IN ORDER THAT HE MAY RETAIN AN ATTORNEY.

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AUSA, WDT, MEMPHIS, DECLINED PROSECUTION OF MINNICK RE POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF IMPERSONATION STATUTE DUE TO INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR A SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION.

MINNICK'S WIFE CLAIMS HUSBAND HAS BEEN ILL FOR PAST THREE AND ONE HALF MONTHS WITH A SEVERE ASTHMATIC CONDITION AND DUE TO HIS INABILITY TO WORK AND DESPONDENCY HE HAS BEEN DRINKING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO EXCESS.

AUSA'S OPINION BEING CONFIRMED BY LETTER AND MEMPHIS IMPERSONATION CASE BEING CLOSED. P.

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KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 66

7/18/68

airtel

1 - Name Check

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurtel July 17, 1968.

Pursuant to your request, Bufiles have been reviewed and contain no pertinent derogatory data concerning any of the names listed in retel other than data which appears in your files.

Under date of July 18, 1968, AAG Vinson furnished a list of 25 local officers who will be responsible for Ray's security, with a request for check of Bufiles.

For your information, there is enclosed herewith a copy of Mr. Vinson's request, together with a copy of the Bureau's reply thereto dated July 18, 1968.

The above is for your information.

Enclosures (2)

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Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Gandy

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: July 18, 1968

95-100-473

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

Attached is a list setting forth the names, birth dates, race and residence of those members of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, Memphis Police Department and the Tennessee Highway Patrol who will be assigned to security detail during the above subject's incarceration in Shelby County.

Will you please run an indices check and let me know the results as soon as possible.

Attachment

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REC-82 44-38861-4902

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Name	DOB	Department	Race	Residence
[redacted]		Tennessee Highway Patrol	white	Memphis
[redacted]		Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
[redacted]		Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
[redacted]		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
[redacted]		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Tennessee Highway Patrol	"	"
[redacted]		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
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[redacted]		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Shelby Co. Sheriff's Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"

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Name	DOB	Department	Race	Residenc
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	white	Memphi
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"
[redacted]		Memphis Police Dept.	"	"

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1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Name Check

NAME CHECK

July 19, 1968

Mr. Fred K. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

REC 22 44-38161-4902

JAMES EARL RAY

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Reference is made to your letter of July 18, 1968, your reference 95-100-473, requesting a check of the files of this Bureau concerning 25 members of local law enforcement agencies who will be assigned to security detail during the above subject's incarceration in Shelby County.

The files of the FBI have been reviewed based on the identifying data furnished by you and our files reveal no identifiable pertinent information concerning the individuals listed by you with the exception of the following:

[redacted] We have not investigated [redacted] however, our files reveal that [redacted], who may be the father of [redacted] was the subject of two civil rights investigations. He, the father, was a deputy sheriff of Hardin County, Tennessee. Copies of the reports of these investigations were furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice in the cases captioned [redacted]

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[redacted] This individual was the subject of a civil rights investigation in September, 1964. A copy of the investigative report was furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the title [redacted]

[redacted] This individual was the subject of a civil rights investigation along with others in 1966. Copies of the investigative reports were forwarded to the

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Civil Rights Division of the Department under the title of [redacted]

[redacted] Investigations were conducted involving [redacted] and others on civil rights matters in June, 1963, and November, 1965. Copies of the investigative reports in both cases were furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the titles [redacted]

[redacted] This individual was the subject of a civil rights investigation in March, 1967, and a copy of the investigative report was furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department under the caption [redacted]

NOTE: Regarding [redacted] matter, two civil rights investigations alleging the father of subject of inquiry and other deputy sheriffs beat a drunk and cafe owner, both white. Case was tried by jury and subjects found not guilty in July, 1965. The other investigation was typical allegation of beating. Department furnished copies; no further action. [redacted]

The [redacted] matter was a typical civil rights allegation of brutality involving the beating of a white male. Reports furnished Department and no further action taken. [redacted]

In the [redacted] matter, complete investigation conducted concerning four highway patrolmen in Memphis. Reports furnished the Department; no further action taken. Allegation was that officials manhandled a Negro male, his wife and two daughters. Allegations denied. [redacted]

In the [redacted] matter, both investigations involved Negro victims who were drunk and disorderly. Preliminary investigation conducted and no further action requested by the Department. [redacted]

NOTE CONTINUED, PAGE THREE.

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.

NOTE, CONTINUED:

In the [redacted] matter, victim, white male, alleged beaten by subjects. Subject advised victim hit with flashlight when resisted arrest. No further action requested by Department.

In addition to the above da[redacted], [redacted] was the subject of a Bureau applicant matter in July, 1955. Investigation developed no deror re[redacted]. In view of the nature of this information, it is not being furnished to Vinson. [redacted] was also investigated as an applicant for INS in 1962. No derogatory information was developed. [redacted]

Re [redacted] he EOD'd in the Bureau 12/2/57 and resigned 1/24/58 as he desired to be nearer his home in Tennessee. No derogatory information and above not furnished to Vinson. [redacted]

Classified "Confidential" inasmuch as incoming so classified. No "group" classification being assigned as Vinson had no such classification on incoming.

July 19, 1968

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. McGowan

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

With reference to the extradition of James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., I thought the following information might be of interest to the President.

British authorities turned Ray over yesterday evening to the custody of Agents of this Bureau who accompanied him, aboard a United States Air Force plane, to the Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tennessee.

Ray was turned over by FBI Agents to officers of the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office and was incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail at 5:32 a. m., Eastern Daylight Time, July 19, 1968.

The transportation of Ray from Great Britain to the Memphis Naval Air Station as well as from the Naval Air Station to the Shelby County Jail was accomplished without incident.

The Air Force flight surgeon who conducted physical examinations of Ray aboard the plane en route from Great Britain to the United States stated that Ray was in good physical condition.

Sincerely yours,

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AM URGENT 7/19/68 RJT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY ARRIVED ABOARD MILITARY AIRCRAFT AT MILLINGTON NAVAL AIR STATION THREE THIRTYSEVEN A.M. THIS DATE PRE-PLANNED ARRANGEMENTS WENT SMOOTHLY. TRANSFER OF PRISONER TO SHERIFF COMPLETED FOUR ZERO ONE AM. DEPARTURE FROM NAVAL AIR STATION IN CONVOY AT FOUR ZERO SIX AM. SUBJECT ENTERED INTO SHELBY COUNTY JAIL FOUR TWENTYNINE AM. THIS DATE. ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS HELD WITHOUT INCIDENT.

P. END.

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All info. from MPD was included in memo sent to DC & White House - sent to Atty. Gen. 7/19

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FBI Wash DC

4:14 PM URGENT 7-22-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY NINETEEN LAST.

HAZEL DREW, PAMELA SCHNEIDER, CAROLYN LEE, CAROL WYATT [redacted] ALL OF WHOM ARE AQUAINTED WITH SUSPECTS IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON, AND HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO COOPERATE WITH BUREAU, ADVISED THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DEVELOP ANY INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO THAT ALREADY FURNISHED. ALL INDICATE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK POSITIVE INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD.

DEMOS NICHOLAS, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, [redacted] STATES HE FEELS [redacted] HAS INFORMATION TO PROVIDE AND WILL ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP SAME AND PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE TO BUREAU.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO,, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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Date: 7/22/68

PLAIN TEXT

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to New York dated 7/17/68, with copy for Memphis requesting New York to determine if American Express Company could check for any checks issued to RAMON GEORGE SNEYD without the check numbers.

[redacted]

American Express Company, Inspector's Office, 351 Park Avenue South, New York, stated that a check by name only cannot be made.

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1- Memphis (44-1987)
1- New York

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Approved _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7-22-68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

JOHN T. MINNICH

Submitted herewith for the completion of Bufile instant case is a property list pertaining to subject this case. It is noted that Legal Attache [redacted] signed this list as being the data and material which he received from Scotland Yard. The second signature is that of SAC, who acknowledged receipt of same from Legat [redacted] and the third signature is that of the Chief Jailer, Shelby County Sheriff's Department, H. L. PARKER, who received the material from SAC, Memphis. The original is being maintained in the Memphis file.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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PROPERTY IN RESPECT OF RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

On Person

ONE .38 'Liberty Chief' revolver

FIVE rounds of .38 ammunition

ONE Canadian Passport No. YT 602294 in name of Ramon George Sneyd.

ONE Canadian Passport (cancelled) No. DJ 909324 in the name of Ramon George Sneyd.

ONE Birth Certificate No. ND 33785 in the name of Ramon George Sneyd

ONE black billfold

ONE comb

ONE pencil

ONE Airline ticket B.E.A. No. 0602/9903/116- London to Brussels

ONE Airline ticket B.O.A.C. No. 0614/4256/8753- London to Toronto

ONE Key on ring

ONE yellow metal tie clip

ONE white metal wristlet watch on white metal bracelet

A quantity of correspondence

ELSEWHERE

ONE suitcase

ONE light brown jacket

ONE pair blue trousers

ONE pair brown trousers

ONE pair grey trousers

ONE Polaroid 220 camera

SIX gent's shirts

THREE pairs of underpants

FOUR gent's singlets (T-shirts)

FIVE handkerchiefs

FIVE pairs of socks

TWO towels

ONE blue cap

FIVE ties

ONE Hifi Deluxe radio in case

TWO pairs of sunglasses

ONE Collin's dictionary

ONE plastic wallet

John T. Minnich
Robert B. Jenson
D.L. Parker

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C.P.I.C.

Elsewhere (continued)

ONE Portuguese 50 centavos piece
TWENTY-ONE air mail envelopes
ONE bottle opener
ONE writing pad
ONE screwdriver
ONE pair of nail clippers
FIFTEEN Aspros
ONE can shaving foam
ONE safety razor
ONE can deodorant
ONE jar skin cream
ONE bottle shampoo
ONE tube hair dressing
TWO tubes toothpaste
ONE toothbrush
ONE inhaler
ONE bottle liniment
ONE suede brush
ONE tin shoe polish
ONE hand mirror
TWO bars soap
TEN safety pins
ONE book matches
THREE plasters
TWO metal clips
ONE reel thread
ONE comb
ONE roll adhesive tape
ONE raincoat
ONE tie
ONE belt
ONE pair of trousers
ONE jacket
ONE baggage ticket
ONE envelope bearing name 'R. SNEYD'
962 Dundas Street, Toronto
ONE Barclays Bank slip in name of Sneyd
ONE passenger ticket No. 0471"125363 T.A.P. Airlines
ONE envelope containing four photographs of self

Effects (continued)

ONE receipt No. 177 from Hotel Portugal

ONE Kennedy travel bureau receipt No. 33273

ONE 1967 almanac

ONE book on Rhodesia

ONE book 'The Ninth Directive'

ONE map of London

ONE S.A.L. timetable

ONE map of Portugal

ONE picture magazine

ONE book 'Self Hypnotism'

ONE book 'Psycho'

ONE book 'How to cash on your hidden memory power'

TWO paper-backed books on hypnotism

TEN 5-pound Bank of England notes

ONE 1-pound Bank of England note

9/6d silver

One blue plastic carrier bag.

Two brown suits

One multi-colored handkerchief

One pair brown shoes

One pair black socks

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

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REC 22

TO LEGAT OTTAWA (44-4)

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) 4908

MURKIN

REURCAB JULY EIGHTEEN LAST.

YOU SHOULD FURNISH COMPLETE LISTING OF ITEMS SUBMITTED BY YOU UNDER MURKIN CAPTION.

COPY MAILED MEMPHIS.

1 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (Enc.)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (cleared with SA Graham Day)

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NOTE: In view of subject being prosecuted by Tennessee authorities, Legat, Ottawa had been requested to advise if items submitted by them can be disseminated to Tennessee authorities. They advised that items of investigation as conducted by RCMP can be disseminated and requested to advise if a complete listing should be submitted. Legat is being requested to submit a complete listing to Bureau in order to insure that we are in receipt of all items.

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URGENT 7-18-68

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 1P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL JULY TWELVE LAST.

REQUEST CONTAINED IN REBUTEL JULY TWELVE LAST WAS DISCUSSED WITH [redacted] RCMP HEADQUARTERS, ON JULY SEVENTEEN LAST AND HE SAID NO OBJECTION TO FURNISHING TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES ANY OF INFO DEVELOPED AS RESULT RCMP'S INVESTIGATION.

IN VIEW ABOVE, ADVISE IF STILL NECESSARY TO SUBMIT COMPLETE LISTING.

END.

FJB

FBI WASH DC

Cablegram Legat, OTT 7-23-68 FEL

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BRD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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July 10, 1968

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Honorable Harold Brown
Secretary of the Air Force
Washington, D. C. 20330

Dear Dr. Brown:

I want to express my sincere appreciation to you, Mr. John A. Lang, Jr., and Colonel Frank Simokaitis for the invaluable assistance you rendered in connection with the transportation of James Earl Ray back to the United States.

The importance of this task cannot be overstated and without your complete cooperation, it could not have been accomplished so successfully. My associates and I are indeed grateful and send our thanks to each of you.

Sincerely yours,

1 - Memphis

NOTE: See Rosen to Mr. DeLoach memorandum, dated 7-19-68, captioned: "MURKIN."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 19, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In connection with the handling of the transportation of James Earl Ray back to the United States and his delivery to custody of local authorities in Memphis, Tennessee, on 7/19/68, the following individuals are being suggested for letters of appreciation in recognition of their contribution to the successful completion of this mission.

- Honorable Harold Brown
  Secretary of the Air Force

- Mr. John A. Lang, Jr.
  Administrative Assistant to the
  Secretary of the Air Force
  (rode in the plane and perfected arrangements for obtaining the Air Force plane)

- Colonel Frank Simokaitis
  Aide to Mr. Lang
  (rode in the plane and also assisted in the obtaining of the aircraft)

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- Colonel Aaron C. Burleson
  (Air Force liaison with the Department in working out arrangements for Air Force transportation)

- Major Frank K. Babbitt and crew
  (Babbit was Flight Commander and crew, of course, were fully cooperative)

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ALL MILITARY ADDRESSES OBTAINED BY LIAISON

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Captain Charles A. Rohrmann
(Air Force flight surgeon who examined Ray in the aircraft en route to the United States)

Major General Lawrence Lightner
Commander, Third Air Force
Ruislip, England, and Staff
(General Lightner and his staff afforded full cooperation to Legat, London in perfecting the phases of this mission in England)

Sheriff William N. Morris, Jr.
Shelby County (Memphis), Tennessee
(Sheriff Morris took custody of the subject in Memphis and was fully cooperative in connection with the security arrangements worked out for the transfer of the prisoner from FBI custody to his custody)

Chief Henry Lux
Memphis Police Department
(furnished assistance in security arrangements connected with the transfer of custody of the subject)

Captain William B. Morton
Chief of Naval Air Technical Training
Naval Air Station
Memphis, Tennessee
(afforded cooperation in connection with touch down area)

Captain L. A. Hoke, Jr.
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station
Memphis, Tennessee
(afforded cooperation in connection with touch down area)

It is suggested that the letter involving Secretary of the Air Force Brown, Mr. John A. Lang and Colonel Frank Simokàtis be addressed to Mr. Brown only but that it comment on Mr. Lang and Colonel Simokàtis specifically for their cooperation.

ACTION:

That this be forwarded to the Crime Records Division for appropriate letters of recognition to the indicated individuals.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 19, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

James Earl Ray was returned to the United States today on a U. S. Air Force plane in the custody of FBI Agents and was turned over to the Sheriff's Office of Shelby County (Memphis), Tennessee, early this morning. This mission was completed without incident.

The extradition order was signed by the British Home Secretary at 6 p.m., London time, 7/18/68 (1 p.m., Washington, D. C., time).

The Air Force plane departed London at 7:38 p.m., Washington, D. C., time, 7/18/68, and touched down at the Naval Air Station in Memphis, Tennessee, at 4:37 a.m., Washington, D. C., time, 7/19/68. The subject was afforded a physical examination by the Air Force flight surgeon aboard the aircraft, was processed by the Customs Inspector and Ray was then turned over to the custody of Sheriff William M. Morris of the Shelby County (Memphis), Tennessee, Sheriff's Office.

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The subject was then transported in an armored van preceded by three Sheriff's Office cars and followed by three additional Sheriff's Office cars. The party escorting the prisoner left the Naval Air Station at Memphis at 5:07 a.m., Washington, D. C., time, and Ray was incarcerated in the Shelby County Jail at 5:32 a.m., Washington, D. C., time. The transportation of the subject from Great Britain to the Naval Air Station in Memphis and from thence to the jail was accomplished without incident.

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Enclosures (2)

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7-19-68

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

According to SA Harold Light, who was in charge of the FBI escort crew, Ray was no problem on the plane, was docile and although food and drink was offered to him, he declined to eat or drink. No effort was made to interview him and he volunteered no information. Just prior to touchdown in Memphis Ray complained of having a headache, the Air Force doctor was notified and he provided Ray a couple of aspirins. The Air Force flight surgeon, after giving Ray a physical examination on departure from England and arrival in Memphis, stated that he was in good physical condition.

The original proposed press release (copy attached) was discussed with Cliff Sessions, Departmental Public Information Officer, on 7/18/68 and he insisted the release be discussed with Assistant Attorney General Vinson and the Attorney General. Vinson and the Attorney General instructed that the press release be shortened and the names of the Attorney General and the Director be omitted in order to, as they stated, play the release in a lower key. Appropriate action, however, was taken by the Crime Records Division on conferring with our news contacts in making an extensive dissemination to the news media of the attached approved release at 5:34 a.m., Washington time, today, 7/19/68. The release was also furnished to the Memphis Office.

Letters have been prepared for the White House and the Attorney General advising them of the successful completion of this mission. (sent 8:45 am 7-19-68)

ACTION:

For information.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 19, 1968

James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., was returned safely to the United States today.

British authorities turned Ray over yesterday evening to the custody of FBI Agents, who accompanied him on a nonstop flight from London aboard a U. S. Air Force C-135 to Memphis, Tennessee.

The plane left Great Britain at 7:38 p.m., EDT, yesterday and arrived at the Memphis Naval Air Station at 4:37 a.m., EDT, today.

Upon arrival he was turned over by the FBI to the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office and was lodged in the Shelby County jail.

The transportation of Ray to the United States was accomplished without incident.

44-38861-4910

ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

James Earl Ray, wanted in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was returned to the United States today according to an announcement by Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said that British authorities released Ray at today to the custody of FBI Agents. Ray was immediately placed aboard a U.S. Air Force plane which proceeded nonstop to the Memphis Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tennessee. Upon arrival in Memphis, FBI Agents released Ray to the custody of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Hoover explained that Ray, due to his failure to appeal a British court ruling that he be extradited to the U.S., had, in effect, waived further judicial proceedings in Great Britain. Mr. Hoover said that the extradition proceedings in Great Britain had been based on a first degree murder indictment which was returned by the Shelby County Grand Jury in Memphis on May 7, 1968, and on his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, in April, 1967.

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ENCLOSURE

Mr. Hoover further advised that Ray will be held in custody in Memphis pending prosecutive action by local authorities.

FBI

Date: 7-22-68

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE will hear trial of JAMES EARL RAY. Memphis indices disclose no pertinent derogatory data concerning BATTLE. Memphis indices disclose Airtel submitted to Bureau in Bufile 44-30948 captioned "Deputy (FNU) BONNANO, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office; UNSUB, Jailer, East Baton Rouge Parish Jail, East Baton Rouge, Louisiana; UNSUB, Jailer, Memphis Police Department Jail, Memphis, Tennessee; Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court, Division #3, Memphis, Tennessee; DOUGLAS LANIER - VICTIM, CR." This Airtel was RUC communication from Memphis. Victim instant case alleged Judge BATTLE violated his constitutional rights.

Another reference in Memphis file disclosed Airtel dated 11-1-65 submitted to Bureau under caption "W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge, Shelby County Court, Memphis, Tennessee; GEORGE EDWARD DRAPER, Public Defender, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee; WILLIAM D. HAYNES, Assistant Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tenn.; Lt. JAMES P. TALLEY, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee; HAROLD WARD YATES - VICTIM, CR." In this Civil Rights complaint, victim YATES alleged that Judge BATTLE refused to let him say anything during course of trial and alleged BATTLE violated his rights by this and the excessive sentence which was given him.

In addition, [redacted] advised he has known Judge BATTLE personally for 25 years. He described BATTLE as being respected both socially and professionally in the community. Judge BATTLE further described as Judge who makes all attorneys "toe the line" in his courtroom and is strict in regard to proceedings. [redacted] advised in confidence that he had never heard a word against Judge BATTLE's character, reputation, integrity, or ethics as a Judge

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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

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Via _____ _____
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Further, for the assistance of the Bureau, there is submitted herewith an article which appeared in the Mid-South Edition of the "Memphis Press Scimitar" on 7-19-68, which further described Judge BATTLE.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

He's 'Stickler For the Law'

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, one of the most experienced trial judges in Memphis, was announced today as the judge in the trial of James Earl Ray for the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A short, heavyset man who runs a no-nonsense courtroom, Battle has been trial judge for a number of major cases since he first took the bench in 1959. He presided at both trials of Louis F. Montesi, grocery executive convicted of killing his wife.

Battle's decisions have been reversed several times, including the first Montesi trial, but lawyers say this is the mark of a judge who hears a lot of cases and isn't afraid to blaze new trails.

Serious, almost scowling, on the bench, the 60-year-old judge is a stickler for legal aspects of a case and often recesses court to check a point of law.

Lawyers who try grandstand tactics in the courtroom are likely to draw sharp words from the judge, but he displays exceptional patience with defendants or witnesses who appear nervous or seem not to understand legal procedures.

A lifelong Memphian, Judge Battle attended Washington & Lee University and the University of Memphis Law School, now part of Memphis State University School of Law.

ONCE SHY

He has said in the past that his shyness and timidity in his younger days led indirectly to his law career, that he had an aversion to speaking in public and joined the literary society at Memphis University School to overcome it.

After receiving his license to practice law in 1933, he became assistant district attorney general for Shelby County, a post he held for 11 years, serving on the staffs of Atty. Gens. W. T. McLain, Marion Boyd and Will Gerber.

In 1945 he entered private law practice in Memphis, with the majority of his cases devoted to criminal law. In 1959 he was appointed judge for Division III of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, a newly created court, and has since been elected to the bench.

BAR LEADER

A member of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association, he has served on the board of directors and executive committee. He has served as president of the Memphis and Shelby County Mental Health Association, has been active in adult education classes at Southwestern and goes deep sea fishing for a hobby.

Married in 1941 to the former Florence Warfield Boyce of Memphis, he has four children, Mrs. E. Frank King, W. J. Britton III, Mrs. E. R. Kinnebrew III, and W. Preston Battle Jr.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 1

MEMPHIS PRESS SCIMITAR

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 7-19-68
Edition: Mid-South
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Editor: CHARLES H. SCHNEIDER
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Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

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JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE
To Preside in Ray Trial

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 7/22/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LITTLE ROCK (157-1215) (P)

RE: MURKIN

Re Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68; Jackson airtel, 7/5/68; and, Little Rock airtel, 7/11/68.

Re: RAYMOND CURTIS,
INTERVIEW IN COUNTY JAIL
AT DALTON, GEORGIA

On July 21, 1968, Mr. DUKE C. ALLISON, JR., Assistant Trust Officer, National Bank of Commerce, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, telephonically contacted SA [redacted] at Pine Bluff, advising he had received a telephone call from Mrs. J. BURNETT from New Iberia, Louisiana. Mrs. BURNETT told Mr. ALLISON she understood the FBI desired to talk with her and she could be reached at that time at New Iberia, Louisiana, telephone 387-0214. Mr. ALLISON told Mrs. BURNETT that as he was personally acquainted with SA [redacted] and the fact that Mrs. BURNETT was also acquainted with SA [redacted] he would attempt to reach SA [redacted] and have SA [redacted] telephone Mrs. BURNETT.

On July 21, 1968, SA [redacted] from Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Resident Agency, telephonically contacted Mrs. J. BURNETT at telephone number 387-0214, New Iberia, Louisiana. Mrs. BURNETT stated she had heard through her cousin, JIM RHODES, that the FBI wanted to talk with her and that was why she was trying to contact Agent [redacted] She furnished the following information:

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Jackson (157-9586)
1 - New Orleans (Info.)
2 - Little Rock
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Special Agent in Charge

She and her former husband, CHARLES WILLIE, owned a houseboat known as the "Nell Willie." After her former husband's death, she sold this houseboat to a Mr. CARTWRIGHT, owner and operator of Cartwright Nursery Company near Memphis, Tennessee, and delivered the boat to him about February 1966. She was not acquainted with anyone named RAYMOND CURTIS or JAMES EARL RAY. She stated Mr. ALLISON could furnish the name and address of the party to whom she sold the boat.

On July 22, 1968, Mr. DUKE C. ALLISON, JR., Assistant Trust Officer, National Bank of Commerce, furnished SA [redacted] the following information:

Mrs. BURNETT sold the houseboat "Nell Willie" to A. D. CARTWRIGHT, JR., owner of Cartwright Nursery Company, Collierville, Tennessee, and delivered the boat approximately February 3, 1966. Mr. CARTWRIGHT re-named the boat "The Ponderosa." The boat is believed to be presently docked out of Memphis, Tennessee.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS:

AT COLLIERVILLE, TENNESSEE:

Will locate Mr. A. D. CARTWRIGHT, JR. in order to substantiate information or to disprove information set out in Atlanta teletype of July 3, 1968.

NEW ORLEANS discontinue efforts to locate Mrs. J. BURNETT.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
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FBI WASH DC

TELETYPE

FBI SPRNGFLD

1220PM URGENT 7-23-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TWENTY TWO, LAST.

AS RESULT OF DREW PEARSON SYNDICATED COLUMN ON JULY TWENTYTWO, LAST, ALTON AREA POLICE AGENCIES AND NEWS MEDIA CONTACTED AND WILL IMMEDIATELY FURNISH CONTENTS OF CITIZEN CALLS RESULTING THEREFROM.

[redacted] WILL NOT RETURN TO ALTON AREA UNTIL FRIDAY.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE TODAY THROUGH [redacted] MADISON COUNTY SO, TO INTERVIEW [redacted] RESULTS WILL BE FURNISHED BUREAU PROMPTLY.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

END.

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CC-MR. BOSEN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Laboratory Transmittal Form
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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: July 23, 1968

REC-15 44-38861-4914

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680719053 JK

Examination requested by: Chicago

Reference: Airtel 7/15/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Chicago (44-1114) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - St. Louis (44-775) Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: July 23, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38961-4914
Lab. No. D-680719053 JK

Specimens received 7/17/68, from FBI, Chicago

Qc391 Photocopy of two-page handwritten letter on prison stationery beginning "Dear John I will just write..." and signed "Lord R. G. Sneyd"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writing appearing on Qc391 was prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Specimen Qc391 has been retained.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FBI

Date: 7/15/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

89C719053

Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 7/15/68, air mail copies to Memphis and St. Louis re let mailed from R.G. SNEYD to sister, St. Louis, Missouri.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and offices designated are copies of the original letter as set out in referenced teletype. Included in this enclosure is the part of the letter that was deleted by the Chicago "Daily News" when publishing.

A copy of this letter was furnished by [redacted] (protect) [redacted]. He advised that the crossed out section of the letter reads as set out on the third page of enclosure. He also advised that JOHN RAY claimed that he did not understand this part of the letter.

The Bureau may desire to compare handwriting of enclosure with the known handwriting of the subject.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 1)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (44-1987)
2 - St. Louis (Enc. 1)(44-775)
1 - Chicago

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
C. C. Bishop
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

LAB FILE

Re: [illegible]
[illegible]
CO: [illegible]

File #
Lab. # [illegible]

Examination requested by: SAC, Chicago (44-1224)

Examination requested: Document

Result of Examination:

Date received: 7/15/68

Examination by: 7/17/68
Mortimer

Specimens submitted for examination

Qc391 Photocopy of two-page handwritten letter on prison stationery beginning "Dear John I will just write...." and signed "Lord R. G. Sneyd"

ENCLOSURE (1) TO BUREAU FROM CHICAGO

BUREAU FILE 44-3886

CG FILE 44-1114

Copy of letter as set out in teletype to Director dated 7/15/68 to compare handwriting of enclosure with the known handwriting of subject.

RE: MURKIN

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 7/15/68

44-38861-4914

ENCLOSURE

Don't discuss any part of this case with anyone until I get back especially the libel part. I think pity will have a good thing. If you see fu manchu or the tongue tell them an O. K. Take it easy.

In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

Number 059124 Name SNEYD

H.M. PRISON
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.18

Dear Jahs

I will just write you a few lines to let you know everything is alright I will probly be back shortly. my way don't come now for one you couldn't get in, attny Hones Caulkins and two it's to expensive. about Judge Carey wanting to reverse my case I don't want it reverse I will explain later but you know their things are not doing anything to benefit me. I just wanted I would like for you to give the attny Arthur Hones $600.00 now can get some of off Jerry and Dick over

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Lord Bless Ingrid.

Att. address.
Arthur J. Hones
617 Frank Nelson Bldg
Birmingham Ala 35203

The Attorney General July 26, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated July 18th which I received from Ambassador Bruce regarding Mr. John T. Minnich in connection with the extradition of James Earl Ray.

Enclosure

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2) detached
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosures (2)

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The Attorney General

July 22, 1968

Director, [redacted] 44-25761-4917

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

You will recall that New Scotland Yard had been unable to determine James Earl Ray's whereabouts from May 17, 1968, when he arrived back in England from Lisbon, Portugal, and May 28, 1968, when he checked into the New Earls Court Hotel in London, England.

As a result of a request made by our representative in London, the Yard rechecked all hotels in the Kensington area near the West London Air Terminal and they determined that Ray checked into the Heathfield House Hotel in London on May 17, 1968, and checked out on May 28, 1968, which is the date he checked into the New Earls Court Hotel. The guest book of the Heathfield House Hotel contains the signature of Ramon George Sneyd, 962 Dindas - W - Toronto, Canada. This, of course, is the name Ray used to obtain his Canadian passport and one of his addresses in Canada was 962 Dundas, West Toronto.

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The proprietress of the hotel identified a photograph of the subject as the individual known to her as Ramon George Sneyd who stayed at her hotel. The FBI Laboratory has determined that the signature Ramon George Sneyd on the copy of the guest book page is somewhat indistinct but is similar to known signatures of the subject.

The proprietress of the hotel advised that Ray kept to himself, did not receive any mail, phone calls or visitors and left the hotel between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. every morning after breakfast and returned at about 1 a.m. She stated she did not think that Ray stayed out all night on any occasion but she could not be sure.

New Scotland Yard has orally informed in strictest confidence that on May 27, 1968, at 5:20 p.m., a lone man with a small gun walked into a jeweler's shop in the Paddington area of London, pointed the gun at the jeweler and stated, "This is a stick-up, give me the money in the till." The jeweler hesitated and the man panicked and ran

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo captioned "MURKIN," 7/19/68, EJM:vea.

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out of the shop without obtaining any loot. When shown ten photographs of different men, the jeweler without hesitation picked out Ray as the attempted holdup man. The jeweler claimed the man wore a hat and as far as can be determined Ray was hatless during his period in England and did not have a hat in his possession. However, if he is the man involved he could have disposed of the hat.

New Scotland Yard has requested that the information regarding the attempted jewelry store holdup not be revealed to the press or public sources at this time.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

FD-36 (Rev. 8-22-64)

FBI

Date: 7/11/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) PERSONAL ATTENTION: ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

Various London communications have set forth that New Scotland Yard sources were unable to determine RAY's whereabouts from 5/17/68 when he arrived in England from Lisbon, and 5/28/68 when he checked into the New Earls Court Hotel.

As a result of conferences at the Yard it was strongly suggested to them that RAY must have stayed at a small hotel in the Kensington area near the West London Air Terminal. The Yard agreed to do a recheck of all hotels in this area, as a result of which it has been determined RAY checked into the Heathfield House Hotel, 181-183 Cromwell Road, London, S.W. 5, on 5/17 and checked out on 5/28, which is the date he checked into the New Earls Court Hotel.

Enclosed are two copies each of statement made by the proprietress of the Heathfield House Hotel, pertinent page of the hotel's guest book showing RAY's signature, and the hotel's copy of the receipt given to RAY.

With the foregoing information we have now accounted for RAY's residence in England for the period 5/17/68 to 6/8/68, when he was apprehended.

EX 109

3 - Bureau (Encls. 6) ENCLOSURE
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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Memo Rosen to DeLoach 7-19-68 EJM/mac

Letter to AG Ramsey Clark, AAG Pollak + Vinson 9-22-68 EJM/es/mca

cc - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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In addition to the information set forth in the enclosed statement, Mrs. WESTWOOD advised that some time after RAY checked out on 5/28/68 her husband deposited three $10 American Express checks to their account at the bank. Neither she nor her husband can fully recall, but believe there is a possibility these travelers checks could have been received from RAY.

It is not known whether it is possible for American Express, New York, to check for any checks issued to RAY under the name SNEYD without the check numbers. Investigation re these checks being left to discretion of the Bureau.

The Yard has orally advised me in the strictest confidence that on 5/27/68 at 5:20 P.M. a lone man with a small gun walked into a jeweler's shop in Paddington area of London, pointed the gun at the jeweler, and said, "This is a stick-up, give me the money in the till." The jeweler hesitated and the man panicked and ran out of the shop and did not obtain any loot. When shown ten photographs of different men, the jeweler without hesitation picked out RAY as the hold-up man. The only confusing point is that the jeweler claims the man wore a hat. As far as can be determined RAY was hatless during his period in England, and did not have a hat in his possession. If he is the man involved he could, of course, have disposed of the hat.

The Yard points out that in the morning of June 4, 1968, he asked the clerk at the New Earls Court Hotel how much his bill wouldbe, and when told he reportedly said, "I'll have to go to my bank and make a withdrawal." The Fulham Bank (Lonairtel 7/3/68) was robbed the afternoon of June 4th.

On 5/27/68 he asked the clerk at the Heathfield House Hotel how much his bill would be, and when told reportedly he made a similar statement about making a withdrawal from his bank.

The Yard has the theory that if RAY is the man involved in the jewelry shop attempt, since he did not get any money then he must have committed a successful job between 5:20 P.M. on 5/27/68 and the morning of 5/28/68 in order to be able to pay his bill at Heathfield House.

The Yard is not going to conduct any investigation to prove this theory. They are extremely fearful that if information re the jewelry shop job and information implicating RAY in any other jobs leaks to the press, that RAY's solicitor will insist RAY be charged in order to clear him of any or all jobs he allegedly committed.

Foregoing information, plus copies of enclosures, may be furnished the Department of Justice, with the understanding that the jewelry shop information should not be revealed to the press or public sources at this time.

For the Bureau's information only, I understand that Sir ELWYN JONES, British Attorney General, is reviewing all extradition papers, Magistrate's court proceedings, and JONES will appear in the High Court proceedings on 7/29/68 to represent the Governor of Wandsworth Prison.

July 29, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

Airtel

TO: SAC, Chicago
Indianapolis
St. Louis
Springfield
Memphis

44-38361-4920

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN EX-103 REC-58

Reference Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 7/18/68.

Eighteen-hundred copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Chicago and Indianapolis Offices under separate cover and 700 copies of the circular letter are being mailed under separate cover to the St. Louis Division for distribution to laundry and dry cleaning establishments as per instructions contained in referenced communication.

Fifty copies of the circular letter are being mailed to the Springfield and Memphis Divisions under separate cover for action deemed appropriate by these divisions.

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NOTE:

See Rosen to DeLoach memo dated 7/29/68 captioned as above.

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Date: 7/15/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel 7/12/68

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of previously prepared Bureau circular letter re JOHN WILLIAM CLOUSER, Aka.

It is requested that the format used for enclosed circular letter be used for circular letter in captioned matter.

Assuming that the circular letter comes to the field folded, franked and sealed, the following is the cost data concerning distribution:

CHICAGO DIVISION - $20.00 (stenographic manhours needed to address 1400 plus circular letters for distribution to dry cleaners in Illinois).

Regarding distribution to 325 laundries in Illinois, there will be no charge for the use of the Laundry Institute's Addressograph machine in Chicago.

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INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION - 27.00 (for addressing 1800 letters)

ST. LOUIS DIVISION - 10.00 (for addressing 700 letters)

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Total $57.00

3 - Bureau (44-38861)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
2 - Chicago (44-1114)
1 - Indianapolis (44-)(Info)
1 - St. Louis (44-975)(Info)
2 - Springfield (44-561)

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1 ENCLOSURE

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Director

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

March 3, 1966

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535





RE: **John William Clouser,**
also known as: Frank Fox,
Edward L. Poe, James A. Ripley,
Robert T. Smith, Chuck A.
Williams

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is attempting to locate John William Clouser, who is one of the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives.

Clouser in the past reportedly has dyed his hair red or brown and has worn his hair in different styles to disguise his appearance. It would be appreciated in connection with your employment if you would be alert for this individual. He is described as follows:

Age:	33
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	167 pounds
Build:	Medium
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Blond, may be dyed red or brown
Scars and Marks:	Tattoos, panther right shoulder, heart pierced by arrow left shoulder, blooming rose right chest, dragon's head left chest

If you have any information which would be of assistance in locating Clouser, promptly contact the nearest office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the telephone number of which appears on the first page of your telephone directory. In the event you have no information concerning Clouser, no reply to this letter is necessary.

No action should be taken which would endanger anyone's safety since Clouser should be considered dangerous.

Your cooperation in this matter is indeed appreciated.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

July 24, 1968

Director, FBI 44-38861-4921

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1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. McGowan

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Special Agent in Charge of our Memphis Office has advised that Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, recently contacted him in this matter. Mr. Canale advised that you had indicated to Mr. Canale that he may be desirous of obtaining additional reports in this matter from the FBI.

You were previously advised that Mr. Canale and the United States Attorney in Birmingham, Alabama, were being furnished copies of the prosecutive summary report in this matter, which was also furnished to the Department. In addition, the Department and the United States Attorney in Birmingham, who had authorized the Federal process in this case, were furnished copies of other reports of information developed in this case.

In view of the comments of Mr. Canale to our Special Agent in Charge of the Memphis Office, you are requested to advise if you desire that the additional raports be furnished to Mr. Canale.

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NOTE: See Memo A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach dated 7/16/68, captioned MURKIN, RJM:cs.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 16, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

SAC Jensen of the Memphis Office has advised that Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, (Memphis), Tennessee, contacted him relative to this case. Canale advised that in discussing this case with Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr. of the Criminal Division, Vinson had indicated that in addition to the information in the prosecutive summary report furnished Canale, the Department had been in receipt of additional information that Canale might be desirous of obtaining from the Bureau.

Reports containing information suitable for dissemination, as well as the prosecutive summary report mentioned by Canale, have been furnished to the Civil Rights Division, as well as the U. S. Attorney at Birmingham in view of the fact that the U. S. Attorney in Birmingham authorized the Federal prosecution in this case. The Department has been kept advised of pertinent information as it developed and we will continue to keep the Department so advised.

ACTION:

Upon approval, this will be discussed with Mr. Vinson and if he requests, additional reports previously furnished the Department containing information suitable for dissemination will be furnished to Mr. Canale.

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Letter to Mr. Vinson 7-24-68 EJM:cc

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FBI

Date: 7/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis, 5/27/68, regarding latent fingerprints of value developed on Q349 and Q350 that were submitted by the Memphis Division.

The FBI Identification Division is requested to compare the latent fingerprints developed on Q349 and Q350 with the fingerprints of [redacted]

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W. C. Bishop

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2 - Memphis

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

C.T.D 7/14/68

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Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 4922

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Latent fingerprints previously reported of value on Q348 and Q350 are not identical with fingerprints of named suspect [redacted]

1 - Mr. Rosen

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 7/18/68 2:38 p.m. Reference No: 44-1987
FBI File No: 44-38861
Received: 7/18/68 ro Latent Case No: 91075

Answer to: SAC, MEMPHIS

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to:

RE: MURKIN

Date of reference communication: Airtel 7/16/68
Specimens:
Named suspect: [redacted]

Result of examination:
Examination by: Bailey
Evidence noted by:

Cash for record
Late prints spotted on Q349 & Q350 not of Walker

Examination completed 12:30 - 7/19 Dictated 7/19/68
Time Date Date

Airtel 7/19/68

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 17

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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Enclosure
10-1 WEC

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

Attached is a copy of a letter the Attorney General received dated July 11, 1968, from Arthur Hanes, counsel for the above subject, and a copy of my response.

The Attorney General has now received letters from both the subject and his attorney concerning Ray's intent and wish not to be interrogated. There is the added factor that, on his trip back, Ray will be in restraining devices on a military aircraft.

Because of these factors I have grave doubts that we could ever sustain the burden of proving a knowing and intelligent waiver of those rights referred to in the Miranda opinion.

Therefore, it is my recommendation no effort be made to interrogate Ray on his return trip to the United States. However, this does not mean that statements volunteered by Ray may not be used under some circumstances.

Attachment

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HANES AND HANES
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
617 FRANK NELSON BLDG.
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

ARTHUR J. HANES
ARTHUR O. HANES, JR.

TELEPHONE
324-0536

July 11, 1968

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2 cys WRC

AIR MAIL

Honorable Ramsey Clark
United States Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Clark:

As you know, I have been retained by a man known as R. G. Sneyd, alias, who is currently imprisoned in London, England. You were apprised of this fact via telephone on Saturday, June 15th, and by letter dated June 17, 1968. It is my request that this man not be interviewed, or interrogated by any member of the Justice Department unless done in my presence. This includes transportation to the United States in the event he is extradited. This man seems to have fear for his personal safety while in the custody of the Justice Department, and I respectfully request that I be given permission to accompany this man, along with the Justice Department agents, on his trip to the United States if extradited.

Respectfully yours

Arthur J. Hanes

Arthur J. Hanes

AJH/sr

cc: Mr. R. G. Sneyd
H M Prison
Heathfield Road
Wandsworth
London, S W 18, England

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
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July 16, 1968

Arthur J. Hanes, Esquire
Hanes and Hanes
617 Frank Nelson Bldg.
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Hanes:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 11 to the Attorney General.

In particular, this will acknowledge your request that your client, James Earl Ray, also known as R. G. Sneyd, not be interviewed or interrogated by any representative of the Justice Department unless you are present.

You make the very unusual request that you be given permission to accompany Mr. Ray upon his trip to the United States if extradited. From your prior experience in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I am sure you can understand why this request cannot be honored.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 7-19-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages [illegible]. Congressman Brown (R) Ohio, introduced H.R. 17711, the text of which is printed in the Record. This bill would establish a joint congressional committee to investigate the arrest and prosecution of persons in connection with the slaying of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Mr. Brown stated "there has been ---- speculation that the murder of Dr. King, at least, may have been conspired in the early stages of the manhunt for Ray, both Canadian and American agents working on the case were reported to be convinced that the accused slayer had help from others in evading arrest. Because of his background as a small-time criminal, it is argued that Ray's elaborate movements prior to his arrest in England were beyond his capacity to arrange. Canadian Mounties and FBI men have reportedly determined that at least two men were seen with Ray in Toronto. After the various aliases used by Ray were traced, and considering his ability to successfully bail out in Toronto and to obtain a bogus birth certificate and passport, a Mountie official was quoted as saying that Ray could not have made such elaborate arrangements without help of some sort. ---- So far, there is no irrefutable proof, no conclusive evidence to back up such speculation. But the possibility nevertheless exists. ---- The committee I am suggesting would not be a duplicate of the recently appointed Presidential Commission on Violence because that commission is aimed at determining causes and cures for a phenomenon presumed to be afflicting our American culture. ---- My bill is targeted on that special aspect of crime that involves the United States internationally with other nations or citizens of other nations. This might be because the motivation for the crime or the criminal had come from abroad or it might be because the perpetrator of a crime in America had fled to another nation and foreign cooperation in apprehension, detection and extradition laws had been made necessary. Perhaps time will prove that the assassinations of Dr. King and Senator Kennedy involve some of these matters. This has yet to be determined." He included newspaper articles relating to the FBI's international search for James Earl Ray.

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 7-18-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate FBI case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 7/17/68

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving James Earl Ray, the alleged killer of Martin Luther King.

Attached for approval is a proposed press release concerning Ray's return to the United States from Britain. It is noted that in the second paragraph blank spaces appear. The exact time of Ray's release by British authorities to FBI Agents will be inserted in these spaces as soon as it is known.

If approved, this release will be issued in Washington, D. C., and Memphis, Tennessee, at the time Ray is turned over to Shelby County, Tennessee, officials.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the attached proposed press release be approved.

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(2) The Director is respectfully requested to sign the attached, undated letter of transmittal to Mr. Sessions in the Department. The date will be inserted prior to transmittal.

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(3) That the attached material be expeditiously returned to your (Mr. Bishop's) office for further processing.

returned. release attached not yet issued 7-19-68

Enclosures (2) CLOSURE

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Bishop - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosures (2)
1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosures (2)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 19, 1968

James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., was returned safely to the United States today.

British authorities turned Ray over yesterday evening to the custody of FBI Agents, who accompanied him on a nonstop flight from London aboard a U. S. Air Force C-135 to Memphis, Tennessee.

The plane left Great Britain at 7:38 p.m., EDT, yesterday and arrived at the Memphis Naval Air Station at 4:37 a.m., EDT, today.

Upon arrival he was turned over by the FBI to the Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office and was lodged in the Shelby County jail.

The transportation of Ray to the United States was accomplished without incident.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLIFF SESSIONS
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT

Attached is a press release concerning the return of James Earl Ray to the United States which I thought you might like to make available to the press.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach (detached)
1 - Mr. Bishop (detached)
1 - Mr. Rosen (detached)
1 - Mr. Sullivan (detached)

NOTE: See M. A. Jones to Bishop Memo dated 7/17/68, captioned: "MURKIN."

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Date: 7/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775)

RE: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re KC airtel to Bureau, 7/12/68; Buairtel to KC, 7/15/68; and SL tel to KC, 7/17/68.

RE: [redacted] Air Force
Service Number [redacted]

Enclosed for Bureau and receiving offices are one copy each of Special Progress Reports, dated 3/6/61 (consisting 9 pages); 8/11/65; 7/18/67; and Form NR 95-1 (current data for Restoration, Clemency and Parole Review), dated 8/21/67.

On 7/16/68, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Confinement File # [redacted] on file at the Military Personnel Records Center (MPRC), St. Louis, Mo., for [redacted] revealed he enlisted in U. S. Air Force (USAF) on 6/25/56 and dishonorably discharged on 7/26/58 as an Airman Third Class pursuant to sentence of a General Court-Martial. However, additional records were located and a review on 7/17/68 of the USAF service record for [redacted] AF [redacted] indicated that he was honorably discharged and permanently retired on 7/26/58 as an Airman First Class at the U. S. Disciplinary Barracks, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas,

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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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by reason of physical disability; that the diagnosis in his case was "Schizophrenic reaction paranoid type, chronic, severe, VA Code 9203, rated at 100%"; that the disability was permanent, and that the date he became unfit was about June 1957.

He was tried and convicted by a General Court-Martial on 12/12/57, for on or about 6/23/57, did at Goose Air Force Base, Labrador, with premeditation, murder another Airman by means of shooting him with a .45 caliber pistol. He was sentenced dishonorably discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and confinement at hard labor for the term of his natural life. However, by General Court-Martial Order Number 38, dated 10/10/67, pursuant to the direction of the Secretary of the Air Force, the findings of guilty and the sentence in the general court-martial case of [redacted] were set aside. Also, all rights, privileges, and property of which [redacted] had been deprived by virtue of the findings of guilty and sentence were restored. He was released from confinement at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri.

Special Progress Report of the U. S. Medical Center, Springfield, Mo., revealed the following diagnosis for [redacted] "Schizophrenic Reaction, Paranoid Type, Chronic, with acute exacerbation as characterized by an individual with a life history which demonstrates the incipient seeds of a schizophrenic type personality with the evidence of mounting paranoid type of reaction throughout the years culminating in a gross psychotic disorganization at this time with only partial amalioration seen currently." The records further indicated that [redacted] had made two suicide attempts and that in 1963 electro shock therapy was initiated following self-mutilation attempt.

His relatives were listed as [redacted] father; [redacted] mother; [redacted] brother; and sister, [redacted] all of [redacted] Lynn St., Independence, Mo. Sister, [redacted] East Prairie, Missouri. [redacted] was described as Negro male, born [redacted] 170-175 pounds, and 72" tall. Scars and marks were shown as 2" scar over left temporal.

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His Veterans Administration Claim Number was shown as [redacted]. Friends were listed as [redacted] and [redacted] both Independence, Mo.

No photograph of [redacted] was contained in the records.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

DATE: July 29, 1968 Re: MURKIN
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TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

Invoice of Contents

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July 18, 1968

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my sincere thanks for the outstanding manner in which Mr. John Minnich, Legal Attache of the Embassy, has conducted himself concerning the extradition of James Earl Ray. I know this has been a most difficult case to handle on all sides and Mr. Minnich has worked very closely with the Consul General of the Embassy, the Deputy Chief of Mission and myself. He has proved to be an excellent officer at the Embassy not only with respect to this particular case but in the years he has been assigned here.

I am glad to have Mr. Minnich as a member of my official family and wish to commend him for his superior contributions.

Sincerely yours,

David K. E. Bruce
Ambassador

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Mobile. Ala July 18th 68-

Mr J. Edgar Hoover, Director F.B.I.
(MURKIN)
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

On April 8th I wrote a letter to Mr Frank Holloman director of fire and police depts Memphis Tenn telling him of something I had seen on T.V. on the night of April the 3rd which was something quite unusual, I thought to happen at one of Martin Luther Kings meetings.

If I may, I'll explain to you what I saw— I think the meeting was held in an auditorium or a larg church as there was a very large [illegible] sitting down in about the second or third row of seats, just a little during King's talk there was a negro to King's left, it seemed. he seemed to be about 28 to 30 years old about King's color; I never saw this negro hands at no time, he never moved just sit there with his eyes glued on King never turned it's head at no time. people all around him was

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screaming and shouting. He just sit there with
the most hateful look on his face I have ever
seen, staring right at King. He never once took
his eyes off of King. never moved, and King was
looking back at him just about as hard he could
looking at him all through his (King's) talk.
During King talk he seemed to be quoting from the
Bible. He said, quote— "I do a lot of walking. I walk
and walked until I come to a mountain then I
walked up that mountain, step-by-step until I got to
the top. (all this time King was looking down at that man
and that mans eyes was glued on King) And when I
got to the top I looked out into the back valleys beyond.
(It was a beautiful sight (still looking at that man)
when I got to the top of that mountain I was
there— (but I don't know if I will come down
there or not." When King finished his talk the
entire audience gave King a standing ovation. All
except that man. He never moved. Still with that
look of hate in his eye. Just sat there.
I explained all this to our Policeman. I told him
to find out what station made the T.V shot and
have them to do a re-run of the picture for him

and see if he, or someone, could recognize Hoover in one. I received a very nice letter of thanks from Mr Holloman.

Regarding Dr King's assassination, there is something else I would like to speak about. Dr King was living in a Motel, at that time, on the second floor, on the afternoon of April 4th, that was the day Dr King was shot, he and 4 or 5 other Colored Men, Ministers I understand, was sitting in Dr King's room talking, during the conversation Dr King got up and walked out onto the balcony, as he did so another colored man, Dr Andrew Young, arose and walked out there behind Dr King and stood below beside Dr King. I understand, Now the bullet that killed Dr King supposedly came from the window of a bathroom directly across from where Dr King was standing talking to someone on the ground. Now if that bullet came from a window directly across from Dr King and Dr King was leaning on the railing talking to someone one below it seems to me that bullet would have hit Dr King in the top of his head and not in the neck. And all this time Dr Young was standing right under Dr King I understand, Now the bullet that killed Dr King supposedly came from the window of a bathroom directly across from where Dr King was standing talking to someone on the ground. Now if that bullet came from a window directly across from Dr King and Dr King was leaning on the railing talking to someone one below it seems to me that bullet would have hit Dr King in the top of his head and not in the neck. And all this time Dr Young was standing

Inside Dr King.

Mr Hoover please pardon me for this lengthy letter, but I hope it will be of some service to you

Sincerely



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. McGowan

DATE: July 18, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Martindale

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The plane with our Agents on board departed Andrews Air Force Base at 10:16 a.m., today. It will be in constant communication with the 89th Special Command Post at Andrews Airways. The plane has been designated as SAM 24129. Colonel Burleson is on board.

Arrangements are under way to have an Agent at the Command Post to advise us of any developments during the pertinent period.

Special Agent [redacted] of the Washington Field Office will be in contact with Colonel Frzee this afternoon when the Colonel returns from a training flight. This is in accordance with our previous plans to arrange for a Special Agent of the FBI to be at the patrol point at Andrews Airways during the pertinent period.

Arrangements will be finalized to have an Agent at Andrews Airways from approximately 9:00 p.m., tonight, until the plane returns to the U.S. tomorrow morning.

Vinson advised me he was in touch with [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), at 11:15 a.m., today, at which time [redacted] advised him the INS representative at Memphis would be in touch with Jensen, our SAC. Vinson said the INS man will be empowered to handle all matters required.

Upon receiving advice as to the departure time appropriate officials who need to know were informed. After this was done and within appropriate time Vinson was advised of the departure in line with his previous request.

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With reference to the communications set up at the airfield, McDermott at Washington Field Office has arranged for Special Agent [redacted] to call me at 6 o'clock tonight, at which time I will fill him in and he will then depart for Andrews Air Force Base where he will be on duty during the pertinent period.

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Memorandum to Mr. McGowan
RE: MURKIN

At 11:12 I talked with Minnich at London. I went over arrangements here. I went over the check list concerning his arrangements there and found them to be in order. Having advised him of the departure time, I requested he furnish the Bureau with his point of contact at Lakenheath Air Base so we would be able to reach him if need be at any time. He said he would be there at approximately 7:00 p. m., London time. He said his secretary would be available at the office during the out-of-contact period which would be a couple of hours. He reiterated that local charges had been dropped against the subject. He said it was probable that the order would be signed at 6:00 p. m. tonight by the Home Secretary and an announcement would be made at 6:30 p. m.

At 11:35 the list of names which was received just prior thereto from Vinson was furnished to Scatterday for appropriate check.

At 11:40 I was advised by Jensen, whom I had called with reference to his arrangements and having found them in order in accordance with our previous checks, that TV men were already set up in front of the jail under umbrellas.

He said he would have all communications covered in line with our previous discussions; would have coverage at the airfield, en route and at the jail; would also be able to communicate directly with the Bureau because of a direct line that was being put in.

With reference to the items which we wanted checked and in addition to communications, I went over the processing of the subject on arrival; the arrangements for the Sheriff for the receipt of the subject; coverage from an intelligence standpoint of all activities; insure that the Sheriff understands his duties and responsibilities; the handling of personal property of the subject; the necessity for palm prints. In connection with the palm prints, he advised me an Agent who formerly worked in the Identification Division would oversee the fingerprinting procedures so we would get proper palm prints and major case prints.

With reference to the list furnished by Vinson of the persons who were going to have anything to do with the guarding of the subject, this was not a correct list. Some names had to be respelled by Vinson's secretary. In addition, our list of 12 names does not jive on all four with the names received by Vinson. In any event, all names will be checked and pertinent information will be furnished to Vinson.

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Memorandum to Mr. McGowan
RE: MURKIN

At 2:25 Vinson called me and said he was going over his check list and advised me that the INS man would be in touch with Jensen concerning his responsibilities. Vinson advised me the INS man would be empowered and will be instructed to carry out all the necessary arrangements for the handling of the arrival of the party so far as clearance is concerned.

At 2:45 Minnich advised me that the estimated time of arrival, according to the air base at Lakenheath, is 9:05 p. m., London time.

Minnich advised he had arrived at his destination, which means he had reached Lakenheath airfield. [redacted] If any difficulty on the Washington switch line, we could go commercial and you can reach him commercial on Eriswell 2551 Extension 3500 or 3502, Lakenheath, England. If we have any difficulty on the Government line, we can check the Pentagon directory and the operators there will know how to get through.

At 3:23 Minnich called and advised the extradition order has been signed. He further advised the original estimated time of arrival at Lakenheath Air Base which he had given as 9:05 p. m., London time, is in error. According to personnel at Lakenheath, the flight from Andrews to Lakenheath will take a minimum of seven and a half hours and possibly eight hours. Minnich stated Lakenheath currently has an estimated time of arrival of 10:05 p. m., London time, but that in actuality the plane will probably not arrive at Lakenheath until shortly before or after 11:00 p. m., London time.

At 3:30 I was advised that Minnich had called and the order of extradition was signed and that Minnich was not sure that any public announcement would be made.

At 5:03 Minnich advised me that the time of arrival would be in about 10 or 12 minutes which would be around 5:15, Washington time, 10:15 London time. This is pretty close to our original estimate and planning to put the plane in London at 10:00 p. m., there time. This would allow the one to two hours for refueling and check over for turn around.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

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FBI MEMPHIS

338PM URGENT 7-18-68 LLH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 4P'S

MURKIN, CR. ATT: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR A. ROSEN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL TO BUREAU JULY SEVENTEEN LAST.

SET OUT BELOW ARE ADDITIONAL NAMES OF INDIVIDUATLS BEING USED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE SO IN HANDLING SUBJECT RAY UPON HIS RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY. MEMPHIS FILES HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND FINDINGS ARE SET OUT BELOW.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BUREAU SEARCH THESE NAMES THROUGH THEIR INDICES FOR INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH GUARDING SUBJECT.

[redacted] DOB [redacted]

AT [redacted] WHO IS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECT OF BUREAU 44-38861-4928

CASE ENTITLED, [redacted] ET AL; [redacted]

[redacted] - VICTIM, CR.

JUL 26 1968

[redacted] DOB [redacted]

AT [redacted] WHO IS IDENTICAL WITH VICTIM IN BUFILE [redacted]

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CC: Name Ck. 6529 per Ms. Scatterday

7/23/68

CODE

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

CABLEGRAM URGENT

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

RETEL CALL JULY ELEVEN, SIXTY-EIGHT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIOR INSTRUCTIONS, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH COMPLETE LISTING OF ITEMS OF INVESTIGATION OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD SUBMITTED BY YOU AND ADVISE WHAT ITEMS CAN BE DISSEMINATED TO TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES.

MEMPHIS ADVISED BY MAIL. REC 27

2 - SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

VIA TELETYPE
12:45 a.m. EDT
JUL 25 1968
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44-38861-4929

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (cleared with Graham Day)

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NOTE: Subject has been extradited by the British authorities, and arrived in United States on 7/19/68. Tennessee authorities will prosecute subject for the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. We have furnished the findings of our Laboratory examination of the evidence as well as our prosecutive summary report to Tennessee authorities. It may be necessary to furnish results of investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard to the Tennessee authorities, therefore, Legat, London was requested by tel call of 7/11/68, to advise if the investigative reports may be furnished to Tennessee authorities. To date this information has not been received. Legat, London is being reminded to submit the requested data.

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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: July 23, 1968

FROM : Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau R/S, 7/18/68.

Inasmuch as current Ottawa, Ontario, telephone directory lists a J. C. O'CONNOR as residing 180 Iona Street, Ottawa, no request is being made of RCMP to further establish the bona fides of this individual, UACB.

(3) - Bureau
1 Liaison Direct
1 - Ottawa
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FBI

Date: 7/23/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, 6/27/68 and Baltimore airtel to Bureau, 7/11/68.

Enclosed under separate cover for Chicago is a list of both members and non-members, National Institute of Dry Cleaning, 7/68 for the states of Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

The enclosed list was obtained from Mrs. CECIL BONAS, National Institute of Dry Cleaning, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, telephone JU 9 - 2334 on 7/16/68. Mrs. BONAS has advised that the Institute does not have any addressograph equipment and that the list was prepared from IBM Punch Cards. She further advised that the Institute would, at no cost to the FBI, be willing to run off the list of either members, non-members or both from IBM cards to Cheshire labels which could be done in about two days' work. She stated that the Institute does not have equipment to apply the labels but that there are mailing companies in the WDC area which have Cheshire labeling machines to apply the labels to envelopes or circulars.

Mrs. BONAS advised that there is no breakdown by county but that the list is broken down geographically by zip code.

C. C. - Bishop

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(3) - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
3 - Chicago (Enc. 1)(REGISTERED MAIL)
(1 - PACKAGE)(REGISTERED MAIL)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Springfield (Info.)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - St. Louis (REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Indianapolis (Info.)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 - Baltimore
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Special Agent in Charge

BA 44-569

No additional requests will be made of Mrs. BOWAS pending specific instructions from either the Bureau or Chicago in connection with the enclosed list of dry cleaners.

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FBI

Date: 7/23/68

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(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

For the information of the Bureau, Shelby County Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Memphis, Tenn., received a postcard postmarked P.M., 7/20/68, New York, New York, addressed to Judge BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn., wherein the following message was set forth:

"BOY

"Your verdict better be our verdict; you go the way of King! KKK

"7-20'68"

U. S. Attorney THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on 7/23/68 that the contents of the message appearing on the postcard directed to Judge BATTLE contains a veiled threat and that he would authorize prosecution of the individual for violation of Title 18, Section 876, USC, if the individual who is responsible for preparing and mailing this postcard is identified.

The Memphis Division has initiated a separate investigation in this matter and has advised the Bureau by airtel dated 7/23/68 captioned "UNSUB; W. PRESTON BATTLE - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER; OO MEMPHIS".

Airtel

Teletype

A.M. (3) - Bureau
2 - Memphis

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Reg. Mail

C. C. Bishop

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The Memphis Division anticipates that in the future additional communications of this type which are possible violations of the Federal Extortion Statute will be received by officers of the Court who are responsible for the trial of JAMES EARL RAY, scheduled on 11/12/68; therefore, the Memphis Division intends to open new 9 classification cases in the Memphis Division when such communications are received and warrant such action. The Bureau will be kept advised under the MURKIN caption of these complaints as they are received.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 7/23/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

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In connection with our investigation concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., there is set forth below the estimated cost to the Bureau through the close of business June 30, 1968.

The total estimated cost is $1,253,245. A peak of 3,075 field Agents was assigned to this case and 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime have been performed. Bureau and personally owned automobiles have been driven an estimated 473,205 miles.

ACTION:

None; informational.

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Mohr (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Callahan (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Bishop (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Martindale (sent direct)

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July 24, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATI : DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to alleged harrassing and threatening telephone calls received by wife and secretary of Arthur Hanes, attorney for Subject James Earl Ray.

The Department and Memphis being advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 23 1968

TELETYPE

FBI BIRMGHAM
617 PM URGENT 7-23-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

MURKIN

[redacted] BIRMINGHAM PD, ADVISED FIVE PM INSTANT DATE THAT HE HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINT FROM ATTORNEY ARTHUR HANES, BIRMINGHAM, COUNSEL FOR JAMES EARL RAY. HANES ADVISED [redacted] SEVERAL HARRASSING AND THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS RECEIVED BY WIFE AND SECRETARY DURING HIS ABSENCE, RANGING FROM SILENT CALLS TO OUTRIGHT THREATS OF DEATH. HANES, ACCORDING TO [redacted] BELIEVES CALLS LOCAL IN NATURE. [redacted] ADVISING SECURITY PERSONNEL, SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMANY AND INSTITUTING INVESTIGATIVE MEASURES.

BIRMINGHAM CONDUCTING NO INVESTIGATION BUT WILL BE ALERT TO ANY POSSIBLE FEDERAL VIOLATION AND WILL COORDINATE CLOSELY WITH BIRMINGHAM PD.

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SA Hester, Memphis, 7/25/68, advised, 7/25/68, SLH

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FBI

Date: 7-23-68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR ROSEN

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Submitted herewith are photographs dealing with the incarceration of subject JAMES EARL RAY in the Shelby County Jail.

Photograph #1 depicts the doorway and the video camera setup that all visitors to courtroom must go by before being permitted to enter. Prior to being photographed and a permanent record made of photograph and voice, all visitors have been searched before coming through this door. A pass has been issued at this point to all visitors and a permanent written record made of this pass.

Photograph #2 is taken from the center of the Shelby County Courthouse and the table visible top center in rear of hall is the table on which the recording equipment mentioned in Photograph #1 is located. Visitors will walk down this corridor, down the stairs, and into the center of the lobby.

Photograph #3 discloses the approximate center of the lobby. The man to the left is ROBERT K. DWYER, Assistant Attorney General, the man in the center shaking hands is the Attorney General, PHIL CANALE, and the person to the right is Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR.

Photograph #4 is the corridor off the main lobby where all visitors and people entering the courtroom turn right

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1 MEMPHIS
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as they have come down the stairs visible in Photograph #3. People are again checked at this table prior to entry into Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE's courtroom, which is the door just past the table.

Photograph #5 is a photograph of Sheriff MORRIS and subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Photograph #6 - Sheriff MORRIS advised that this was at the time he was explaining prison procedure and the rights of the subject to him.

Photograph #7, #8, #9, and #10 are photographs taken within the cell block occupied by JAMES EARL RAY immediately after his incarceration therein on the early morning of July 19.

Photographs #11 through #18 are varying poses taken by the Sheriff's Department of subject JAMES EARL RAY. No copies of these photographs are being maintained in the Memphis Office, and they are submitted primarily for the Bureau's information.

With the exception of Photograph #5, none of these photographs have been released by the Sheriff to the newspapers or the communications media. The Sheriff has advised that the photographs herein are furnished for the information of the Bureau.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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JUL 24 1968

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FBI BIRMGHAM

654PM URGENT 7-24-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

MURKIN.

REBUREAU TEL CALL INSTANT DATE AND BIRMINGHAM AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR JULY TWENTYTWO LAST, CAPTIONED "UKA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN."

REAIRTEL REPORTED INFORMATION [redacted] RE MEETING BETWEEN ARTHUR HANES, ATTORNEY, AND ROBERT M. SHELTON. [redacted] SA [redacted] MONTGOMERY RA, ADVISED UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PRESENTLY SEEKING INJUCTION USDC, MDA, AGAINST CERTAIN KLANSMEN, LUVERNE, ALABAMA, CONCERNING INTERFERENCE SCHOOL INTEGRATION, CRENSHAW COUNTY, ALA. [redacted] ADVISED COURT RECORD DOES NOT INDICATE AS YET ATTORNEY OF RECORD, BUT CLERK OF OPINION KLANSMEN TO BE REPRESENTED BY MR. TRUMAN HOBBS, ATTORNEY, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. 44-38861-4936

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI WASH DC

2:38 PM URGENT 7-24-68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (44-8 60(

FROM SPRINGIELD (44-561) (PP.1)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TWENTYTHREE, LAST.

NEWS MEDIA, POLICE AGENCIES AND BANK OFFICIALS AT THE BANK OF ALTON REPORT NO REACTION TO SYNDICATED COLUMN OF DREW PEARSON APPEARING NATIONALLY JULY TWENTYTWO, LAST.

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WILLIAM MAHER, UNCLE OF JAMES EARL RAY, ADVISES HE IS CONVINCED RAY HAS NOT BEEN IN ALTON AT ANYTIME SINCE ESCAPE FROM MSP. MAHER BASES OPINION ON CONTACT WITH RELATIVES AND CONTINUED READING OF KNOWN ITINERARY OF RAY.

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MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, ST. LOUIS. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7/24/68

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-780) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Director, 7/11/68.

On 7/22/68, U. S. Commissioner W. C. SEELEY, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised SA [redacted] he had dismissed the complaint on JAMES EARL RAY on that date.

The following investigation was conducted by IC [redacted]

At Jefferson City, Missouri:

On 7/18/68, [redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP), furnished the following information on inmates with the last name of [redacted] received at the MSP subsequent to 1960:

[redacted] was received at the MSP [redacted] from St. Louis City to serve a [redacted] sentence on charge of [redacted] and one prior. He was assigned MSP # [redacted] This inmate was released to a detainer in favor of Sheriff, St. Charles County, Mo. on [redacted] Relatives listed are:

Brother [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri;

Sister [redacted] Chicago, Illinois;

Sister [redacted] Cahokia, Illinois;

Sister [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri;

Sister [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri;

Sister [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri;

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2 - Jackson (157-9586)(RM)
2 - Memphis (RM)
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Father [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri:

Mother [redacted] same address.

He is described as a WM, born [redacted] at [redacted] Missouri, height 5'8", weight 142, hair brown, eyes gray, build slender, complexion medium, Social Security No. [redacted] FBI # [redacted] tattoo of a needle inner right forearm. [redacted], was held at the MSP [redacted] to serve a [redacted] sentence on charge of [redacted] He had previously been received at the MSP, [redacted] from Dunklin County to serve a [redacted] sentence on charge of [redacted] He was assigned [redacted] Records reflect [redacted] escaped from the Church Farm, MSP [redacted] He was apprehended and returned to the MSP, [redacted] to complete the original sentence.

B. [redacted] This file reflects [redacted] served a [redacted] sentence in the Mississippi State Penitentiary in [redacted]

The following information was obtained from an inter-office communication dated 9/10/62, to Director of Classification, MSP, from [redacted]

> "In response to your IOC of September 6, 1962, the above named inmate was called to the psychiatric service on September 10, 1962 for interview and evaluation. The subject has just completed a three months tour on E-3 for becoming insolent and abusive to [redacted] The subject has a history on the psychiatric service of being hospitalized from June 26, 1962 to July 5, 1962 on account of self-inflicted wounds and being in an emotionally disturbed state. He was again admitted on August 13, 1962 until August 15, 1962 for self-inflicted wounds and a highly nervous state. At that time he was demanding help but the nature of the help he expected was never made clear.

"The subject is an emotionally unstable individual. He is of average intellectual endowment, it seems, but he is ignorant, untutored, and uneducated. He is the sort of restless kind of individual who cannot bring himself to concentrate long enough to study in school. He was assigned to school when he first came here, but he got out of that because he was unable to concentrate on his work. Since that time he says he's never had a job. At the present time he states that he would take any job, but that he would like especially to work in the chair shop because he has had some experience on the outside working for his carpenter father-in-law as a carpenter's helper on inside cabinet work.

"When interviewed on this date the subject was in about as good a condition as we expect to ever see him in. It is recommended that he be assigned to work commensurate with his abilities and according to what is available."

The following was taken from Pre-Parole Progress Report dated November 8, 1961 by [redacted]

"Conduct: One conduct violation reported for creating a disturbance, refusing orders, and writing obscenities on a test paper. For this he had his Yard and Show privileges denied for one month. He was reprimanded and released for Tatooing.

"Work: 12-29-60, Assigned to School. Work and training reports rate subject variously as good, poor, and fair. One report shows him to be considerate. The third report shows him as shirking his work, not doing what he was expected to do. His last report rates him good and states that he did average work. Subject states that he was not interested in school and therefore did not complete requirements for grade school.
8-4-61, Assigned to state at his request.

"Helath: Normal.

"Military: None.

"Marital: Subject states that he was married in July, 1958, and has been separated from his wife but no divorce has been obtained. His wife is now eighteen, and was only fourteen years of age at the time of their marriage. One boy was born to this union. the baby is now with the wife's mother. The wife is working and the mother is caring for the child. The wife is also staying with the mother.

"FAMILY AND PERSONAL RELATIONS

"Subject states that he corresponds every week with his mother, [redacted], and occasionally with his sister, [redacted]. He writes frequently to his wife, [redacted], and claims to have received no visits. Subject was reared in poor financial circumstances in Mississippi and Missouri. His father died in 1939 and had worked as a farmer.

"Subject was one of six children. He states that he lived alternately with his family in Mississippi and his half-brother, [redacted] in [redacted]. His brother [redacted] is a farmer in Mississippi. His brother [redacted] who had been a farmer in [redacted], died in 1957. His half-brother, [redacted] is a farmer in [redacted] and his half-brother, [redacted] is said to be [redacted] in Ohio. None of the subject's family is said to have been in difficulty with the authorities. Subject claims he got along well with all members of his family, however, he apparently lived a rather unsupervised life, living at times with various members of his family.

"POST-RELEASE PLANS

Subject has no desire to return to [redacted] because of his trouble with the authorities. He is interested in obtaining work through the [redacted]. He would live with his wife if she would return to him, but he does not expect her to leave her mother in [redacted]

"SUMMARY

[redacted] a twenty-six year old inmate, will have served one year of a [redacted] sentence for [redacted] Subject admits having served a sentence in Mississippi State Prison. However, no verified information has been received concerning this, and FBI record does not show any previous record.

"Subject states that he was released from Mississippi State Prison in [redacted] He married a fourteen year old girl and lived in [redacted] He states that he had considerable difficulty with his in-laws and that custody of his son had been given to his wife's mother. He stated that he had been arrested for disturbing the peace because his mother-in-law did not let him see his son and he had forced his way into the home. [redacted]

"Subject apparently has lived a rather unstable and unsettled life and has been rather careless and irresponsible. It is not evident that he has had any change of attitude in this regard. He sees little value in education and has little ambition. Institutionally his record has been marginal, however, it would not prohibit further parole consideration."

Records reflect [redacted] was discharged from the MSP [redacted]

A letter in [redacted] file indicated that he was incarcerated in the Illinois State Penitentiary on [redacted]

[redacted] is described as a WM, born [redacted] at [redacted] height 5'9", weight 135, hair brown, eyes brown, build slender, complexion medium, occupation farmer, Social Security No. [redacted] FBI [redacted] tattoos - snake outer right forearm; eagle center of chest; numerous other tattoos on both arms.

Relatives listed are:

Mother [redacted] Mississippi or [redacted]

Wife [redacted] Missouri

Sister [redacted], Ill.;
Sister [redacted] Mississippi

Brother [redacted] General Delivery, [redacted] Missouri.

[redacted] was received from Jackson County, Mo., to serve a [redacted] sentence on charge of [redacted] He was paroled to Kansas on [redacted] and given a final discharge on [redacted]

He is described as a WM, born [redacted] at [redacted] height 5'6", weight 114, hair brown, eyes hazel, build small, complexion medium, occupation clerical, FBI # [redacted]

His wife is listed as [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri.

There is no indication that this individual was ever in Mississippi.

FBI

Date: 7/24/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: KURKIN

Re Baltimore airtel to Director 7/23/68, enclosing for Chicago list of members and non-members National Institute of Dry Cleaning as of July, 1968, for the States of Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri.

Chicago Office is of the opinion that it would be expeditious to send out circulars to members and non-members of the National Institute of Dry Cleaning through use of cheshire labels which Mrs. CECIL BONAS of the National Institute of Dry Cleaning in Silver Spring, Maryland, volunteered to run off. These labels could then be affixed to the circulars which are to be distributed.

UACB, Baltimore is requested to recontact Mrs. BONAS and request that above described labels be prepared.

The Bureau is requested to advise Baltimore whether the prepared circulars will be sent out from the Bureau, Chicago or Springfield.

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3 - Bureau
2 - Baltimore (44-669)
1 - Indianapolis (Info)
1 - Memphis (Info)
1 - Springfield (Info)
1 - St. Louis (Info)
1 - Chicago
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REC'D CG MEMPHIS

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI BIRMINGHAM

553PM URGENT 7-24-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1470) 1P

MURKIN.

ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE SAC THIS DATE AND ADVISED THAT IN NEAR FUTURE HE INTENDS TO TALK TO THE DIRECTOR. HE STATED THIS CASE IS OF "GRAVE NATIONAL CONCERN." HE FURTHER STATED "THE THRUST CAME FROM THE LEFT." HE INDICATED THAT HE OWES A DUTY TO HIS CLIENT; HOWEVER, HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF AN AMERICAN FIRST AND STATED THE BUREAU SHOULD NOT LET UP IN THEIR EFFORTS. HE DID NOT ELABORATE NOR EXPAND ON STATEMENTS, AND WHEN QUESTIONED INDICATED HE WOULD AT SOME FUTURE DATE FURNISH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE DIRECTOR.

END

JTM

FBI WASH DC

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SAC, Memphis

July 25, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis for information are the following documents:

1. A copy of an order signed by the President of the United States regarding the extradition of subject.

2. A copy of the custody log regarding James Earl Ray's flight returning him to the United States.

3. A copy of the conversation between Mr. Herfurt, Consul General attached to the American Embassy in London, and Arthur Hanes, Counsel for subject.

The above documents are for your information only, and are not to be disclosed outside your office.

Enclosures - 3
REL:ph
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EX-100
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2 JUL 26 1968

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 7-25-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Mr. Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE: MURKIN

REBUAIRTEL, 5-7-68, to ALL SACS AND LEGATS.

The volume of investigation being conducted in this case by the SL Division at this time does not appear to warrant submission of further reports. Therefore, in accordance with reairtel, SL will henceforth submit 15 copies of inserts to the OO in lieu of reports, UACB.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - St. Louis

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JUL 29 1968

C. C. • Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

JUL 25 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

URGENT 7-25-68 3:15 PM JGC

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU, JULY TWENTYFOUR, LAST.

CHIEF WILLIAM H. PETERSEN (NA), ALTON PD, ADVISED THAT ALL INFORMANTS OF ALTON PD CONTACTED REGARDING POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON JULY NINETEEN, SIXTY-SEVEN. NO INFORMANT ABLE TO PLACE RAY IN ALTON DURING THAT PERIOD.

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PETERSEN ALSO ADVISED EXPERIENCED OFFICERS ACQUAINTED WITH RAY IN PAST HAVE CONTACTED KNOWN BURGLARS AND EX-CONS FOR SAME PURPOSE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS. P.

END

WA LCC

FBI WASH DC

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FBI

Date: 7/25/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN.

Re Memphis airtel, 7/1/68, and Bureau routing slip 7/12/68, enclosing one box of photographs of guest registrations of hotels and motels for the Birmingham area night of 3/29/68.

A comparison of the names appearing in the photographic prints of the guest registrations with the names appearing as guests at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, on 4/3/68, was completed in the Birmingham Office on 7/24/68.

In no instance was a duplication of names noted, nor was there noted during the comparison any significant name or address which would warrant further action.

The photographic prints as furnished by the Bureau will be retained.

EX-109

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Birmingham
HAS:mfl
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REC-21 44-38861-4944

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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

56 AUG 7 1968

FBI

Date: 7/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via _____ _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

For info Bureau, on 7/15/68, Mr. JOHN MIZE, Owner, Gordon Hotel, 211 Mitchell St., Atlanta, Ga., advised that on Friday, 7/12/68, a letter had been delivered to the Gordon Hotel, addressed "JAMES RAY, 211 Mitchell St., Atlanta, Ga." with the return address as Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, Treasurer-Cashier, P. O. Box 4363, Atlanta, Ga. The letter was postmarked 7/11/68. Mr. MIZE stated that no one by that name has resided at the hotel. The letter was returned by postal authorities to the telephone company.

On 7/15/68, [redacted] Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph, was advised of the Bureau interest in this letter.

On 7/25/68, [redacted] advised that they had traced the letter and that it was a pay-phone refund of ten cents, regarding a local call placed on 7/9/68 from pay phone 525-9251 by an individual giving his name as JAMES RAY. No other info of value contained in the telephone company records. Above pay phone located in the lobby of the Gordon Hotel, 211 Mitchell, Atlanta.

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EX-114

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Atlanta
WEC:bsc
(5)

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M

Special Agent in Charge

AT 44-2386

It is noted that during the MURKIN investigation in April 1968, Mr. JOHN MIZE had contacted the FBI with info that later proved of no value; at this time MIZE was quite interested in reward money and possibly publicity for his hotel.

Above matter being brought to Bureau's attention in event local press is contacted by MIZE.

FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JUL 25 1968
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FBI MEMPHIS

505 PM URGENT 7-25-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

JOHN LARRY RAY, [redacted]

AND JERRY WILLIAM RAY, [redacted]

BROTHERS OF JAMES EARL RAY, ARE CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS, AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WILL REQUEST TO VISIT RAY AT THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL ON JULY TWENTY EIGHT NEXT.

CAPT. J. G. RAY, INTELLIGENCE UNIT, MEMPHIS PD, WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAY'S SECURITY, HAS REQUESTED PHOTOGRAPHIC COPIES OF BOTH JOHN AND JERRY RAY'S FINGERPRINTS IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING PERMISSION TO VISIT JAMES EARL RAY ARE IN FACT RAY'S BROTHERS.

REC-21 EX-100 44-38861 — 4946

THE FBI IDENTIFICATION DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FORWARD TO THE MEMPHIS DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHIC OR SUITABLE COPIES OF JOHN AND JERRY RAY'S FINGERPRINTS. P.

12 JUL 29 1968

END

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CC- MR. TROTTER

FBI WASH DC

CALLED: Ident

Mr Carroll

By lee Time 6:40 pm

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Miss Holmes
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FBI WASH DC

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PM URGENT 7-26-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI)44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P.)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL JULY TWENTYFIVE, LAST.

CONTACT INITIATED WITH HOTELS AND MOTELS, GREATER ALTON AREA INCLUDING DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPH OF JAMES EARL RAY. CONTACTS TO DATE PRODUCED NO IDENTIFICATIONS TO INDICATE RAY IN ALTON AREA SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE MSP.

NO OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

END.

GMA

FBI WASH DC

EX 109

REC-21 44-38861-4947

29 JUL 29 1968

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7-20-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 4948

MURKIN REC-21

Reairtel 7-16-68, submitting major case prints of James Earl Ray, FBI #4059423.

Latent impressions remaining unidentified in this case are not identical with major case prints of Ray.

Major case prints of Ray currently being compared with latents in National Unidentified Latent File. Results furnished in a subsequent report.

Major case prints of Ray being retained and used in preparation of court exhibits for trial this case.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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FBI

Date: 7-19-68

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Via AIRTEL AMSD
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Submitted herewith are major case prints of JAMES EARL RAY.

These prints are identified as follows:

1. Left fingers.	8. Left hand
2. Right fingers.	9. Right hand.
3. Right hand.	10. Left hand.
4. Left hand	11. Right hand.
5. Left hand	12. Right hand
6. Right hand	13. Left hand fingers.
7. Right and left fingers	14. Right hand fingers.

The Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division is requested to compare these major case prints with any latents received in connection with the MURKIN case. In addition, these major case prints should also be compared with any unsolved Bank Robbery matters in which latent prints have been submitted.

In addition to the above items, these prints should be compared with latent prints submitted involving burglaries or jewel thefts.

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There is also enclosed a regular fingerprint submission card for RAY from the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. It is noted no identifying data or any signature has been set forth since subject RAY declined to furnish any such data to the Sheriff's Department.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 15)(REGISTERED MAIL)
1 MEMPHIS
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Sealed ENCLOSURE

20 JUL 20 1968

D. C. Bishop
Approved: R Gerrell Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Airtel 7/26/68 61B1 PRS

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FBI

Date: 7/26/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (44-388) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau 6/17/68, Milwaukee airtel to the Bureau 6/29/68, and Bureau airtel to Milwaukee 7/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

At Racine, Wisconsin

On June 27, 1968, [redacted] advised she had no further information to furnish and that to the best of her knowledge, the information previously furnished by her was true. She mentioned that she has maintained a close check on all telephone calls originating from Union Grove, Wis., in the event the unknown caller in question repeats his calls.

[redacted] again expressed her strong desire to remain completely anonymous regarding this matter.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

At Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On July 9, 1968, contact was made with [redacted] isconsin Telephone Company, 208 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was requested to

REC-21 44-38861-4949

(3) - Bureau (AM)
1 - Charlotte (44-1365) (Info) (AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (AM)
2 - Milwaukee
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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attempt to locate long distance toll records for three calls made from an unknown telephone number, Union Grove, Wisconsin, to the following telephone numbers in Lenoir, North Carolina, on June 11, 1968:

[redacted]

On July 23, 1968, [redacted] advised a search had been made of toll call records covering Union Grove, Wisconsin, during the pertinent period, and that said search failed to locate any toll calls reflecting calls to the above numbers. He said that if the calls were made on a collect basis or if a credit card was used, the records would be found in North Carolina.

It is noted that in the original interview with [redacted] she advised that the unknown caller paid for his phone calls and also apparently was calling from a coin-operated telephone.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

At Kenosha, Racine, and Union Grove, Wisconsin

Will conduct credit and criminal checks on the name of [redacted]

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 1

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7/18/68

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (44-2040)(P)

SUBJECT: CLURKIN

OO - MEMPHIS

Re Chicago airtel to Memphis dated 6/11/68; Bureau teletype to Dallas dated 6/14/68, and Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 6/18/68, all relating to possible involvement of [redacted] in conspiracy to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 7/3/68, [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] at Dallas, Texas. [redacted] denied knowing any present or former inmate of the Washington State Penitentiary. He stated he certainly did not give anyone any amount of money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. He said he has been almost destitute himself for many months and has had to resort to writing bad checks and petty thefts to sustain himself. He denied that he has any knowledge of any conspiracy to kill KING or has ever made any statement to anyone concerning having KING killed. He stated he does not own any meat packing company but has worked as a meat cutter and delivery man for meat packers in the Dallas area. He is presently employed as a meat cutter for [redacted] Dallas, and resides at [redacted] Dallas.

FD-302, nine copies, setting forth results of interview of [redacted] are enclosed herewith for Memphis.

UACB, no further investigation re [redacted] being conducted.

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EX-103

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(2) - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. 9)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(Info)
1 - Seattle (44-371)(Info)
2 - Dallas
WBH:tk
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) 7/26/68

Director, FBI (44-38861)

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Re Legat, London's airtel to Bureau dated 7/16/68. Enclosed for Memphis is a copy of re communication together with its enclosures.

This is strictly for the information of the Memphis Division and it is pointed out on page two of referenced communication that the information is classified confidential and possession of them should not be made known to other sources and in this regard revelation outside the Bureau or Department would jeopardize the Legat's source. The documents have been furnished to the Department.

Enclosures (8)

EX-100

REL:njk (4)

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

9-10 (Rev. 5-10-61)

P JUL 29 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

Date 7-26-68

Bufile	Name of Subject	Fugitive Index #
44-38861	James E. Ray, aka	12426
FBI # 405 942 C	Serial #	Other Identifying # NSP 20416
		Subject Located C

Prosecution dismissed

City _____ Reason and/or by whom: _____

Date 7-19-68 _____

PREV. CANC. BY PHONE CALL 30mem 7-29-68

Action to be taken

Cancel fugitive stops for Index _____ Cancel want in LEB

☑ Gen'l Fug _____ Add additional aliases

☐ SS I. O. # _____

☐ Deserter Date of Fug Card 7-26-67

Ident Memo Received ☑ Yes ☐ No

☐ Description

Ray Was extradited from London England to Memphis, Tenn. on July 19, 1968.

44-38861

Remarks

NOT RECORDED
22 JUL 31 1968

J & M Mohr

61 AUG 1 1968

July 30, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGA[illegible]E DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached relates to article in Memphis newspaper "Press Scimitar" concerning Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray. Also pertains to question posed by reporter of another Memphis newspaper "Commercial Appeal" as to whether it is a violation of Federal Law to carry a loaded weapon on an airplane.

Memphis contacted and they advised they had no information to indicate that Hanes carried a weapon aboard an aircraft

Carrying a weapon aboard an aircraft is a violation of United States Code Title 49, Section 1472.

No investigation being conducted; will follow with Tennessee authorities. Department being advised.

REL:rl

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Atty Joseph Hester, Memphis advised 7/29/68 that ME had indication of Hanes carrying loaded pistol on person. JK

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

604PM 7-29-68 MEN URGENT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE TO THE BUREAU.

THE JULY TWENTYNINE SIXTYEIGHT ISSUE OF THE MEMPHIS "PRESS SCIMITAR", A DAILY AFTERNOON MEMPHIS NEWSPAPER, CARRIED AN ARTICLE WHEREIN ARTHUR J. HANES, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, TELEPHONICALLY CONFIRMED TO THE "PRESS SCIMITAR" FROM BIRMINGHAM THAT HE CARRIED A PISTOL ON HIS PERSON DURING ONE OF HIS RECENT APPEARANCES AT THE SHELBY COUNTY JAIL TO VISIT RAY. ACCORDING TO THIS ARTICLE, THE PISTOL WAS RECOVERED WHEN SHERIFFS DEPUTIES SEARCHED HANES PRIOR TO ALLOWING HANES INTO THE AREA WHERE RAY IS CONFINED. HANES CLAIMED HE DOES HAVE AN ALABAMA LICENSE TO CARRY A WEAPON. ROBERT K. DWYER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING HE WAS GOING TO LOOK INTO THE SITUATION, STATING THAT "NEITHER MR. HANES NOR ANY OTHER CITIZEN HAS A RIGHT TO GO ARMED IN TENNESSEE. IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE LAW."

EJ 105 REC 46 44-38861-4195

JUL 31 1968

FBI MEMPHIS SEC. C CIA

79 AUG 6- 1968

Copy - Mr. Bishop

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

THE MEMPHIS OFFICE RECEIVED AN INQUIRY THIS DATE FROM A REPORTER FOR THE "COMMERCIAL APPEAL" A MEMPHIS MORNING DAILY NEWSPAPER AS TO WHETHER IT IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW TO CARRY A LOADED WEAPON ON AN AIRPLANE. REPORTER DID NOT REFER TO HANES. THIS REPORTER WAS REFERRED TO THE OFFICE OF THE U. S. ATTORNEY, MEMPHIS, TENN., THE U. S. ATTORNEY BEING THE LEGAL OFFICER FOR THE U. S. GOVERNMENT. ANY ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES RECEIVED FROM NEWS MEDIA CONCERNING THIS PARTICULAR MATTER WILL BE ANSWERED BY "NO COMMENT."

NO FORMAL COMPLAINT AGAINST HANES HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE MEMPHIS DIVISION, THEREFORE, MEMPHIS DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION IN REGARD TO A POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW BY HANES IN REGARD TO THE LOADED WEAPON. HOWEVER, IF A FORMAL COMPLAINT IS RECEIVED, THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED. P.

END

EXJ

FBI WASH DC

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CC-MR. ROSEN

Transmittal Form

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Clark
1 - Lab Files
1 - Office, 7133

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: July 29, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: MURKIN
CR

FBI File No.
Lab. No. 44-38861
PC-B0455 IZ

Examination requested by:

Reference: Memphis

Examination requested: Airtel 7/23/68

Remarks: Microscopic

As previously reported, Caucasian head hairs that could have originated from one person were found on or in the following specimens:

ITEMS FROM MEMPHIS SCENE:

Q13 Bedspread
Q15 Zipper bag
Q26 Towel
Q29 - Q30 Pair of socks
Q38 Hairbrush

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG:

Q95 Sweat shirt
Q96 Bed sheet
Q99 Pillowcase
Q100 Bed sheet
Q103 Rug
Q114 - Q117 Vacuum sweepings

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

MSE:jfk (8)

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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

MAILED 22 JUL 29 1968 COMM-FBI

REC-65 44-38861-4953 EX 109

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ITEMS FROM MEMPHIS ROOM:

Q206 Sofa pillow
Q207 Bed sheet
Q208 Bed sheet

The above hairs were compared with the K487 head hair clippings from Ray.

Specimens Q392, Q393 and K487 along with the resubmitted glass slides are being returned to Memphis under separate cover by registered mail.

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis

Re: MURKIN
CR

Date: July 29, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. PC-B0455 IZ

Specimens received 7/24/68

Q392 Bed sheet
Q393 Bed sheet

K487 Head hair sample from James Earl Ray

Resubmission of:

Twenty-three glass microscope slides containing hairs from Q13, Q15, Q24, Q26, Q29, Q30, Q38 and Q46 and fibers from Q1, Q2, Q13 and Q26

Results of examination:

Caucasian head hairs that could have originated from one person were previously recovered from specimens Q13, Q15, Q26, Q29, Q30, Q38, Q95, Q97, Q99, Q100, Q103, Q114, Q115, Q116, Q117, Q206, Q207 and Q208. The above hairs exhibit the same microscopic characteristics as the K487 hairs and could have originated from the same person as the K487 hairs. It is pointed out that hairs do not possess enough individual microscopic characteristics to be positively identified as originating from a particular person.

A few Caucasian head hairs were found on the Q392 and Q393 bed sheets. These hairs exhibit the same microscopic characteristics as hairs in specimen K487 and could have originated from the K487 source.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

7/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

PC-B 0455

OO MEMPHIS

Re Laboratory letter to Memphis dated 4/17/68 concerning examination # PC -A5498.

Being submitted under separate cover by AMSD registered mail are the following hairs and fibers in referenced Laboratory communication:

Q 29 and 30
Q 38 (2 slides)
Q 46
Q 26 (2 slides)
Q 24
Q 15 (4 slides)
Q 1 (2 slides)
Q 13 (2 slides)
Q 2

Also enclosed in the same package are head hair specimens of RAY obtained from RAY on 7/23/68 by Sheriff WILLIAM MORRIS, Shelby County, Tenn., Sheriff's Department.

④- Bureau
(1) - Package) (AMSD) (RM)
1 - Memphis
RFB/ngm
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Also enclosed in the same package are two bed sheets upon which JAMES RAY has slept in the Shelby County, Tenn., Jail between a.m. 7/19/68 and a.m. 7/23/68.

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If the head hair of RAY enclosed as a specimen for this communication is determined to be of evidentiary value these hairs may be retained by the Laboratory. If these hairs are determined to be of no evidentiary value they may be destroyed by the Laboratory.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 29 1968

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PM URGENT 7-29-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP.1)

MURKIN.

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TWENTYSIX, LAST.

CONTACT WITH REMAINING HOTELS AND MOTELS, GREATER ALTON AREA AND DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPH JAMES EARL RAY UNPRODUCTIVE.

[redacted] REPORTS NO NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED.

MAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

END.

JTM

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EX 109

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 26, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Mr. Bishop

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

SAC Joseph H. Gamble, Birmingham, has advised that Attorney Arthur J. Hanes, defense counsel for James Earl Ray in the local Tennessee prosecution of Ray for King's murder, has advised SAC that in the near future he intends to talk to the Director. Hanes stated that this case is of "grave national concern." He also stated "the thrust came from the Left." Hanes indicated he owes a duty to his client, however, he considers himself an American first and believes that the Bureau should not let up in its efforts. He did not elaborate nor expand on these statements and in response to questions indicated that he would at some future date furnish additional information to the Director.

ACTION:

In the event Hanes attempts to establish contact with the Director, he will not be afforded this opportunity. Hanes will be advised that he should furnish any information that he has to the SAC at Birmingham.

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FBI - REC. UNIT

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

July 20, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The British authorities have provided us the following original documents in regards to the extradition proceedings of James Earl Ray:

1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake;

2. Fingerprints of Ray as taken on June 8, 1968, by British authorities;

3. Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street Magistrates' Court dated June 13, 1968, pursuant to "The Extradition Act, 1870," relative to this matter (One order relates to the murder charge in Tennessee and the other to the escape charge in Missouri.);

4. Medical Officer's Certificate dated July 18, 1968, issued by the authorities of Wandsworth Prison;

5. An order dated July 18, 1968, commanding Ray to be delivered to officials of the United States Government; and

6. Court testimony of several individuals.

In view of the prosecution of James Earl Ray by Tennessee authorities, you are requested to advise if you desire the original documents be furnished to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee. Enclosed you will find one copy each of these documents.

Enclosures (7)

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(5)

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NOTE:

The original documents as listed in this memorandum were given to us by the British authorities. Copies of these documents are enclosed to the Department to this memorandum. In view of the fact that Tennessee authorities are prosecuting Ray, the Department is being requested to advise if they desire the original documents to be furnished to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee. We are retaining the original documents until the Department advises us.

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 7/23/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

OO MEMPHIS

Re Laboratory letter to Memphis dated 4/17/68 concerning examination # PC -A5498.

Being submitted under separate cover by AMSD registered mail are the following hairs and fibers in referenced Laboratory communication:

Q 29 and 30
Q 38 (2 slides)
Q 46
Q 26 (2 slides)
Q 24
Q 15 (4 slides)
Q 1 (2 slides)
Q 13 (2 slides)
Q 2

Also enclosed in the same package are head hair specimens of RAY obtained from RAY on 7/23/68 by Sheriff WILLIAM MORRIS, Shelby County, Tenn., Sheriff's Department.

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17 JUL 25 1968

(4) - Bureau
(1 - Package) (AMSD) (RM)
1 - Memphis
RFB/ngm
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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 7/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re WFO airtel to Bureau, 7/10/68.

For information of Bureau and offices listed below, [redacted] was contacted concerning this matter on 7/17/68 and 7/24/68. At request of contacting Agent, [redacted] verified the fact that [redacted] currently resides at [redacted] in Cincinnati, Ohio, however, she no longer has a telephone.

Informant advised that it is highly doubtful that [redacted] would be cooperative in an interview with FBI Agents and in all probability would not allow herself to be interviewed at all. Informant explained that in the past nine months [redacted] has completely disassociated herself with the Klan and related white hate group organizations in all respects.

On 7/24/68, [redacted] was contacted and advised that she had no information to furnish the FBI at this time about anything.

Per instructions in above referenced airtel, Part 5 of activities of Ku Klux Klan Organizations is enclosed for the Memphis Office.

REC 46 44-38861-4958

C. C. - Bishop It should be noted that [redacted] has not in the past been interviewed by Bureau Agents.

2 JUL 26 1968

(3) - Bureau (RM) (3 - 44-38861)
(1 - 157-3302)(MRS. ELOISE WITTE)
1 - WFO (RM)(Info)(44-4703)(PHI)
2 - Memphis ((RM)(44-1987)(Enc. 1)
3 - Cincinnati (1 - 157-1893)
(1 - 157-341)(ELOISE WITTE)
(1 - 170-15)

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FBI MEMPHIS

1153 AM URGENT 7-22-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2 P

MURKIN.

ON THIS DATE SUBJECT JAMES EARL RAY APPEARED BEFORE JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE, CRIMINAL COURT, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN. DURING COURSE OF PROCEEDINGS ARTHUR HANES, SR., ATTORNEY FOR SUBJECT, REQUESTED INDICTMENT BE READ. CLERK OF COURT READ INDICTMENT. ARTHUR HANES, JR., ALSO PRESENT IN COURT WITH ARTHUR HANES, SR. STATE WAS REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL CANALE AND ROBERT DWYER.

HANES ENTERED PLEA OF NOT GUILTY ON BEHALF OF SUBJECT RAY. ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE ADVISED JUDGE BATTLE THAT BOTH HE AND HANES, ATTORNEY FOR DEFENSE, HAD AGREED TRIAL DATE SHOULD BE SET AS NOVEMBER TWELVE. JUDGE BATTLE SET NOVEMBER TWELVE AS TRIAL DATE. REC 46 44-38861-1495

ENTIRE PROCEEDINGS IN JUDGE BATTLE'S COURT TOOK APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES. RATHER ELABORATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS SET UP. ALL VISITORS TO COURTROOM WERE SEARCHED PRIOR TO ENTRANCE, EMPTIED POCKETS ON CHAIR, AND THEREAFTER GIVEN NUMBER AND PASS FOR ENTRANCE PRIOR TO ENTRANCE INTO COURTROOM, ALL VISITORS PHOTOGRAPHED AND

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

REQUIRED TO STATE NAME, ADDRESS, AND BUSINESS IN CONNECTION WITH APPEARANCE IN COURTROOM. THIS WAS DONE BY USE OF VIDEO TAPE AND PERMANENT RECORD WILL BE MAINTAINED OF SAME. ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE AND MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF WERE ALSO SEARCHED AND PHOTOGRAPHED PRIOR TO ENTRY INTO COURTROOM.

P.

END

LPI

FBI WASH DC

CC-MR. ROSEN

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Lab. File

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:

File #
Lab. #

Examination requested by:
Legat, London (6-7?) Arrival 7/15/68

Examination requested:
Document, Fingerprint

Date received:
7/15/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by:
Mortimer

Plc return Qe 389 to Mortimer 7/15/68
for retention.

Received by LFPS
7/16 WDH

Photos of Latents retained in LFPS
Qe 389 to Mortimer 7/16 WDH

Specimens submitted for examination

Qe389 Two photographs comprising front and back of paper bag bearing on one side the hand printed words "PUT ALL" and on the other hand-printing beginning "PLAC ALL....." and ending "...I. THIS BAG"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Two photographs of latent prints found on bag and copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State

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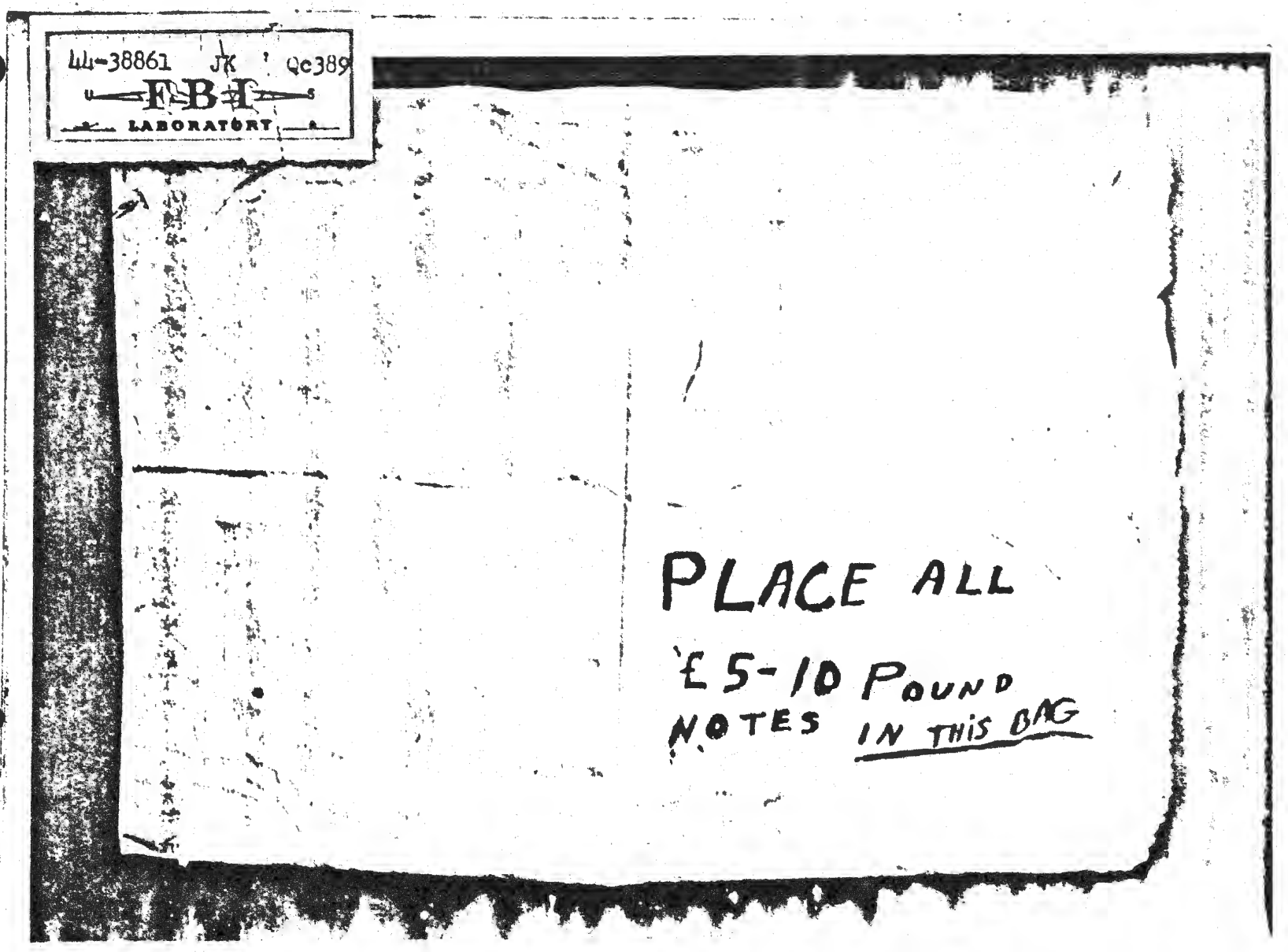
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Legat, London

LC #91075
Encl rec'd 7-16-68

ENCLOSURE

44-38861-491

PUT
ALL


44-38861 JK Qc389
FBI
LABORATORY
PLACE ALL
£5-10 POUND
NOTES IN THIS BAG

1 - Name Check Section
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. McGowan

JULY 18, 1968

PLAIN TEXT

TELETYPE URGENT

TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
JUL 19 1968
TELETYPE

MURKIN.

REURTEL JULY EIGHTEEN.

RESULTS BUFILE CHECK RE NAMES IN RETEL FURNISHED YOU BY AIRTEL, ABOVE CAPTION, JULY EIGHTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, WHICH ENCLOSED COPY OF MEMORANDUM FROM AAG VINSON AND BUREAU REPLY, WITH EXCEPTION FOLLOWING FIVE NAMES: [redacted] CONCERNING WHOM NO PERTINENT DATA LOCATED IN BUREAU FILES.

RE [redacted] SEE YOUR FILE [redacted],

RE [redacted] BUFILES SHOW ONE REFERENCE. ABSTRACT FOR THIS COMMUNICATION INDICATES [redacted] APPEARED IN JUNE TWENTY-FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT, COMMUNICATION FROM BH CAPTIONED "UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA." REQUEST BH TO DETERMINE IF IDENTICAL WITH INDIVIDUAL RETEL. IF IDENTICAL, ADVISE BUREAU.

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FBI

Date: 7/8/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) PERSONAL ATTENTION
ASST. DIRECTOR ROSEN

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

ReLonairtel 7/3/68.

Enclosed are documents as follows:

(1) Photograph of note on paper bag beginning "Place all...."

(2) Photograph of note on bag, "Put All."

(3) Two photographs of latent print on bag.

(4) One copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State dated 7/3/68 pertaining to desire of ARTHUR J. HANES to visit RAY in prison.

Concerning robbery of the National Provincial Bank and the bank in Devon & Cornwall, Plymouth, mentioned in referenced airtel, Chief Superintendent TOM BUTLER, New Scotland Yard, advises RAY has been eliminated as a suspect in both.

Concerning the Fulham bank job BUTLER advises he will not see RAY regarding this. BUTLER has been advised by the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to let this matter rest until RAY is on his way out of England. The DPP advises that

C. C. - Bishop

5-ENCLOSURE REC 65 44-38861-4961

(3) - Bureau (Encls. 4)
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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(5)

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Special Agent in Charge

if BUTLER were to see RAY on this and RAY denies it, then a charge of armed robbery would have to be placed against RAY. Armed robbery cannot be heard in Magistrate's Court but must go to the Central Criminal Court (CCC). The CCC has a crowded calendar and a charge of armed robbery against RAY could result in a delay of six to eight weeks in his ultimate removal. BUTLER advises he will attempt to get an admission out of RAY when he transports him to the airport for removal to the U. S.

Concerning HANES, he did arrive in England on 7/5/68 and he saw RAY on that date. He returned to the U. S. on 7/7/68. Newspaper clips pertaining to HANS submitted by routing slip to the Bureau.

Sources at New Scotland Yard advise they are in process of preparing overall report re investigation this matter, and I hope to obtain unofficial copy by end of this week, with official copy to follow.

At the discretion of the Bureau, all or any of the foregoing may be disseminated to Department of Justice.

Bureau will be kept advised of developments.

7/1[illegible]

Airtel

To: Legat, London (88-72)
SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) REC-65 49611

MURKIN EX-109

Reairtel July 8, 1968.

One latent fingerprint of value appears in the two submitted photographs. The latent fingerprint is identical with a finger impression of James Earl Ray, FBI #3064443A.

Photographs are being retained.

Laboratory report separate.

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Note: No confirming report being sent as obviously, we are not testifying in London in this case.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

DATE RECORDED: 7-16-68 12:55 p.m. DATE RECEIVED: 7-16-68 SC

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURPIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38061-
Lab. # D-[illegible]0715037 JK
LC # 91075

Examination requested by: Legat, London (88-72) Airtel 7/8/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Date received: 7/15/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer Bailey

1 photo of lat. pats. to photo 7/16 bur

1 lat fgpt of value in photo of James Earl Ray 306-443-
Photos retained ... (photographs)
lat negatives

Verified

Specimens submitted for examindtion

Two
Qc389 photographs comprising front and back of paper bag bearing on one side the hand printed words "PUT ALL" and on the other hand-printing beginning "PLACE ALL....." and ending "...I THIS [illegible]"

ALSO SUBMITTED: Two photographs of latent prints found on bag and copy of telegram from American Embassy, London, to Department of State

2cc Memphis

7-18-68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

EX-110
REC-58

YOUR FILE NO. 44-595
FBI FILE NO. 44-58861—4963
LATENT CASE NO. 01375

July 18, 1968

TO: SAC, Cleveland

RE: MURKIN;
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 7-10-68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Cleveland
SPECIMENS: Business reply card, Q388

No latent impressions of value developed on specimen, which is enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

MAILED 9
JUL 19 1968
COMM-FBI

Enc.

2 - Memphis

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAB FILE

DATE RECORDED: 7-16-68 1:00 p.m. DATE RECEIVED: 7-16-68 SC

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: [illegible]RKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861
Lab. # D-68[illegible]712073 JK
LC # 91075

Examination requested by: SAC, Cleveland (44-565) Airtel 7/10/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint Date received: 7/12/68

Result of Examination: Examination by: ortimer Bailey

No lats. of val. dev. I, N or SW 7/16/68 gwc
Destained
Spec. ret. enc.
Lab. rep. sep.

Specimens submitted for examination

Q388 American Heritage business reply card bearing on the reverse side the hand printed name and address "Eric S. Galt Loraine Motel Memphis Tenn. "

2cc Memphis

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and 7-19-68
and 1-19

[illegible] charge = 30 [illegible] 7/17/68

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FBI

Date: 7/10/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (44-565) (P)

RE: MURKIN
CR

EF 0712073

OO: MEMPHIS

CV tel to Bureau, 7/3/68.

Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis are 1 and 8 copies respectively of FD-302 reflecting interview of ALVIN R. CARLSON, Marion, Ohio. Also enclosed for Bureau is an American Heritage Business Reply Postcard from ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Bureau is requested to compare the hand printing appearing on enclosed specifically the name ERIC S. GALT Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, with any known hand printing on file for JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G.

Bureau is also requested to process enclosure for latent prints and if any developed determine if identical with prints of RAY.

Bureau is requested to furnish Memphis and Cleveland results of examination, and return enclosure to Cleveland.

4 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 8) (RM)
2 - Cleveland

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ENCLOSURE

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C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/12/68

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ALVIN R. CARLSON, Vice President, Fulfillment Corp. of American (FCA), 381 W. Center, furnished the following:

FCA is a magazine contractor for many magazines including American Heritage Co. On April 29, 1968, FCA received American Heritage business reply postcard whereon ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, ordered the American Heritage History of the President of the U.S., consisting of three volumes, including the History of the Presidency by MARCUS CUNLIFFE, and the Pictorial History of the Presidency, which consisted of two volumes.

GALT also ordered a 12" LP recording, The Invention of the Presidency.

GALT requested he be billed for the above items.

The above business reply postcard received by FCA bore no postmark inasmuch as it was a pre-addressed business reply card sent to FCA's Marion, Ohio, address.

The business reply card bearing the hand printing ERIC S. GALT, Lorain Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, would have been a card sent to an expired 1967 American Heritage subscriber, and would have consisted of two halves, namely the pre-addressed half that was returned to FCA, the other half bearing the name and address of the expired 1967 American Heritage Subscriber.

A check of FCA records disclosed GALT's name did not appear on 1967 American Heritage subscriber's list.

Mr. CARLSON made available the above mentioned American Heritage business reply postcard and stated it need not be returned.

On 7/3/68 at Marion, Ohio File # Cleveland 44-565

by SA [redacted] lmb Date dictated 7/8/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. 44-3886.1-491

Holmes

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Date: 7/31/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: Legat, Buenos Aires (173-1) (P)

MURKIN
COST DATA

ReBucab July 2, 1968, and Buecab July 3 last.

Captioned matter has required no investigation by this office during the month of July. There is no cost data to report on points listed.

4 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison)
1 - Buenos Aires
JJW:ic
(4)

C. C. - Bishop

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REC'D - CIA RICHT

THREE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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JUL 30 1968

FBI WASH DC

TELETYPE

307PM URGENT 7-30-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU JULY TWENTYNINE LAST.

[redacted] ELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT AS RESULT OF TRIP TO NORTHERN ILLINOIS, HE DEVELOPED INFORMATION CONCERNING ONE BENNIE BUSHYHEAD, AN AMERICAN INDIAN FROM OKLAHOMA CITY, WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS FRIEND OF JAMES EARL RAY AND MAY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH RAY IN MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY.

INFORMANT WILL BE INTERVIEWED IN DEPTH TO DETERNMINE RESULTS OF INQUIRY SINCE LAST CONTACT AND RESULTS REPORTED TO BUREAU.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

END.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 19, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. McDonough
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Conrad

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

You will recall that New Scotland Yard had been unable to determine Ray's whereabouts from 5/17/68, when he arrived back in England from Lisbon, Portugal, and 5/28/68, when he checked into the New Earls Court Hotel in London.

As a result of a request made by our Legal Attache in London, the Yard rechecked all hotels in the Kensington area near the West London Air Terminal and they determined that Ray checked into the Heathfield House Hotel in London on 5/17/68 and checked out on 5/28/68, which is the date he checked into the New Earls Court Hotel. The guest book of the Heathfield House Hotel contains the signature of Ramon George Sneyd, 962 Dindas - W - Toronto, Canada. This, of course, is the name Ray used to obtain his Canadian passport and one of his addresses in Canada was 962 Dundas, West Toronto.

The proprietress of the hotel identified a photograph of the subject as the individual known to her as Ramon George Sneyd who stayed at her hotel. The Laboratory has determined that the signature Ramon George Sneyd on the copy of the guest book page is somewhat indistinct but is similar to known signatures of the subject.

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The proprietress of the hotel advised that Ray kept to himself, did not receive any mail, phone calls or visitors and left the hotel between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. every morning after breakfast and returned at about 1 a.m. She stated she did not think that Ray stayed out all night on any occasion but she could not be sure.

25 JUL 31 1968

Legal Attache in London has advised that New Scotland Yard orally informed him in strictest confidence that on 5/27/68, at 5:20 p.m., a lone man with a small gun walked

Enclosure sent 7-22-68

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into a jeweler's shop in the Paddington area of London, pointed the gun at the jeweler and stated, "This is a stick-up, give me the money in the till." The jeweler hesitated and the man panicked and ran out of the shop without obtaining any loot. When shown ten photographs of different men, the jeweler without hesitation picked out Ray as the attempted holdup man. The jeweler claimed the man wore a hat and as far as can be determined Ray was hatless during his period in England and did not have a hat in his possession. However, if he is the man involved he could have disposed of the hat.

On the morning of 6/4/68 Ray had asked the clerk at the New Earls Court Hotel how much his bill would be and when informed, he reportedly said, "I'll have to go to my bank and make a withdrawal." It is noted the Fulham Bank in London was robbed on the afternoon of 6/4/68. Ray has been identified as the perpetrator of that bank robbery based on his fingerprint appearing on the note used by the robber to demand money from the bank employees. The clerk at the Heathfield House Hotel advised that when Ray was told how much his bill would be on 5/27/68, he reportedly made a similar statement about making a withdrawal from his bank. The attempted jewelry shop holdup occurred at 5:20 p.m., 5/27/68.

The Yard has the theory that if Ray is the man involved in the jewelry shop robbery attempt since he did not get any money he may have committed a successful job between 5:20 p.m. on 5/27/68 and the morning of 5/28/68 in order to pay his bill at the hotel. Representatives of the Yard advised that pending Ray's actual removal to the United States that they did not intend to conduct further investigation to substantiate this theory since they were extremely fearful if information regarding Ray's participation in the attempted robbery of the jewelry store and other possible scores became known to the press, Ray's solicitor may insist that Ray be charged in order to clear him of any such charges.

Legal Attache, London advises that the above information may be furnished to the Department of Justice with the understanding that the information regarding the attempted jewelry store holdup should not be revealed to the press or public sources at this time.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

For your information. Attached for approval is a letter to the Attorney General with copies to the Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys General Pollak and Vinson setting forth pertinent information indicated above. Department being cautioned against disclosure of information on the attempted jewelry store holdup at this time.

In view of the importance of determining Ray's sources of funds and since he has now been returned to the United States, Legal Attache, London is being instructed to request New Scotland Yard to conduct further investigation to determine if Ray may have been involved in other robberies in London.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 22, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Long
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SAC Jensen of the Memphis Office has telephonically furnished the following information.

James Earl Ray was arraigned before Judge W. Preston Battle in Shelby County criminal court this morning at 10 a. m. and by mutual agreement of the Judge, the prosecutor and defense counsel, trial has been set for 11/12/68.

The entire proceedings took only approximately ten minutes.

Ray was brought from his cell on the third floor of the Shelby County Jail into the courtroom by Shelby County Sheriff William N. Morris and his two chief deputies.

The indictment was read to Ray who was represented by Attorney Arthur Hanes and his son and Hanes inquired of Judge Battle as to whether Ray was required to enter a plea.

Judge Battle advised Hanes that he could enter a plea at the arraignment if he desired or could do so at a later date whereupon Hanes entered a plea of not guilty. Immediately after the trial was set Ray was returned to his cell in the Shelby County Jail.

There were only approximately thirty spectators in the courtroom including representatives of the press. All persons entering the courtroom were searched and they were photographed and their voices recorded on video tape.

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ACTION:

For information.

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Date: 7/25/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 7/13/68, and Atlanta teletype, 7/3/68.

Enclosed to the Bureau are four copies of a LHM, and to Memphis two copies of the LHM, an interview with Mrs. NELL BURNETT, Monroe, La.

Mrs. NELL BURNETT, formerly Mrs. CHARLES C. WILLEY and wife of the late CHARLES C. WILLEY of Altheimer, Ark., was interviewed at her temporary residence, [redacted] Monroe, La., on 7/22/68, and she stated that she did not know RAYMOND CURTIS, now an inmate of Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Ga., and that to the best of her knowledge, her late husband did not know such a person. She stated that she was nearly always with her late husband when he was on their boat, and she felt sure that he did not know such a person as RAYMOND CURTIS. Mrs. BURNETT stated that her late husband, CHARLES C. WILLEY, died three years ago, and in January, 1966, she sold the boat to Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tenn. Mrs. BURNETT had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY prior to the recent publicity connecting him with the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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2-Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. 2)
2-New Orleans
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1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
C. C. Bishop Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana

July 25, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY;
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

44-38861-4967

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/25/68

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Mrs. NELL BURNETT, [redacted] Monroe, Louisiana, furnished the following information:

Mrs. BURNETT was formerly the wife of the late CHARLES C. WILLEY, who died three years ago. She and her late husband owned plantations and farm properties near Altheimer, and Wabbaseka, Arkansas, and he was formerly President of the First National Bank of Altheimer, Arkansas; In 1958 they bought a boat, a fifty-eight foot steel hull boat, which they named "The Nell Willey," and they spent a great deal of time on the boat from 1958, to 1965. During that period of time, the boat was often docked for long periods of time at Greenville, Mississippi; Monroe, Louisiana; and New Orleans, Louisiana. In January, 1966, Mrs. NELL BURNETT, then Mrs. CHARLES C. WILLEY, sold the boat to Cartwright Nurseries, Collierville, Tennessee, and delivered it to Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. BURNETT stated that she had never heard of RAYMOND CURTIS (now an inmate of Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia), and she was reasonably sure that her late husband, CHARLES C. WILLEY, did not know him. She stated that he was not a crewman or passenger on "The Nell Willey" during the period 1958, to 1966, when she and her late husband owned it, and she was sure that no arrangements were made to use the boat during that period to transport any criminal along the Mississippi River. Mrs. BURNETT stated that she had never heard of JAMES EARL RAY until his name appeared in the news in connection with the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On 7/22/68 at Monroe, Louisiana File # MO 157-10673

by SA [redacted] -2- Date dictated 7/22/68

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JAMES EARL RAY;
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

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430PM URGENT 7-24-68 DRA

TO: DIRECTOR, MEMPHIS 44-1854 2F

FROM: CHARLOTTE 44-1365

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TODAY, DAVE ALEXANDER, CITY EDITOR, "GREENSBORO RECORD," DAILY GREENSBORO, N. C., NEWSPAPER, ADVISED THAT NEWSPAPER OPERATES A "HOT LINE" COLUMN WHICH APPEARS IN EVERY EDITION. VOICES OF PERSONS CALLING "HOT LINE" ARE RECORDED ON TAPE. SOMETIME ON THE MORNING OF JULY TWENTY-THREE, LAST, A MALE CALLED "HOT LINE" AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING:

"I'D RATHER NOT GIVE MY NAME UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES BECAUSE I KNOW JAMES EARL RAY IS INNOCENT BECAUSE AT THE TIME HE WAS IN GREENSBORO WITH ME BUT I KNEW HE WAS A FUGITIVE. I CANNOT GET INVOLVED. IF THE HOT LINE WOULD LIKE TO CARRY ON FURTHER, PUT IT IN THE PAPER AND I WILL CALL YOU BACK AGAIN AND IF YOU WILL KEEP MY NAME CONFIDENTIAL FROM THE POLICE, SO I CANNOT GET INVOLVED, I CAN PROVE EARL RAY DID NOT KILL OR ASSASSINATE YOU KNOW WHO."

ALEXANDER ADVISED HE DID NOT PLAN TO PUBLISH THIS ITEM UNLESS IF WILL BE OF VALUE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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IN VIEW OF THE DATA DEVELOPED CONCERNING RAY IN THIS CASE, AND DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE TELEPHONE CALL, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED BY CHARLOTTE. ABOVE IS BEING FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS.

ALEXANDER WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN THE TAPE RECORDING FOR A ONE WEEK PERIOD RATHER THAN ERASE AS IS THE USUAL PRACTICE. END.

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7/29/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Charlotte

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) REC 11 4/969

MURKIN

ReCEtel dated 7/24/68 and MEtel dated 7/24/68.

Charlotte, if possible, should make effort to obtain the tape containing the recording of the anonymous caller to the "Greensboro Record" and submit to the FBI Laboratory. The FBI Laboratory may be able to use this tape in a voice comparison matter at a later date.

This tape recording should be obtained with no commitments whatsoever with the "Greensboro Record."

No active investigation should be conducted in this matter.

1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

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NOTE: See memo Rosen to DeLoach dated 7/25/68, same caption, REL:klb.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 25, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The city editor of the "Greensboro Record", a daily Greensboro, North Carolina, newspaper, has advised that his newspaper operates a "hot line" column which appears in every edition. The voices of persons calling on the "hot line" are recorded on a tape and sometime in the morning of July 23, 1968, a male called and furnished the following information: "I'd rather not give my name under the circumstances because I know James Earl Ray is innocent because at the time he was in Greensboro with me but I knew he was a fugitive. I cannot get involved. If the hot line would like to carry on further, put it in the paper and I will call you back again and if you will keep my name confidential from the police, so I cannot get involved, I can prove Earl Ray did not kill or assassinate you know who."

The city editor advised he did not plan to publish this item unless it would be of value to law enforcement. It is noted that it has been established the subject James Earl Ray registered at the Rebel Motel in Memphis on April 3, 1968, was identified as purchasing a pair of binoculars in Memphis on the afternoon on April 4, 1968, and a witness places him at a rooming house in Memphis on April 4, 1968.

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GREENSBORO POLICE
JUL 17 1968
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ROSEN TO DELOACH MEMO
RE: MURKIN

We have been advised [redacted] that on 7/14/68, Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., had a meeting at Birmingham, Alabama, with Arthur Hanes, Attorney for James Earl Ray. [redacted]

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the tape be obtained in order that a voice comparison may be made by the FBI Laboratory at some later date in the event this would become necessary, and that no investigation be conducted to identify the anonymous caller.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: 7/26/68

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

cc Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Callahan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

While having lunch at Hammel's on 7/25/68, Jim McShane, Chief, U. S. Marshal's Office, Department of Justice, asked if he could sit at my table for a few minutes. I told him to sit down.

McShane told me that he wanted to express the deep resentment that he and all US Marshals felt over the fact that the FBI had brought James Earl Ray from London to the US. He stated this was logically a job for the US Marshals and that, while he had always meticulously adhered to the premise that the Marshals should never infringe on FBI jurisdiction, yet the FBI had certainly infringed on the Marshals' responsibilities in this instance. McShane also told me that he had discussed this matter with Fred Vinson and planned to mention it to the Attorney General.

I told McShane that it appeared his complaint was being misplaced, inasmuch as this was something he should discuss with the AG. I told him that, although the AG made the final decision, I wanted McShane to definitely realize that I personally was glad that the FBI had brought the subject back to the US. I stated this was a highly important case, very technical and complex in nature, and if this man had started discussing the aspects of the case with marshals, the marshals would have definitely been completely lost.

McShane replied that he personally had brought a subject back from overseas in a previous important case. I told him I remembered this, inasmuch as this particular subject had gotten away from him and had succeeded in slashing his wrists. McShane laughed and admitted this.

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McShane told me that his complaint meant nothing personally between the two of us; however, he definitely wanted the FBI to

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know of his feelings. He stated he did not care whom I told of his complaint. I stated it made little difference to me whom he complained to; however, once again, if he desired to lodge a complaint regarding the policy involved in the return of the subject, he should discuss this with the AG and not the FBI. He stated he planned to do this. He then left my table.

The Director was advised of this matter on 7/26/68.

ACTION:

For record purposes.

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FBI

Date: 7/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN
CO: MEMPHIS

On 7/28/68, at 7:15 p.m., WILLIE JAMES McGUIRE, who gave his residence as [redacted] Los Angeles, California, telephonically contacted Birmingham Office and claimed he had been standing on balcony of Lorraine Motel close of victim MARTIN LUTHER KING at time "shots" fired, and claimed the "shots" were not fired from rooming house on Main Street, as claimed, but from another building located "behind Goldstein Clothing Store." McGUIRE said he was calling the FBI after being convinced by some friends that he should make his information known to the FBI. These friends had directed him to Mr. ERNEST POOLE, operator of a Negro funeral home in Birmingham who, on behalf of McGUIRE, put McGUIRE in telephonic contact with Birmingham Office. McGUIRE said he was a lease truck driver for Transcon Co., Los Angeles, and was leaving Birmingham at 9:00 p.m.

McGUIRE was contacted at Poole Funeral Home, 7/28/68, by Buagent, and furnished the following:

McGUIRE said he lived at [redacted], Los Angeles, telephone [redacted] with his wife and children. He is employed as lease truck driver by Transcon Co., and presently en route to Los Angeles. On "the day KING got shot in Memphis" (exact date unrecalled by McGUIRE), McGUIRE arrived in Memphis with a load about 2:30 p.m. in his

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1 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Info)(AM-RM)
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tractor-trailer, en route to Los Angeles. He was accompanied by a helper, JAMES THOMPSON, [redacted], Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He parked the tractor-trailer near "3rd and Vance," near the Goodyear Tire Company and also near the "Queen Anne" Motel. He had to wait in Memphis to pick up some freight bills. Between 2:30 p.m. and about 5:45 p.m. he and THOMPSON, in the trailer, drank at least a pint of Seagram V.O. Whiskey, with at least three or four beers. (McGUIRE also advised that prior to contacting the FBI on 7/28/68, he had drunk a "couple of pints of whiskey. I drink a couple of pints every day.") At 5:45 p.m., McGUIRE checked into Room 337 or 347, "on the second floor" of the Lorraine Motel [redacted]

About 6:00 p.m., McGUIRE observed MARTIN LUTHER KING arrive at the metel in a black Cadillac driven by a chauffeur and accompanied by a couple of other associates. KING walked up the stairs from the parking lot to the second floor balcony, where McGUIRE said "Hello." At the time McGUIRE was standing on the balcony looking out towards the parking lot, "just standing, looking, like Negroes do." KING said "Hello" to McGUIRE, as he recognized McGUIRE. McGUIRE said, "I seen him all over the world - he knew me." KING entered the room next door to the room occupied by McGUIRE and stayed in there for at least an hour, perhaps 90 minutes. At that time, KING came out of this room and McGUIRE was just leaving his room to go eat dinner. The chauffeur called up to KING to get a topcoat, as it was getting cool. KING walked back into his room and came out carrying a "brown beige topcoat over his left arm. I'll never forget that topcoat." McGUIRE was looking towards KING when he heard "two shots" come from his left. McGUIRE immediately looked to his left and saw the "flash" come from the second floor of a building located next to the Goodyear store building, a distance of not more than 75 feet. McGUIRE did not see who fired the shots. He then looked back and saw KING lying on the floor. About then, a white man came up and put a sheet over KING.

McGUIRE then immediately left the motel and walked over to Main Street, near the "Goldstein store," where he

observed a pistol on the street. About then, a white policeman picked up the pistol and put it in his squad car.

From there, McGUIRE went to the Queen Anne and drank until 3:00 a.m., when he went to his tractor-trailer parked nearby and went to sleep. At 8:00 a.m. the next day, he and THOMPSON left and drove back to Los Angeles. He stated he never returned to the Lorraine Motel, and had not taken any personal effects with him when he went there [redacted] McGUIRE said he was told several times after this by friends (whom he would not identify) that he would be in danger if he told what he knew, and that he had not told anyone what he knew and what he saw until his interview 7/28/68 by the FBI. After telling some Birmingham friends, they told him to contact Mr. ERNEST POOLE, who could give him the proper advice and put him in contact with the proper authorities.

FD-302 follows.

Any leads based on the information furnished by McGUIRE being left to discretion of origin in view of the many and obvious discrepancies.

Information copy being furnished Los Angeles in view of McGUIRE's residence and employment there.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 7-30-68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuAirtel 7-25-68.

Reliable sources at the Shelby County Jail have advised that subject RAY has had no additional contact, either personal or by mail, with JESSE B. STONER. It is also pointed out that there is no National States Rights Party activity within the Memphis Division.

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TELETYPE

URGENT 7-31-68 JEC

TO: DIRECTOR, 44-38861, AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM: CHARLOTTE 44-1365

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU AND CHARLOTTE DATED JULY TWENTY-FOUR, LAST, AND BUREAU AIRTEL TO CHARLOTTE DATED JULY TWENTY-NINE, LAST.

CARTRIDGE CONTAINING TELEPHONIC INQUIRY REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY OBTAINED FROM DAVE ALEXANDER, CITY EDITOR, GREENSBORO RECORD, GREENSBORO, N.C., JULY THIRTY, LAST, AND RECEIPT GIVEN. ALEXANDER ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ADVICE TO FBI OF EXISTENCE OF TAPE ON JULY TWENTY-FOUR LAST, HE, ON JULY TWENTY-FOUR, LAST, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED ARTHUR HANES, ATTORNEY FOR RAY, IN MEMPHIS AND QUOTED TO HIM MESSAGE ON TAPE. HANES INDICATED INTEREST AND STATED HE WOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH ALEXANDER, BUT AS OF JULY THIRTY, LAST, HANES HAD NOT CONTACTED OR WRITTEN ALEXANDER REGARDING TAPE OR MESSAGE. NO COMMITMENTS MADE TO OWNER RE TAPE AND NO ACTIVE INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED AT GREENSBORO REGARDING TAPE, WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO FBI LABORATORY SHORTLY.

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CALLED:
E Miss Moore
By cad Time 10:5
CORR: LAST LINE 2ND WORD CHD BE TAPE

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CC: Mr. Conrad
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PM URGENT 7-31-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU JULY THIRTY, LAST.

CONTACT WITH [redacted] STATE PAROLE AND PROBATION OFFICERS, MADE WITH VIEW TO DEVELOPING INFORMATION FROM PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS WHO COULD FEASIBLY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF JAMES EARL RAY AND/OR ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON.

[redacted] EAST ALTON PD, ADVISED HE RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM INFORMANT THAT RAY DEFINITELY NOT INVOLVED IN BR AT ALTON; THAT BR COMMITTED BY [redacted] AND [redacted] THAT [redacted] KILLED [redacted] IN DISPUTE OVER SPENDING LOOT. FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU, [redacted] SHOT AND KILLED [redacted] IN JUNE, LAST. LATTER INFORMATION BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF RESULTS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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cc Long

Mr. Tolson
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SAC, Los Angeles

August 1, 1968

1 - Mr. Schutz
1 - Mr. Martindale

Director, FBI
REC 82 44-38861-4975

MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

Re Richmond airtel dated 7/26/68, captioned as above.

[redacted] Lima, Ohio, and [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, both of whom were allegedly present at the time remarks attributed to [redacted] were made, should immediately be interviewed and a determination made as to what, in fact, transpired.

New Haven should be advised of results and immediately thereafter [redacted] should be interviewed in detail.

Submit results of interviews in 302 form to both Memphis and Los Angeles for inclusion in their respective cases.

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Date: 7-25-68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(BUFILE 44-38861)
(RH 44-657)
(P)

KENSALT
(RH 62-2248)
(RUC)

On 7-24-68, [redacted] advised that about May 18, 1968, he attended a conference of the National Automobile Dealers Association truck meeting at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., and one evening during dinner he was with a group of people which included [redacted] when [redacted] made some statements to the effect he had attended some meetings and knew what was going to happen to MARTIN LUTHER KING and "BOBBY" KENNEDY. [redacted] reportedly said that KENNEDY would be killed and that he would never get into office. [redacted] did not mention what meetings he had attended or where the meetings were held. [redacted] said [redacted] had been drinking, he [redacted] had never met him before and there was some discussion concerning [redacted] comments among the people present. [redacted] advised that [redacted] as well as a man from Nashville, Tenn., and one from Ohio, who may have heard the comments of [redacted] He said [redacted] was a good friend of [redacted] and he would be able to evaluate [redacted] and his remarks.

6 - Bureau (3 - 44-38861) (KENSALT)
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2 - Los Angeles (Info.)
2 - New Haven (Info.)
2 - Cleveland (Info.)
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Special Agent in Charge

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On 7-25-68, [redacted] Bristol, Va., advised he has known [redacted] aka [redacted] Fairfield, Conn., since 1959 and he has always found him to be a person of high morals, character and reputation. He said he attended the dinner at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla, during the conference of the National Automobile Dealer Association, truck meeting, that [redacted] was present and he heard [redacted] as making remarks concerning segregation, however, since the remarks were not made to him, he could not recall any definite statements he may have made. He gathered from the remarks that [redacted] had some feelings regarding segregation as there had apparently been some trouble in Fairfield, Conn. He did not feel that [redacted] meant anything by his remarks and he put no significance in them, as he had been drinking. He recalled that [redacted] Lima, Ohio, was present, as well as [redacted] Nashville, Tenn., and [redacted] Bristol, Tenn. After the meeting he, [redacted] and [redacted] made a trip to Jamaica and they discussed the remarks of [redacted] and they put no significance to them. He said that if [redacted] is contacted he is sure he could explain his remarks.

No further action being taken in this matter and copies are being furnished to interested offices in case further inquiry is made regarding this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: July 31, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The following original documents were obtained from the Special Agents who were responsible for transporting James Earl Ray from London, England, to the United States:

1. The flight logs concerning Ray's activities while in flight.

2. The custody logs concerning Ray.

3. The notes of the physician who conducted the physical examination of James Earl Ray.

4. The Presidential order requesting James Earl Ray be extradited to the United States.

5. Six (6) photographs of James Earl Ray taken on the airplane.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above original documents be made part of the Bureau file and retained in the files at the Seat of Government. Memphis has been provided copies of the above.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND CHARLOTTE 44-1365

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1997 1 P

MURKIN.

RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO BUREAU JULY TWENTY FOUR LAST.

INASMUCH AS THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT JAMES EARL RAY IS THE MURDERER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MEMPHIS DOES NOT RECOMMEND THAT CHARLOTTE MAKE ANY EFFORT TO IDENTITY THE ANONYMOUS CALLER WHO WAS IN TOUCH WITH THE "GREENSBORO RECORD" ON JULY TWENTY THIRD LAST. HOWEVER, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT CHARLOTTE MAKE SOME EFFORT TO OBTAIN THIS TAPE RECORDING IN ORDER THAT A VOICE COMPARISON MIGHT BE MADE BY THE FBI LABORATORY AT SOME LATER DATE. MEMPHIS SEES NO REASON WHY SUCH A COMPARISON SHOULD BE MADE IN THE FUTURE; HOWEVER, MEMPHIS BELIEVES WE SHOULD MAINTAIN THIS TAPE UNTIL IT CAN BE REASONABLY DETERMINED THAT THE NEWS MEDIA WILL NOT EXPLOIT THIS INDIVIDUAL'S ATTEMPTED ALIBI FOR THE SUBJECT. P.

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FBI

Date: 7-30-68

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) p

MURKIN

There are enclosed original and one copy of four newspaper clippings re captioned matter from local newspapers dated July 25, 28, 29, and 30, 1968.

3 BUREAU (Enc. ENCLOSURE) (AM)
1 MEMPHIS ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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He said Mr. Hanes had to check with "other sources" before formally employing him as an attorney.

Asked if his associate, former Mayor William B. Ingram, would help in the case, Mr. Thompson said Mr. Ingram proably would help but would not be formally employed as an attorney of record.

Mr. Thompson, well-known as an attorney for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's acknowledged that he might lose some clients if he helped defend Ray.

"The big discussion in my office between Mr. Hanes and myself was about the way I feel about it. For years I've been pleading with all white juries to forget race. Now I hope the Negro community can accept this.

"The conscience of the community has a real obligation in this case. Our obligation is to give him (Ray) a damn good trial."

Mr. Thompson said he believed Ray would receive a fair trial here.

Mr. Ingram had "no comment" to make last night on what if any role he might play in Ray's defense.

Mr. Hanes blasted his client's treatment in the Shelby County Jail and charged that Ray's rights were being hampered and his health weakened by the elaborate security precautions — particularly by two television cameras that monitor his every movement and the light that burns constantly in his cell.

"He does not like, nor do I like, having two cameras focused on him 24 hours a day. It's like something out of '1984' (a book by George Orwell in which all citizens were spied on by government television cameras).

"There is a light in his cell that is turned on 24 hours a day. He has to hide his head under a pillow to get some sleep. He even has an electronic eye on him when he uses the toilet."

Mr. Hanes also lashed out at the picture released by Sheriff William N. Morris of Ray being led into the jail handcuffed and wearing protective clothing as having done "irreparable harm to my client."

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Hanes Says Ray Helpless Victim In Red Conspiracy To Kill King

By CHARLES THORNTON

James Earl Ray was pictured yesterday by his attorney as the victim of an international Communist plot.

Arthur J. Hanes, puffing angrily on a filter cigaret and gesturing to make his point, said at a press conference here: "In my judgment Ramsey Clark (United States Atty. Gen.) is 100 per cent wrong. This (the murder of Dr. King and subsequent accusation of Ray) is a giant conspiracy and my client is being used."

Mr. Hanes refused to divulge the source of his information to newsmen at Memphis Metropolitan Airport, where he held the press conference shortly before departing for Birmingham.

He would say only: I hope Ramsey Clark will not sit back on his laurels and allow this conspiracy to cause us further harm and confuse the American people. Ramsey Clark is not going to use my client as a patsy."

Shortly after Ray's arrest June 8 in a London airport, Mr. Clark announced that there was no evidence of a plot. The Justice Department has continued to maintain it has uncovered no evidence that the slayer of Dr. King did not act alone.

Mr. Hanes, while not actually saying so, indicated the threats against his life and the lives of his family were coming from the "conspiracy."

"It doesn't take a Phi Beta Kappa key to realize there is an international Communist conspiracy. They will do everything in their power to see that we don't walk into that courtroom.

"Gentlemen, I've got my neck way out on this one. My son (Arthur Hanes Jr.) and I are the only two people who have talked to this man (James Earl Ray).

"When (John F.) Kennedy was killed in Dallas, the (federal) government asked the press to play down (Lee Harvey) Oswald's Communist affiliation because it would harm relations with Communist countries, and the American press rolled over and played dead just to be near the throne."

Mr. Hanes appeared to be armed at the airport. "I'm taking every precaution," he said, when asked if he were carrying a pistol.

It also was learned yesterday that Mr. Hanes might hire Memphis civil rights attorney Russell X. Thompson to help in the defense of Ray. Mr. Thompson is a former partner of Memphis' first integrated law firm — Ratner, Thompson, Sugarmon, Lucas and Willis.

Mr. Thompson last year defended Glenn W. Nash, accused in the murder of Millington taxi driver C. C. Surratt.

Nash was ruled insane and sent to the Mississippi State Hospital at Whitfield, Miss.

Mr. Hanes denied he had selected a Memphis attorney but Mr. Thompson confirmed that he spent "three or four hours" Friday night discussing the case with Mr. Hanes, and his possible employment.

"We have a tentative agreement but it is very tentative," said Mr. Thompson.

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Finding, Keeping James Earl Ray Costs 1.6 Million

FBI Spent 1.4 Million For Global Hunt; County Tab Is $200,000

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

The FBI spent $1,400,000 to catch James Earl Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, and Shelby County is spending a reported $200,000 to guard him in prison and give him a fair trial.

These figures were gleaned in Washington and at the Shelby County Courthouse yesterday as contractors pushed forward with new security reinforcements at the County Jail.

The new security measures revealed yesterday are a $2,937.60 contract for the Auto Glass Co., 619 Madison, to install a bullet-proof glass cage in the entrance way to the jail and the purchase, several days ago, of a padlocked steel box in which Ray's meals are delivered to his cell as a guarantee against poisoning.

Sheriff William N. Morris declined last night to approve the $200,000 extra-cost estimate for Shelby County until he has had time to add various contract figures. But an informed source said that is "very close to the mark." It is only half, he noted, of the $400,000 extra cost Los Angeles County says it is having to foot for the protection of Sirhan Sirhan, charged with the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Also revealed in the August issue of Reader's Digest were new details of how the FBI, deploying 2,014 agents in a search covering five countries, was able to arrest Ray 34 days after he is charged with having shot Dr. King to death on the balcony of the Lorraine Hotel.

A vital clue, it was revealed, was a laundry mark on a 50-cent undershirt left in a blue travel bag found in a doorway near 222½ South Main, the boarding house from which the fatal shot is said to have been fired.

The FBI first ascertained, with help of the laundry industry, that the machine making the laundry mark was manufactured in Syracuse, N.Y. Because of a peculiarity in the machine, the manufacturer was able to say it had been sold to a Los Angeles laundry.

This clue, plus Los Angeles service station stickers on the inside panel of the white Mustang abandoned in Atlanta, permitted the FBI to concentrate its search in the Los Angeles area. Ray's likeness was found in a group photo of a graduating class of the International School of Bartending.

A road map from the Mustang contained the first clear fingerprint of the suspect. By now it was evident the man sought was a white fugitive from justice, probably a prison escapee, between 25 and 50 years old. With this information, the FBI was able to limit its comparison of fingerprints to only 2,000 of the 82 million persons whose fingerprints are kept in the FBI files.

On the morning of April 19 an examination of FBI Record Card No. 405,942G, the 702nd looked at, showed their man was a Missouri State Prison escapee named James Earl Ray. On June 8 Ray was arrested at a London airport as he attempted to leave the country. Ray was flown to Memphis Friday.

Admitting to his real name for the first time since his arrest, Ray was arraigned in Shelby County Criminal Court Monday. His trial was set for Nov. 12.

Sheriff Morris says he is determined Memphis "shall not be another Dallas" referring to the slaying of Lee Harvey Oswald, charged with killing President John F. Kennedy, in a Dallas jail in 1963.

Thick new steel doors have been installed at certain jail passageways. A picture and sound-recording tape machine has been provided to take identification of all who enter the courtroom where Ray was arraigned and the one where he will be tried.

Ray's cell has been air conditioned, presumably to benefit principally the round-the-clock guard. Television monitors provide an additional constant watch.

A month ago Squire Jimmie McIntyre of Germantown moved for the County Court to ask the Department of Justice to repay the county for the extra cost of guarding and trying Ray.

Squire Baker said yesterday Washington appears unwilling to do this but that he hasn't given up hope.

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AFTER FINDING VIOLATIONS OF ORDER
Members of Bar Association committee included, from left, James D. Causey, Leo Bearman, J. Alan Hanover, Lee A. Hardison and Lucius Burch.



Don Owens
Bar President



Leo Buchignani
Bar Member



Cooper Turner
Jr.
Bar Member



W. Preston
Battle
Judge

The Memphis Press-Scimitar of Saturday, July 27, 1968, and The Commercial Appeal of Sunday, July 28, 1968.

"Certain statements in the Memphis Press-Scimitar of July 27, 1968, attributed to William Morris, sheriff of Shelby County, Tenn., concerning the cost and expenses for the security of the prisoner and the treatment of the prisoner and the prisoner's demeanor and attitude while in confinement.

"Certain statements appearing in The Memphis Press-Scimitar of Saturday, July 27, 1968, attributed to Russell X. Thompson concerning his opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant."

POSSIBILITY

On a visit to Memphis last week Hanes, Ray's Birmingham lawyer, met with Thompson and discussed the possibility of Thompson joining in Ray's defense.

In regard to Atty. Gen. Clark, the committee's report said that to the extent that Clark is a participant in the Ray case "through his staff, assistants, office associates, investigators or employes under his supervision, the statements attributed to him and the U.S. Department of Justice as referred to in The Commercial Appeal of July 28, 1968, are in probable violation of the principles set out in Shepherd vs. Maxwell . . . to the effect that there was no evidence of a conspiracy in the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Shepherd vs. Maxwell is the famous case of Dr. Sam Shepherd of Cleveland, Ohio, osteopath whose conviction was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court on the grounds of prejudicial pretrial publicity.

Battle used this case as a guideline in his previous orders of July 18 and July 23 restricting publicity in the Ray case.

SIGNED ORDER

The order signed by the judge today reads:

"All lawyers participating in this case, their assistants, associates, staff members, investigators and employes under their supervision and control, county medical examiner, jury commissioners, criminal court clerk, county sheriff, police officials and other law enforcement officers, employes of this court and all other persons employed in the Criminal Courts Building, their associates, deputies, assistants, staff members and personnel under their supervision and control are forbidden to take part in interviews or press conferences for publicity and

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"The plans of the declarant relating to the preparation or conduct of the trial, the theory, techniques and strategy of the declarant in the preparation and trial of the case.

"The jurors or potential jurors who may serve.

"The comments of the declarant about the merits of the case and about any evidence which may be presented.

"The credibility of or information concerning any known or intended witnesses or the treatment, acts, and attitude of the defendant, and are further enjoined from making any and all other statements which may be prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury in this case whether specified herein or not."

The order stated further that anybody who feels "aggrieved by anything herein contained are hereby admonished that any such grievances or complaints should be judicially presented.

"The court recognizes the wide and pervasive publicity which has been and will be an inevitable incident of this trial. The court further recognizes that there are many individuals who are beyond the jurisdiction of this court but who may be interested in the outcome of this trial, and whose statements may have been violative of this order had the court jurisdiction over such parties.

"As to such persons the court urges

compliance with this order in the interest of a fair trial to the defendant and to the state of Tennessee."

Battle instructed the criminal court clerk to send certified copies of the order to all persons named in it and to newspapers, radio and TV stations within the court's jurisdiction.

The committee is composed of:

Don G. Owens, president of Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association; and Lucius Burch, Lee A. Hardison, J. Alan Hanover, Cooper Turner Jr., Leo J. Buchignani, James D. Causey and Leo Bearman Jr.

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Judge Goes Along With Bar Report

Russell Thompson, Ramsey Clark Also Charged

By ROY B. HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Arthur B. Hanes, Sheriff William N. Morris and Memphis attorney Russell X. Thompson were cited today as having violated Criminal Judge W. Preston Battle's order in the James Earl Ray case against "publicity" statements.

U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark and the Justice Department were found to be "in probable violation" of Battle's order.

Judge Battle made the finding official as he adopted and signed a report by an eight-lawyer committee he had named to investigate. Public statements made by principals in the Ray case, and to make recommendations.

NEW ORDER

The committee also drafted a new court order, signed by the judge, imposing additional restrictions on "publicity" statements.

No punitive or disciplinary action was taken against the four individuals mentioned in the committee report.

"The court in the interest of preserving the constitutional rights of all concerned and protecting the orderly preparation and progress of the trial, reserves further inquiry and disposition of each and all of the above instances (of violations) until a later date," the order said.

The order further urged a "self imposed compliance" with the guidelines laid down by the court to assure a fair trial "to the defendant and to the state of Tennessee."

When Ray was returned to Memphis to face a murder charge in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Battle issued an order against those connected with the case making statements for "publicity." Later he modified the order to bar statements "prejudicial to a fair trial."

The Committee in its four-page report cited these as specific instances:

"Certain statements attributed to Arthur B. Hanes to the effect that the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. involves a Communist conspiracy, to the effect that his client's rights were being trampled in jail and to the effect that he, his family and servants are being threatened by 'them.' as quoted in

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Possible Publicity Violations In Ray Case To Be Studied

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle yesterday appointed a committee of eight Memphis attorneys to advise him on "possible violation of the court's order on publicity" in the James Earl Ray case.

The action came a day after Ray's attorney, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, called a news conference and declared that his client was a victim of a Communist plot and that Ray's rights were being violated at the Shelby County Jail.

Judge Battle declined to say if appointment of the committee stemmed from Mr. Hanes' statements.

Mr. Hanes reached in Birmingham last night said he had not yet been informed of the appointment of the committee and that he did not want to comment on it. "Perhaps it would be a good idea," he said.

None of the attorneys on the committee reached last night would comment on their role. It was learned they are to meet at 10 a.m. today "to get acclimated and see what's going on."

Neither Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale Jr. or Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. would comment on Mr. Hanes' charges Saturday that his client's rights were being violated at the jail and that Ray was a victim of a "giant conspiracy."

Ray is awaiting trial in Judge Battle's court on a first-degree murder charge in the April 4 slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Judge Battle said the committee would "handle any necessary matters relating (to the court order) in court."

If the committee reports that it feels the court order has been violated and Judge Battle concurs, speculation is that the judge's next step would be to issue an order for the accused person to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court.

Contempt of court carries a maximum penalty of 10 days in jail and a $50 fine.

Shortly after Ray was brought to the Shelby County Jail, the judge issued a strict order forbidding attorneys, court attaches and law officers connected with the Ray trial from giving "interviews for publicity" or "extra-judicial statements."

Last Wednesday he modified the order limiting the prohibition to interviews and statements "prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury."

The judge said the attorneys would serve "amici curiae" (as friends of the court). They are Lucius Burch, Don G. Owens, president of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association, Lee A. Hardison, J. Alan Hanover, Cooper Turner Jr., Leo J. Buchigani, James D. Causey and Leo Bearman Jr.

It is not unusual for a judge to ask Bar Association leaders or other attorneys to act as friends of the court and advise the judge on legal issues, especially those relating to lawyers in a case.

In 1965 when a question arose about whether Wayne T. DeWees, then an assistant city attorney, should represent Charles P. CaPece on a charge of embezzling public funds, Criminal Court Judge Perry H. Sellers asked a special bar committee to make a report to him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/31/68

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-772) C

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATIONS RESULTING FROM THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Kansas City letter to Bureau 5/31/68.

One copy of this letter and one copy of referenced letter are being furnished the Philadelphia Office for information.

On 7/29/68 [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, advised he lives directly across the street from [redacted] and that he does not recall anyone by the name of [redacted] any person with a similar name ever living at [redacted] said that the present owner of [redacted] is [redacted] who used to live several doors north at [redacted] when he was married and has recently moved across the street to [redacted] said that [redacted] since his divorce is seldom home and has not been at home for approximately a month although the furniture is still in the house. [redacted] said that he has never heard of a [redacted] or [redacted] ever living at [redacted] Approximately a month ago there was a man from Illinois who drove a 1961 Cadillac bearing an Illinois tag who stayed at [redacted] for a few days; however, he does not recall the description of this individual other than the fact that he was a Negro.

[redacted] said he has known the [redacted] family for several years and has never heard either [redacted] or [redacted] divorced wife ever refer to anyone by the name of [redacted]

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1 Philadelphia (157-2574)(Info)(RM)(Enc. 2)
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RACIAL MATTERS

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

KC 157-772

On 7/29/68 [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, advised that he has lived across the street from [redacted] for approximately 10 years and knows the owner of that house, [redacted] who had previously resided at [redacted] said that he has never heard anyone by the name of [redacted] ever living in the neighborhood and has not heard the name of either [redacted] or [redacted] as ever having lived at [redacted]

On 7/28/68 Mr. [redacted] advised he has been in the vicinity of [redacted] for five years and knows most of the permanent residents in the neighborhood. [redacted] said that he recalls seeing a Negro male on two or three occasions who was staying at [redacted] who identified himself as [redacted] on several occasions inquired about mail but he has not seen [redacted] at [redacted] for approximately two months and has no idea where he came from or where he has gone since there is no one currently living at [redacted] The owner of the house, [redacted] is divorced and has not been at home for several weeks although there is furniture still in the house. [redacted] said he does not know whether [redacted] is related in any way to [redacted] or whether [redacted] is just a friend, or just what the situation is. [redacted] said he has never heard of a woman by the name of [redacted] or [redacted] and is quite certain that no one by this name has ever lived at [redacted] is described as a Negro male, approximately 30 years old, dark complexion, 5'7", 145 pounds, and apparently single. [redacted] did not know whether [redacted] had an automobile and could furnish no other information concerning [redacted] other than the fact that he is no longer at [redacted] ersington.

Since investigation does not indicate [redacted] is in the Kansas City area, no additional investigation will be conducted and this matter is considered closed.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: KURKIN
(Bufile 44-38861)
(LA 44-1574)

KENSALT
(Bufile 62-587)
(LA 56-156)

Re Richmond airtel 7/26/68 concerning information furnished by [redacted] concerning [redacted]

Re: [redacted] aka [redacted]

New Haven should contact [redacted] and have him clarify the source of his remarks as to what meetings he attended where the deaths of MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY were discussed. FD-302 should be submitted.

Richmond is requested to submit interview of [redacted] on FD-302 to Los Angeles, as well as interview of [redacted]

Additional leads to interview [redacted] at Lima, Ohio, and [redacted] at Nashville will be held in abeyance until results of contact with [redacted] are known.

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AIRTEL

To: Director, FBI (44-38861) August 2, 1968

Attn: Administrative Division

From: Legat, Mexico City (173-1) (P)

Subject: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Mexico City airtel, July 15, 1968.

Cost data set forth below represents the best figures available, based partially on estimates, from July 1-31, 1968.

I. Total Man Hours

	Regular	Overtime	Total
Special Agent	42	10	52
Clerk	16	0	16

II. Total Mileage: None

III. Unusual Costs: None

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During Period: 4

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72)

MURKIN
COST DATA

ReLoncab 7/5/68. Firures for the month of July are as follows:

MAN HOURS Special Agents Assigned London

Regular	80 hrs. 9 mins.
Overtime	66 hrs. 29 mins.

CLERK-STENO HOURS

Regular	54 hrs. 19 mins.
Overtime	12 hrs. 22 mins.

MILEAGE Personally owned automobiles

188 miles @ 10¢	$18.80

CONTACT COSTS	$60.00
NUMBER OF SAs WORKING ON CASE	1
Assigned London	1

No figures are available in London for personnel utilized as escort for subject with the exception of Legat John T. Minnich's overtime, which is included in above. Per diem for Legat Minnich is available at the Bureau.

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Enclosed are original and one copy of clipping from 7/31/68 issue of "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, captioned "Battle Issues 5-Point 'Fair Trial' Order."

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Battle Issues 5-Point 'Fair Trial' Order

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

With the advice and consent of a special bar association committee, Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle yesterday surrounded the approaching trial of James Earl Ray with a strict five-point order designed to guarantee the defendant a fair trial.

Judge Battle coupled his order with pointed criticism of statements made by persons ranging as high as the attorney general of the United States. Besides criticizing Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, the order cites as prejudicial to a fair trial statements made by Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Ray's chief counsel, Russell X. Thompson, under consideration as co-counsel for the defense, and Sheriff William N. Morris.

Singled out were Mr. Hanes' statements that Ray is a "victim of a Communist left-wing conspiracy" and that his client's "rights are being trampled and his privacy invaded" in the Shelby County Jail.

Mr. Thompson was reproved for a statement Saturday that he believes Ray "innocent." Sheriff Morris was criticized for having given at a press conference Friday details of extra expenses Shelby County must foot for Ray's security.

All these statements were made after Judge Battle issued his orders of July 18 and 23, sharply delimiting publicity statements regarding the Ray case. Clark was cited for a statement made several weeks ago that the Justice Department regards Dr. King's murder not as the product of a conspiracy but the work of one man.

Judge Battle found the attorney general's statement "in probable violation of the principles set out by the United States Supreme Court in Sheppard vs. Maxwell." In 1966 the Supreme Court reversed the conviction of Dr. Sam Sheppard of Cleveland, Ohio, charged with killing his wife, on the ground widespread newspaper publicity had prejudiced a fair trial.

Judge Battle enjoined attorneys in the Ray case, personnel of the attorney general's office and the sheriff's office and other public employes from expressing a personal belief in the guilt or innocence of the accused.

He also prohibited statements on the preparation or conduct of the trial or the techniques or strategy of defense or prosecution.

Also prohibited are statements regarding jurors or potential jurors, the merits of possible evidence, credibility of intended witnesses, or the treatment, acts or attitudes of Ray himself.

The Public's Right to Know Committee of the Mid-South Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, gave a statement taking issue with Judge Battle's stricture against Sheriff Morris for revealing extra expenses entailed in upgrading security for Ray as a prisoner in the Shelby County Jail.

"Certainly," the statement said, "the cost to taxpayers of confinement and security measures and conditions of jail life are matters of interest to the public and not directly related to the trial. As such they are suitable for public comment by an elective official."

The statement was signed by the committee's co-chairman, Jefferson Riker of The Commercial Appeal staff and Norman Brewer of WMC-TV.

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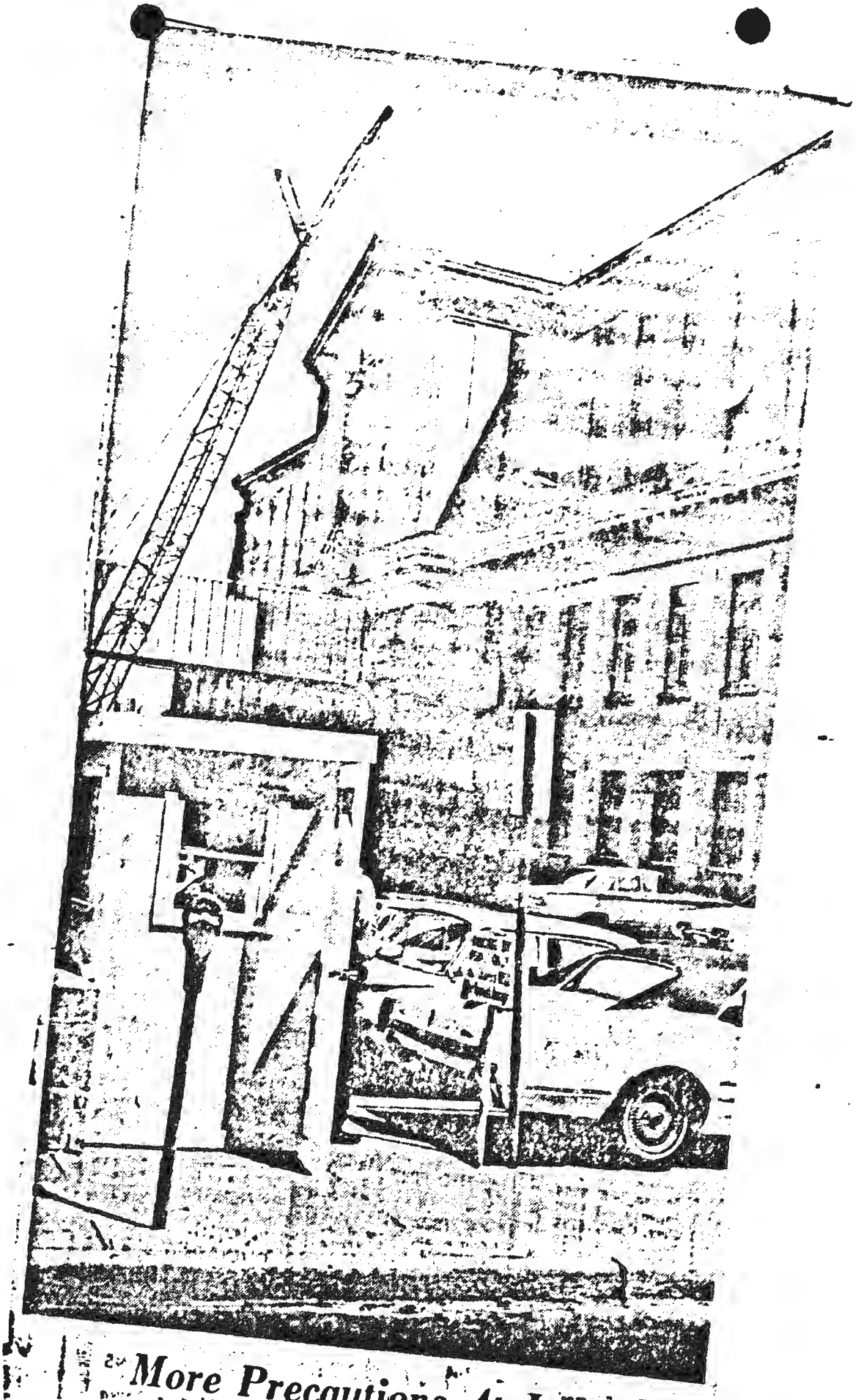
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ENCLOSURE



More Precautions At Jail

FBI

Date: 7/26/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

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ReBucab 7/23/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is copy of New Scotland Yard report containing all information concerning the activities of subject while in London from 5/7/68 to the date of his apprehension 6/8/68. Also contained in the report is summary of investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard in this matter. This report was officially handed to Assistant Legat on 7/25/68 and it may be disseminated to Tennessee authorities for assistance in preparing their case for prosecution.

Also enclosed for the assistance of Bureau supervisors are three copies of a list of London communications to the Bureau in this matter. These are in the form of cables and airtels, and any information contained therein can now be disseminated to Tennessee authorities with the exception of that in London airtel dated 7/16/68. This airtel enclosed items furnished to this office by New Scotland Yard on a confidential basis, and included letters from subject to various individuals in the U. S., as well as prison warders' reports.

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In regard to the prison warders' reports, this office has officially directed a communication to the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Prison Affairs asking for all prison staff reports of pertinence in this matter, and when they are received officially they can in turn be furnished to Tennessee authorities.

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Section 67

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
ATLANTA	MEMPHIS	7/30/68	5/10/68 - 7/15/68

TITLE OF CASE

JAMES EARL RAY, aka; alias of Eric Starvo Galt;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY [redacted] TYPED BY mlw

CHARACTER OF CASE

CGR - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY

8-7-65

REFERENCE: Report of [redacted] 5/17/68.

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LEADS:

ATLANTA

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Will continue reporting results of investigation requested of the Atlanta Division.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

— On 5/14/68, wanted flyers were mailed to all laundries and dry cleaning establishments in the Metropolitan Atlanta area

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE						ACQUITTALS
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES	

CASE HAS BEEN:
PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO
PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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AT-44-2386
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as well as the headquarter cities of all Resident Agencies in the Atlanta Division.

On May 20, 1968, Postal Inspector [redacted], Atlanta, advised that on that date mail held for JAMES EARL RAY at General Delivery, Atlanta Post Office, was due to be returned to the sender of the mail. [redacted] advised there has been no additional delivery of mail since last contacted and the Bureau would be immediately notified if any additional mail for RAY should be sent to the Atlanta Post Office, General Delivery. He stated clerks at the General Delivery window have been alerted concerning this mail.

On June 3, 1968, Postal Inspector [redacted] advised that money order number 5615057923, dated March 28, 1968, purchased in Atlanta in the amount of $7.50, payable to the Locksmithing Institute, Little Falls, New Jersey, was purchased at Postal Station C, which is located on Fourteenth Street, N.E., Atlanta. It is noted this address is almost directly across from the rooming house which was occupied by the subject in March, 1968.

Results of negative investigation conducted by Atlanta Agents in this matter are not being set forth in this report as they contain no information of value and were primarily elimination-type leads.

All safety deposit boxes in the Atlanta Metropolitan area have been checked for a box rented in the name of the subject or his known aliases with negative results.

Reference to the interviews of RAYMOND CURTIS [redacted] at Dalton, Georgia is noted that while [redacted] indicates that he would CURTIS not testify to any information he furnished, he had already in fact written two letters to Ebony Magazine concerning the information contained in these interviews.

All persons departing Atlanta by airline for points in Canada from April 5 - 12, 1968, were eliminated as identical with subject RAY. No reservations could be located in the name of RAMON GEORGE SNEYD or PAUL BRIDGEMAN.

Form (Rev. 3-3-67)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: [redacted] Office: Atlanta, Georgia
Date: July 30, 1968

Field Office File #: 44-2386 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CRIME ON GOVERNMENT RESERVATION - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: [redacted] inmate, U.S. Penitentiary, Atlanta, says he saw person who resembled subject, December, 1967, or January, 1968, at which time a white male he knew as [redacted] attempted to sell this individual a rifle with telescopic sight. Two individuals who were guests at the Provincial Motel, New Orleans, December, 1967, at the same time of the subject had no information. Itinerary for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. from April, 1967 to time of his death obtained from SCLC Headquarters. ROBERT TATUM [redacted] Mableton, Georgia, who purchased .38 caliber revolver found on RAY at time of his arrest in London states sold revolver to a [redacted] of Birmingham, RAY THEN Alabama. AYMOND CURTIS [redacted] interviewed at Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia, advised he was trying to sell a story to Ebony Magazine for approximately $5,000 to help pay off the mortgage on his mother's home. At first interview he denied statements which were in his letter to Ebony Magazine concerning he and subject, JAMES EARL RAY. Second interview, same date, he allowed Agent to read his twenty page handwritten story concerning activities of himself and JAMES EARL RAY.

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AT 44-2388
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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted]

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

On May 11, 1968, [redacted] Barry Garner 147 14th Street NE advised he had no additional information concerning the whereabouts of subject. He stated inasmuch as he and the subject had done some drinking together, and there has been no publicity concerning the subject residing at the rooming house on 14th Street, it is possible the subject might recontact him. He stated if he should hear any thing from the subject, he would immediately contact the Atlanta FBI Office.

On May 13, 1968, [redacted] contacted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted] at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, where he is currently in custody. He was interviewed at the AWB Building where he is being held in administrative segregation for refusing to work where assigned at the penitentiary.

He stated he has no knowledge of the whereabouts of subject, RAY, and no knowledge of any plot to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. He stated that in November, 1967, he saw a person in the 14th Street area of Atlanta, who closely resembled the subject.

[redacted] stated he has never resided in the 14th Street area himself. He stated this individual who he had seen believed to have a 1956 or 1957 Oldsmobile automobile.

[redacted] further stated that he would not furnish any information concerning subject, RAY, if he had such information.

AT 44-2386
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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted]

On May 29, 1968, [redacted] was interviewed at the United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, where he is an inmate.

He stated since last interviewed he had recalled some additional information and wished to furnish all information he had concerning the person he believed identical with JAMES EARL RAY.

He stated that a white male, who he knew as [redacted] blond, and probably in his early twenties, and who drove a red and white 1966 Mustang convertible with an unknown license, tried to sell a rifle to this individual who he believed identical with RAY either in December, 1967, or January, 1968. He said he recalled it was right after he was released from the Fulton County Jail following his arrest and in December, 1967.

He stated this attempted sale took place on the corner of Barnett and St. Charles Streets in Northeast Atlanta where several hippie-types were residing in an apartment house which faced St. Charles Street on the corner of Barnett, and would be located on the southwest corner of the intersection. He stated [redacted] a singer at the Catacombs, also might know the person he believed identical with RAY.

He stated [redacted] was visiting the girl who resided in this apartment, which he described as the first apartment on the right, and two hippies who he knew only as [redacted] and [redacted] also living there. Both were bike-riders who wore leather jackets and hung out around the Catacombs. He stated he believed [redacted] resided in the Fourteenth or Fifteenth Street area near Peachtree Street and stated he was not the hippie type but a veteran, 21 or 20 years old, 140 pounds, 5 feet 8 inches, blond hair, and not employed.

[redacted] stated he first saw this person he believed identical with RAY in September or October, 1967, at the Regency Hyatt House in downtown Atlanta when he was with a [redacted] of Decatur, who is believed to operate a nightclub in Daytona Beach, Florida. He said he saw this person other

times at the Catacombs, a hippie coffee house on Fourteenth Street in Atlanta. He stated he talked with [redacted] at that time.

He stated the last time he saw this individual was at the intersection of St. Charles and Barnett Streets; however, he could not be certain as to whether it was before or after he was in the Fulton County Jail. He stated [redacted] had tried to sell this rifle for $150.00 because the rifle was in a case and had a telescope. He stated after thinking about the matter further he recalled he was in jail at Christmas-time, 1967, and this attempted sale probably took place before he was placed in Fulton County Jail about December 8, 1967.

He stated [redacted] was in town in early January, 1968, and believes he may be from Tennessee. He stated [redacted] and [redacted] had lived on Vedado Way.

On May 29, 1968, [redacted] who reside at [redacted] and on the apartment listed at [redacted] which is the southwest corner of the intersection bordered by St. Charles and Barnett, stated at one time there had been a [redacted] residing in the right-hand apartment at [redacted] They were described as hippie-types, and asked to leave because of the many hippies who were apparently spending the night there. [redacted] stated there was always a crowd, and there would be as many as ten motorbikes parked in front of the house at one time. She described [redacted] as young white male and young white female, who did not dress like hippies, however, had hippie-type friends. She stated [redacted] name was [redacted] and a [redacted] at [redacted] telephone [redacted] was apparently the mother of [redacted].

She stated [redacted] indicated she would pay the rent if [redacted] was unable to do so.

On May 29, 1968, records of the Atlanta Police Department reflected [redacted] was arrested on [redacted] released on [redacted], on bond, and sentenced in United States District Court, Atlanta, on [redacted]

On May 31, 1968, [redacted] advised she has two sons, [redacted] who is in school, and [redacted] She stated [redacted] full name is [redacted] and he is presently on probation for theft of motor vehicles, and his probation officer is [redacted] United States Probation Officer. She stated she had no idea of his whereabouts and knows that he moved recently from North Highland Avenue. She stated her parents are presently financing her rent, and she is unable to work at this time. She stated she has met [redacted] and [redacted] who she described as a tall person, and also noted that her daughter-in-law [redacted] is pregnant. She stated [redacted] parents, who reside somewhere in Alabama, are presently paying the rent for her son and his wife. She stated if she obtains any information concerning his whereabouts, she will advise the FBI.

Records of the Atlanta Police Department reviewed on May 31, 1968, reflected [redacted] Atlanta Police Department number [redacted] FBI number [redacted] white male born [redacted] was indicted by Fulton County Grand Jury on [redacted] charged with robbery and rape. He is described as white male, 5 feet 11 inches, 177 pounds, black hair, hazel eyes, tattoo upper right arm of "LONIE", numerous cut scars.

On May 31, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Atlanta Police Department, Homicide Squad, advised [redacted] is presently on Federal probation, and his probation officer is [redacted] Lieutenant [redacted] stated he was one of the detectives assigned to the robbery-rape case and to contact [redacted] for any additional information.

On June 4, 1968, United States Probation Officer [redacted] advised [redacted] is under supervision until July, 1971, and is on parole, not probation. He stated he is not in possession of a present address for [redacted] however, [redacted] is due to report that week and noted that he has always done so promptly. [redacted] stated he considers [redacted] mother a "nut" and stated that his grandmother, [redacted], telephon[redacted]

apparently has some money and is financing [redacted] mother. He also stated a [redacted] telephone [redacted] resides at [redacted] may have some information concerning [redacted] eportedly stole her car and used it in some armed robberies in Dekalb County.

Inquiries in the area of the Catacombs May 29, 31, June 4, 5, and 6, 1968, have failed to find anyone who knew the whereabouts of [redacted] or [redacted] Several persons recalled knowing [redacted] nd [redacted] but were unable or declined to furnish any information as to their present whereabouts.

AT 44-238[redacted]
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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] on May 10, 1968, and May 13, 1968:

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

LOUIS KLAUBER 1145 Peachtree, NE, [redacted] Georgia Laundrys and Cleaners Association, advised he has a list of approximately 700 cleaning establishments located throughout the state of Georgia, which contains the listing of all except plants that are not covered by employment compensation. He stated this list is very complete and he would be happy to make a copy of it available.

On May 13, 1968, LOUIS KLAUBER, Room 498, 1145 Peachtree Street [redacted], NE, made available listing at no cost.

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AT 44-2386
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The following investigation was conducted by [redacted]

AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

On May 15, 1968, E.C. MATTHEWS [redacted]

advised he had been in New Orleans at the Provincial Motel, in December, for about 3 days, however, did not recall the exact dates. He stated he and his wife were there on a short vacation, and proceeded from New Orleans to Birmingham, for Christmas. He stated they talked to no one while at the motel, and he stated the photograph of the subject is not familiar. [redacted] stated he recalled work being done on the swimming pool at that time, and that he and his wife had stopped to watch this construction.

MR. MATTHEWS

AT 44-2386
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On May 29, 1968, N. R. HINES [redacted] advised that he had been at the Provincial Motel at 1024 Chartres Street in New Orleans, December, 1967, for one night on business. He stated he was at the motel very little, arrived late after dinner, and just spent one night there. He recalled that the room he had faced the street, and he was unable to recall seeing anyone who resembled the subject. He stated he was not at the motel during the day.

AT-44-2386
RRP:mlw

On May 20, 1968, DORA MCDONALD Secretary [redacted] to the late Doctor MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Headquarters, made available [redacted] of the Accounting Division of SCLC, two copies of a memorandum directed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflecting the itinerary of Doctor KING for April 15, 1967, to the time of his death. This information was obtained from airline billings and reservation records and may not indicate all of the late Doctor KING'S travels.

TO: FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

FROM: SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

RE: TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR DR. KING

DATE: MAY 20, 1968

DATE	PLACE
April 15, 1967	Hilton Inn - San Francisco, California
April 22-24	New York Hilton - Rockefeller Center
May 6, 1967	Louisville, Kentucky
May 12	Terrace Motor Inn - Appleton, Wisconsin
May 14	New York
May 19	From Chicago to Detroit
May 20	Summit - New York City
May 27	New York City
May 29 thru June 3	Frogmore, South Caroline
June 5 and 6	New York Hilton - Rockefeller Center
June 12	Seagill Restaurant -- Chicago
June 15	Sheraton Cleveland Hotel
June 22	New York City and Sheraton Cleveland, Clevelend
June 24	Ted's Rhivcho Restaurant -- Malibu, Calif.
June 25	Hyatt House Hotel -- Los Angeles, California
July 9, 1967	Cleveland and Chicago
July 13	Chicago and Cleveland
July 18--23	Chicago and Cleveland
July 23	New York Hilton
July 26	Sheraton Chicago - Chicago
July 29	Cleveland to Pittsburgh
July 28	

July 28	Marriott Twin Brdgs - Washington, D.C.
August 4	Boston, New York City and Louisville, Kentucky
August 3	Laramie, Wyoming and New York
August 10	Los Angeles
August 13	Washington, D.C.
August 22 and 23	Howard Johnson's -- Cleveland
August 28	Chicago
August 11	International Hotel - Los Angeles, California
[illegible]ugust 9	Los Angeles
Augu[illegible]	Sheraton Palace - San Francisco, California
Sept. 7 and 8	Howard Johnson - Cleveland
Sept. 8 and 9	Netherland Hilton, Cincinnati, Ohio
Sept. 22	Fairmont Hotel and Tower - San Francisco, California
Sept. 24	Independence, Ohio
October 2 --7	Howard Johnson - Cleveland
October 20	Washington Hilton, Washington, D.C.
Nov. 9	Cleveland
Nov. 12-14	London Hilton Park Lane, W1.
Nov. 3	Birmingham, Alabama - A.G. Gaston Motel
Nov. 26	Americana of New York
Dec.	Savannah, Georgia to Atlanta
Dec. 14 and 15	New York Hilton, New York
Dec. 28--Jan 1, 1968	Miami, New York, and Chicago
Jan 1, 1968	Chicago to Atlanta
January 31 to Feb. 8	Atlanta, Chicago , Fort Wayne, Cleveland, New York and Atlanta
Feb. 2 and 3	New York Hilton, Rockefeller Center
5	New York Hilton
10	International Hotel, Jamaica, New York
12	Holiday Inn of Washington, D.C.
[illegible] and 18	Mississippi and Alabama Tour
[illegible] and 11	Dallas Texas [illegible]

arch 10 and 11	New York Hilton - Rockefeller Center
larch 15	Detroit
larch 17	Los Angeles
larch 18	Hotel Acapulco
larch 19	Alamo Plaza Hotel Courts -- Mississippi
larch 22	Washington, New York, Virginia and Georgia
uly 3	N. Randa, Ohio
pril	Memphis

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RRP:mlw

By communication dated June 10, 1968, the Los Angeles Division advised that JAMES EARL RAY was apprehended in London, England and he had in his possession a .38 caliber Liberty Chief revolver, serial number 715, manufactured by Miroku Firearms Manufacturing Company in Japan. [redacted] owner, [redacted] Arms Company and the [redacted] Company, Montrose, California advised that the above described revolver had been sent to [redacted] Mableton, Georgia, on October 3, 1966, under invoice from [redacted] in Montrose, California. The revolver was the only item in the shipment.

AT MABLETON, GEORGIA.

On June 11, 1968, [redacted] Mableton, Georgia, advised Special Agent [redacted] he had purchased a .38 caliber revolver, serial number 715, a Japanese make from the [redacted] Company, Montrose, California for $40, on October 11, 1966. On December 3, 1966, he sold the gun for $50 to [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama. He obtained [redacted] name and address from a driver's license and described [redacted] as a white male, thirty to thirty-five years of age with brown hair. He stated [redacted] is not identical to subject RAY.

By communication dated July 2, 1968, the Bureau advised that [redacted] Whitfield County Jail, had written two letters to Ebony Magazine who had referred these letters to the Bureau. These letters are as follows:

[redacted]

"Georgia
"June 22, 1968

"Mr. [redacted]

"Dear Mr. [redacted]

"I thank you for your answer to my letter. I think that details I give you in this letter will be of help to you.

"Well, Sir, I have written a story. No one but myself has read it but me. At this time I know that it will have to be re-wrote for I am not a writing it as bad as it is.

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RRP:mlw

"It all about the crime I did and about a crime I did in 1954 with James Earl Ray and about the 13 years of prison pal and everything we talk about. About thing and about James Earl Ray wanted the job of killing Martin Luther King, Jr. We talk of killing King for three years. And we talked to the man from Mississippi that knew all about the KK businessman association that was to put up the money to kill King. I also know the men from Mississippi.

"In that three years we made maps just had to find the right place to kill King. Well I have made the maps over myself. They are with the story also.

"And just where we would go after we killed King so yes when we talk about it I was to be in on it. But I was not. The story has it all in it. All the big thing and the little one also. And what Ray like and what he did not like. This story could get me killed. I know that. That is why. I won't send the story by mail. I know that this is getting to be a long letter. But when you read this if you want the story O.K. If not just let me know, O.K. That way I won't talk to men about it.

Mr. SANDERS [redacted] there are men in five states that is behind the King killing and they don't know what I know. But James Earl Ray did not. Now that they have Ray Tenn. will trial him if they get him back.

"Well, they want me to testify. Well, I just don't know yet what I will do.

"You see, me and Ray were pal. I could tell what I have to the news. That not much. Or I could not say everything. And I did not tell the FBI. Well, this is not a book. I am just trying to tell you what you ask of me in your letter.

"If you have a man or have someone down this way, if you will have them stop by the jail I will let them read the story and you can go from there. O.K.

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RRP:mlw

"I thank you again.

"I will be looking to hear from you soon.

[redacted] RAYMOND CURTIS

"I am still in the Dalton County, Jail."

[redacted]

"Georgia
"May 30, 1968

[redacted] "Mr. JOHN H. JOHNSON
(evidentally connected with Ebony Magazine)

"Sir:

"I am Raymond Curtis [redacted] a man that said we talk about killing King. Will, Sir, there is things that have never been told. Thing he did and better. Things that would make a story so if you are interested and want the story then I will look to hear from you or someone you send if you are not interested and you know someone that is I would appreciate it if you would tell them about me and give my address. O.K. I am still at the Whitfield County Jail, Dalton, Georgia. My home address is at the top. Sir, I would appreciate if if you would let me hear from you.

"Thank you for your time.

[redacted]
"Raymond Curtis"

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 5, 1968

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RAYMOND CURTIS [redacted] was contacted at the Whitfield County Jail and advised of the identities of Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] He was furnished a rights and waiver of rights form which he read, indicated he understood, but refused to sign. He was advised that he was being interviewed concerning statements he made in a letter he had mailed to [redacted] of Ebony Magazine.

MR. SANDERS

CURTIS [redacted] stated he was merely trying to sell a story to Ebony for approximately $5,000 to help his mother pay off a mortgage on her home. She had obtained this mortgage as a result of paying attorney's fees for the defense of CURTIS [redacted] at a previous trial.

CURTIS [redacted] stated that he and JAMES EARL RAY participated in a burglary in Joliet, Illinois, in October or November, 1954. It was pointed out to CURTIS [redacted] that certain statements made by him in his letter to Ebony Magazine could possibly involve him in a conspiracy with JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CURTIS [redacted] then stated he wished to go on record as to the statements made in his letter to MR. SANDERS [redacted] He categorically denied the following statements which were in his letter to Ebony Magazine:

1) That he and JAMES EARL RAY participated in a crime in 1954;
2) That RAY wanted the job of killing KING;
3) That he and RAY talked about killing KING for three years;
4) That he and RAY talked to the man from Mississippi that knew all about the KK Businessmen's Association which Association was to put up the money to kill KING;
5) That he knew the men from Mississippi;
6) That for three years he and RAY made maps just to find the right place to kill KING and that he made the maps over himself;
7) That he and RAY knew just where they would go after the killing of KING;
8) That he was to be in on the killing of KING;
9) That there are men in five states who are behind the killing of KING and these men do not know what he [redacted] knows.

(CURTIS)

On 7/3/68 at Dalton, Georgia File # AT 44-2386

by [redacted] :jlh Date dictated 7/5/68

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During this interview CURTIS [redacted] drew two maps setting out how he thought RAY would stalk KING. This map indicated the following towns where he said KING made most of his speeches: Atlanta, Georgia; Little Rock, Arkansas; Birmingham, Mobile, and Selma, Alabama; Jackson, Vicksburg, and Marks, Mississippi.

CURTIS [redacted] further advised that there was a man living on a houseboat in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on the Mississippi River whose name he would not divulge who was to take RAY down the River on his boat to New Orleans after the killing.

CURTIS [redacted] further advised that in the past he had pulled several burglaries and armed robberies in towns along the Mississippi River and while police were looking for him on the highway he would be on a boat down the Mississippi. He added that he had written a story concerning the KING killing which was currently being typed and this was the story he mentioned in the letter to Ebony Magazine and which he intended to sell to Ebony.

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JAI[redacted] RAY;
MA[redacted] LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

On July 3, 1968, Sheriff G. T. MAULDIN [redacted] Whitfield County, Georgia, advised that [redacted] sent no letters or CURTIS communications from the Whitfield County Jail which passed over the jailer's desk. He stated [redacted] probably sent his CURTIS mail out with visitors and jail trustees which would probably not have been observed by men of his department. [redacted] SHERIFF MAULDIN [redacted] stated that [redacted] attorney, [redacted], former U. S. Congressman from the Seventh District of Georgia, is of the opinion that most of [redacted] comments concerning CURTIS his knowledge of Ray's alleged assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. are pure fabrications on the part of [redacted] or CURTIS the result of something [redacted] has read in the newspapers CURTIS

Approximately one hour following the conclusion CURTIS SHERIFF MAULDIN of the interview with [redacted] he sent a note to [redacted] requesting to again see an FBI Agent and stating that he wanted to tell the entire truth. [redacted] was re-interviewed at the Whitfield County Jail. CURTIS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 5, 1968

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RAYMOND CURTIS [redacted] was furnished a rights and waiver of rights form which he refused to sign. He then stated in connection with the previous interview that apparently in his letter to Ebony Magazine, he used the word "we" indicating that he and JAMES EARL RAY had planned the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and he realized now this would involve him in a conspiracy. For that reason in the previous interview he denied the statements he had made in his letter to Ebony Magazine. [redacted] then advised he had written a CURTIS story which he intended to sell to some magazine for the purpose of obtaining money for his mother. He stated the story was still in his possession and had not yet been sent out to be typed. He permitted [redacted] to read this 20-page handwritten story one page at a time and he declared this story was true. The first five or six pages of the story merely set out his early life in crime and the prison sentences he had served as a result of the crimes, starting at the age of 15. The remainder of the story is the same as he originally furnished in an interview in April, 1968, concerning his knowledge and association with JAMES EARL RAY. The story reflects that he first became associated with RAY in 1954 when they pulled a payroll robbery together in Quincy, Illinois, with a third individual. Shortly thereafter [redacted] lost contact CURTIS with RAY when RAY and this third individual were apprehended in connection with a bank robbery at Southwest City, Missouri. After that [redacted] again became acquainted with RAY in prison CURTIS and while in prison they both learned of the death of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. At this time RAY stated the murder of KENNEDY sounded like a big job and he was always on the inside of a prison when big jobs and big money were to be had.

Shortly after the death of JOHN F. KENNEDY, MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. became prominent, and RAY stated on several occasions that somebody was going to kill KING. During this period an individual came into the Missouri State Penitentiary from Vicksburg, Mississippi. This individual upon learning of JAMES EARL RAY's feelings toward killing KING advised RAY of the KK Businessmen's Association of the South

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and stated that people in five states were putting up money for KING's assassination. The story further reflected that RAY informed this individual that he intended to have everything set when he killed KING. RAY followed KING's movements through maps so that he could later stalk KING to the point of assassination. RAY indicated during the time that he would leave a false gun and false trail immediately following the murder. RAY was supposed to go to Vicksburg, Mississippi, following the murder, contact the man from Vicksburg who had the houseboat, and this man was to take him either to New Orleans or Canada via the Mississippi River.

At the conclusion of the interview [redacted] stated CURTIS he would not testify to any of the above information. He did advise that the name of the individual on the houseboat in Vicksburg, Mississippi, was [redacted] also known as [redacted] who served time in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

CURTIS [redacted] refused to allow his story to be copied and stated he would not write it over again nor would he allow the pages to be removed from his prison cell. [redacted] then CURTIS presented crude sketches of the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Missouri State Penitentiary.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
JUL 24 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
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Miss Gandy

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

653 PM URGENT 7-24-68 DND

TO BUREAU (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AIRTELS TO BUREAU DATED JULY TWENTY THREE AND TWENTY FOUR LAST AND DIVISION SIX SUPERVISOR [redacted] TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS THIS DATE.

ON JULY TWENTY TWO LAST [redacted] MARTHA JOHNSON, SECRETARY TO SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE, RECEIVED VIA REGULAR MAIL AT JUDGE'S OFFICE AN ANONYMOUS POST CARD DIRECTED TO THE JUDGE ON WHICH APPEARED THE MESSAGE "BOY, YOUR VERDICT BETTER BE OUR VERDICT; OR YOU GO THE WAY OF KING! KKK." THIS CARD WAS POSTMARKED P.M. JULY TWENTY LAST AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

Airtel SAs, ME-4 7-31-68 KET/44

EX-100 REC 74 44-38861-4984

ON JULY TWENTY TWO, LAST, [redacted] RES. JAY STRICKLAND SECRETARY TO SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, RECEIVED VIA REGULAR MAIL AT SHERIFF'S OFFICE A POST CARD DIRECTED TO THE SHERIFF ON WHICH APPEARED THE MESSAGE "DEAR BILL, GLAD RAY'S IN YOUR HANDS. OVER HERE WE ALL KNOW NO WHITE MAN IS GOING TO DIE FOR A NIGGER. LET'S US WHITE FOLKS SHOW THEM. LET RAY GO FREE LIKE WE ALWAYS DO."

END PAGE ONE

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SIGNED [redacted] MARTIN, TENN. THIS CARD WAS POSTMARKED P.M. JULY NINETEEN LAST, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE HANDWRITINGS ON BOTH OF THESE CARDS MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY SAME INDIVIDUAL.

THESE TWO POST CARDS WERE FORWARDED TO FBI LARORATORY REQUESTING HANDWRITING COMPARISON AS WELL AS LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION BY MEMPHIS AIRTEL DATED JULY TWENTY THREE LAST CAPTIONED "~~UNSUB;~~ Unknown Subject W. PRESTON BATTLE - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER."

ON JULY TWENTY FOUR INSTANT SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, MEMPHIS, RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS POST CARD DIRECTED TO MR. E. RAY, MEMPHIS, TENN., ON WHICH APPEARED THE MESSAGE "YOU ARE NEXT TO DIE." THIS CARD WAS POSTMARKED P.M. JULY TWENTY TWO LAST, NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THIS CARD WAS FORWARDED TO THE FBI LABORATORY REQUESTING APPROPRIATE EXAMINATION ON JULY TWENTY FOUR INSTANT BY MEMPHIS AIRTEL CAPTIONED "UNSUB; E. RAY - VICTIM; EXTORTION - RACIAL MATTER."

JUDGE BATTLE IS AWARE OF THE POST CARD DIRECTED TO HIM BUT IS NOT AWARE OF THE SIGNED POST CARD RECEIVED BY SHERIFF MORRIS OR THE POST CARD RECEIVED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE DIRECTED TO E. RAY.

END PAGETWO

United States Attorney

MR. THOMAS L. ROBINSON, ~~USA,~~ WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS, HAS ADVISED THAT THE CONTENTS OF BOTH POST CARDS CONTAINING THE THREATS DO CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF TITLE EIGHTEEN, United States Commissioner SECTION EIGHT SEVEN SIX, ~~USC,~~ AND THAT HE WOULD AUTHORIZE PROSECUTION TO THE INDIVIDUAL IF THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING THESE THREATENING POST CARDS ARE IDENTIFIED.

NEW YORK DIVISION HAS BEEN FURNISHED XEROX COPIES OF ALL THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POST CARDS AS WELL AS COMMUNICATION; HOWEVER, THE NEW YORK AND THE MEMPHIS DIVISIONS ARE NOT CONDUCTING ANY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION UNLESS SPECIFICALLY ADVISED TO DO SO BY THE BUREAU.

THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS NOT CONDUCTING ANY ACTIVE INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY THE SENDERS OF THESE POST CARDS.

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MR. TROTTER DELL

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Your verdict today in our Urbanist

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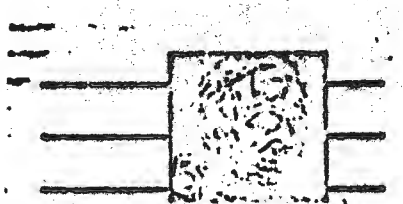
you go the way of King! KKK

7-20-'68

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W. Preston Battle
Shelby County Criminal Court
Memphis, Tennessee.
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NEW YORK, N.Y.
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U.S. POSTAGE

Sheriff Lem Morris
Memphis
Tennessee

7-19-68

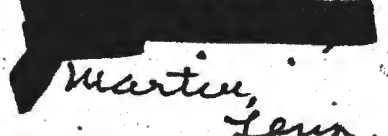
Dear Bill

Glad Rap in your hands.

Down here we all know no white man is going to die for a nigger.

Lets us white folks show them

Let Ray go free like we always do



Martin, Tenn.

44-38861-4984

ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7-25-68

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO (62-168) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Markin

Re Mexico City cable 6-6-68.

If any action is desired by the New York Office in Mexico, or if the New York Office is in possession of information of interest here, the New York Office should advise.

No further apparent action to be taken in Mexico.

5 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
(2 - New York)
1 - Mexico City

DGB:wr
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EX-100

REC-78 44-38861-4985

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Date: 8/1/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN

Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau 7/24/68 and Atlanta teletype to the Bureau, Interview in County Jail, Dalton, Georgia, 7/3/68.

Enclosed herewith for Chicago is one copy of each referenced communication.

For the additional information of Chicago, it has been determined the houseboat capable of travel on the Mississippi River was at one time owned by one [redacted] now deceased [redacted] Collierville, Tennessee, obtained possession of the houseboat in February, 1966. The results of interview with [redacted] are not known to Jackson.

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REC 74 44-38861-4987

(3) - Bureau (RM)
2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (RM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (RM)
2 - Jackson
JGW:mif
(8)

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FBI
SEC. B - CIA MEMO

C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

67 AUG 8 - 1968

The following lead will be given expeditious attention, UACB:

LEAD:

CHICAGO

AT ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY. Will, if [redacted] is still incarcerated at Illinois State Penitentiary, determine if he is the individual referred to by [redacted] as [redacted] and will thereafter conduct exhaustive interview concerning the allegations made by [redacted] RAYMOND CURTIS

RAYMOND CURTIS

Will furnish results of the interview to the Bureau by report or LHM.

If [redacted] is no longer incarcerated at the Illinois State Penitentiary, will set out such leads as are necessary to locate and interview him, as above.

UACB, interview of [redacted] and [redacted] the other inmates of the Missouri State Penitentiary by the name of [redacted] who were incarcerated subsequent to 1960, will not be conducted, as no information was contained in the Missouri State Penitentiary Records indicating that these individuals have ever resided in, or had contacts in, the state of Mississippi.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 8/1/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. [redacted] Budget, Justice, telephonically contacted this office this afternoon and stated that the Department had received a bill for the airplane furnished by the Department of Defense used by this Bureau to transport James Earl Ray, subject, from England to Memphis, Tennessee. [redacted] stated that the bill was in the amount of $8,500; that Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, had sent the bill to Mr. L. M. Pellerzi, Assistant Attorney General for Administration, with a request that he see him concerning it. [redacted] knew nothing about the background and the purpose of his call was to find out what he could in order to brief Mr. Pellerzi. He expressed the opinion that it appeared to him that the charge was properly an investigative expense and therefore should be paid for from FBI funds. [redacted] was advised that the matter would be looked into and he would be contacted.

This matter was discussed with Agent Supervisor [redacted] General Investigative Division, who advised that all of the arrangements for the plane had been made at the highest level in the Department of Justice; that Mr. Rosen and Mr. DeLoach had both informed the Department officials that the Bureau's funds were not available for paying the cost of the plane; and that this view had been concurred in by the Director. On the basis of this information, [redacted] was informed that it was felt that this Bureau's funds were not available to pay this cost and that this view had been communicated to the top level of the Department of Justice. [redacted] stated that he would be governed accordingly and so inform Mr. Pellerzi.

ACTION:

None; informational.

WCJ:bjg
(10)
1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Mohr (sent direct)

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Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reairtel 7-19-68.

This airtel supplements Buairtel of 7-26-68.

Major case prints of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G, compared with latent impressions in bank burglary, bank robbery, and major theft sections of National Unidentified Latent File, but no identification effected.

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REC 74 44-38861-4990

4 AUG 5 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen

G.J.Siegd (6)

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TELETYPE UNIT

8/2/68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Bates

To: SAC, St. Louis

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReTeletype to Bureau and St. Louis dated 8/1/68 captioned, "[redacted] - Fugitive; Parole Violator," Phoenix file [redacted] Bureau file [redacted] Phoenix - office of origin.

Enclosed for St. Louis are two copies of Jackson airtel dated 5/15/68, captioned, "Murkin." A copy of enclosed Jackson airtel was furnished to Phoenix by Bureau airtel dated 5/27/68.

Enclosed Jackson airtel sets forth information furnished by [redacted] 6/2/67 concerning an alleged offer of $100,000 to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. ReTeletype indicates [redacted] may surrender at St. Louis on 8/5/68. Should [redacted] surrender as stated, St. Louis should attempt to thoroughly interview him concerning any additional information he may have developed concerning any plot to kill King since he was last interviewed on 6/2/67.

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Enclosures (2)

1 - Phoenix 76-2865 (info.)

1 (76-30305)

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REC-78 44-38861-4991

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TELETYPE UNIT

UNRECORDED COPY FILED IN 76-30305-1

NOTE:

[redacted] on 6/2/67, advised our Dallas Office that while incarcerated at Leavenworth Penitentiary, an inmate named [redacted] told [redacted] that $100,000 had been offered by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to anyone who would kill Martin Luther King. Subsequent investigation never uncovered any information which would, in any way, verify the $100,000 offer. However, after the slaying of King, leads were set out to interview [redacted] to determine if he had ever learned any more information concerning such offer. It was determined [redacted] was a fugitive-parole violator, Phoenix - office of origin. On 7/31/68, [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] Phoenix Office, and arrangements were made for [redacted] to surrender himself to [redacted] at St. Louis on 8/5/68. [redacted] plans to stop in St. Louis on that date enroute to an in-service class beginning 8/12/68. St. Louis being instructed to interview [redacted] should he surrender as planned. This matter has been coordinated with the Special Investigative Division.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Gilbert

The attached post card was mailed to the Director from Las Vegas, Nevada. The following message appears on the card:

'July 28 '68

As an old traveling man, let me congratulate you on the restraint, and modesty in which you handled the Luther King incident. Nevertheless, if you can now turn the Earl Ray trial against the Communists as Arthur Hanes suggests the Reds are out to get him, it will be one of the rare accomplishments of the day. I've written (cards) to White House Ass't; CIA -- its Sunday -- if in a cooperative manner, the Reds can be exposed on a worldwide scale, it will help clarify the race riots, student unrest, etc, Also Vietnam. It is a singular opening.

REC-78 46-38261-4992

E. B. [redacted] EX-100

[redacted] 29401

4 AUG 6 1968

(Retired, Merchant Marine)

Uniquely, if the Earl Ray trial reveals the Communis tricks, the people will probably demand LBJ stay on as President.

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Aug. 29 '68 — We are traveling through Germany. We
thank you for your card (Key West) and
we look forward to seeing you in Washington
while you are there. Please remember
us to Mrs. Kelley and the children.
Sincerely, Clyde Tolson

Mr. Clyde Tolson
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

(Return address)

Cha. & C. (Retired, Miami Beach, Florida)

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EX-100

August 5, 1968

[redacted]

Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for the favorable remarks in your communication of July 28th concerning the work of the FBI in the case involving James Earl Ray. My associates join me in thanking you for your thoughtfulness in writing and I am glad to receive your comments.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

RECEIVED - INSPECTION
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1968 AUG 2 AM 8:32

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

FBI

Date: 7-24-68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, MEXICO (173-1) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 18 copies (15 to be forwarded to the Memphis Office) of a letterhead memorandum captioned "JAMES EARL RAY, aka," and dated 7-24-68.

Remycab 6-6-68, Buairtel 5-7-68 and San Antonio airtel 5-20-68.

SOURCES

The first confidential source abroad mentioned in enclosed LHM is [redacted]

The second confidential source abroad is [redacted]

The third confidential source abroad is [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

LEADS

MEXICO CITY OFFICE

At Mexico, D.F. and Monterrey, Nuevo Leon

Will follow and report efforts of sources to identify subscribers to telephones listed in San Antonio airtel 5-20-68.

6 - Bureau (Enc. 18 ENCLOSURE)
(1 - Liaison Section)
(2 - Memphis 44,1987)
1 - Mexico City
JJF:wr
(7)

15 AUG 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

AC, Memphis (44-1987) 8/2/68

Director, FBI (44-39961) REC'D 44-38861 4993

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Enclosed for Memphis are two copies of a communication from Legat Mexico together with fifteen copies of a memorandum enclosed to their communication.

You should utilize the enclosures as an insert to your next investigative report concerning the captioned matter.

Enclosures (17)

REL:njk
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NOTE:

Legat Mexico forwarded to the Bureau for transmittal to Memphis the results of investigation conducted concerning subject James Earl Ray. We are forwarding the investigative results to Memphis for inclusion in their next investigative report. The investigative results will not be furnished to the Department at this time, but will be furnished to the Department ~~with~~ IN report received from Memphis.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: August 1, 1968

ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM : Legat, Rome (44-2) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68 and Rome airtel 7/3/68.

The following is set out for the information of the Bureau:

(1) MAN HOURS

Regular - Agent	0
Overtime - Agent	0
Regular - Clerical	0
Overtime - Clerical	0

(2) MILEAGE

Bureau cars	0
Personally owned cars	0

(3) UNUSUAL COSTS 0

(4) NUMBER OF AGENTS WORKING ON CASE 0

4 - Bureau (1 - Liaison)
1 - Rome
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MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

128 ADAMS AVENUE

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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HENRY E. LUX
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Miss Gan

July 26, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

MURKIN

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thanks very much for your letter of July 19, 1968, expressing your appreciation for the part we played in the handling of James Earl Ray.

We too are appreciative of the Bureau and the assistance they have always given us in matters of mutual concern. I personally shall always feel indebted to you and the Bureau for the National Academy Training I received many years ago, and it might be interesting to you to know that the note books that are completed in the National Academy are still extremely useful to me, and will be throughout my career in Law Enforcement.

Thanks again, and if I or this department can ever be of help in any way I hope you will call on us.

Sincerely,

HENRY E. LUX

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Date: 8-2-68

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Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Enclosed are original and one copy of clipping from "Memphis Press-Scimitar" newspaper, 7/31/68, captioned "Hanes Quiet After Order on Publicity."

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Hanes Quiet After Order On Publicity

Arthur J. Hanes, outspoken defense lawyer in the James Earl Ray case whose comments apparently led to a court crackdown on such talk was keeping quiet today.

"Just my name, rank and serial number," said Hanes when called at his Birmingham home.

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And he hadn't yet received the crackdown order issued yesterday by Judge Preston Battle, who cited Hanes and others as having violated the court's order against publicity statements.

Judge Battle, on advice of an eight-member committee of lawyers he had appointed, cited Hanes, and also Sheriff William Morris, Memphis attorney Russell X. Thompson as violators.

PROHIBITED

The order prohibited all lawyers and officials connected with the case from making public statements relating to Ray's guilt or innocence, preparations for the trial, jurors or prospective jurors, and comments about evidence or merits of the case. Statements concerning Ray's "treatment, acts and attitudes," such as those made by Morris at a press conference last Friday, were also excluded. And interviews and news conferences were ruled out by the judge.

The Public's Right to Know Committee of the Mid-South Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism society, took issue with the judge in respect to the criticism of Sheriff Morris.

The committee said information given by the sheriff about the cost of Ray's confinement and the description of his jail cell "are matters of interest to the public and not directly related to the trial."

Judge Battle took no action against those cited for violations and the committee made no such recommendation.

However, the warning seemed clear that future violations could result in contempt citations punishable by jail sentences and fines.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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[illegible] PRESS SCIMITAR

[illegible], TENN.

Date: 7-31-68
Edition:
Author:
Editor: CHARLES R. SCHNEIDER
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Date: 7/24/68
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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN;

OO: MM

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 7/23/68, concerning the method being utilized by Memphis in handling threatening communications received by persons involved in the forthcoming trial of JAMES EARL RAY scheduled for 11/12/68.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] Intelligence Squad, Memphis PD, who is currently assigned in charge of the security of subject RAY during RAY's confinement at the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, intercepted a postcard addressed to Mr. E. RAY, Memphis, Tennessee. This postcard, which was postmarked at New York, New York, 7/22/68, bore the message "You are next to die."

USA THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Memphis, advised on 7/24/68 that the contents of the message appearing on the postcard directed to E. RAY contains a threat to RAY's life, therefore, he would authorize prosecution of the person responsible for preparing and sending this postcard, if identified, under Title 18, Section 876, USC.

The Memphis Division has opened a separate case in this matter and the Bureau has been advised by

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airtel dated 7/24/68 under the caption "UNSUB; E. RAY - VICTIM"; EXTORTION - RM; OO: ME.

The Bureau will be kept advised under the MURKIN caption of these type of complaints if they are received.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 7-29-68

FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: BURKIN

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Re Memphis teletype 6:04 p.m. this date, and Memphis telephone call to Bureau.

There are enclosed original and one copy of clipping from 7-29-68 issue "Memphis Press Scimitar" captioned "Defense Attorney Was Armed - Hanes Carried Pistol to Shelby Jail on Visit to Ray."

2 Bureau (Enc. 2)
1 Memphis
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Hanes Carried Pistol to Shelby Jail on Visit to Ray

By ROY B. HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Arthur J. Hanes today confirmed a report that he was carrying a pistol on one of his trips to the Shelby County jail to visit his client, James Earl Ray.

Reached in Birmingham by The Press-Scimitar, Hanes said he made no attempt to conceal the weapon and voluntarily turned it over to sheriff's deputies before entering Ray's cell at the Shelby County jail.

"I had a gun on me. As soon as I walked into the building I displayed it and my briefcase, just as anybody else would. Hell, I wasn't trying to smuggle the thing in. That's ludicruous. The sheriff knows the true facts of the matter."

The report, however, raised eyebrows in the attorney general's office and set the stage for a possible new controversy involving the outspoken and flamboyant lawyer.

Said Robert K. Dwyer, executive assistant attorney general and one of the prosecutors in the case, "neither Mr. Hanes nor any other citizen has a right to go armed in Tennessee. It is a violation of the law. We are going to look into this situation."

The latest development came as a committee of eight Memphis attorneys appointed by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle met today to study possible violations of his restrictions on "publicity" statements in the case.

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— Memphis Press Scimitar

— Memphis, Tenn.

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Editor: Charles B. Schneider
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The committee was set up one day after Hanes held a news conference at Memphis Metropolitan Airport in which he declared that Ray, accused as assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, was a victim of a "Communist left-wing conspiracy." Hanes also attacked a lack of privacy for Ray in the Shelby County jail.

Asked if he thought he had violated the court order, Hanes replied, "It would be mere speculation on my part. I know nothing about the committee except what I've been told by the press. As far as I know the committee may be checking on somebody else. I haven't heard any names mentioned."

Hanes had hinted earlier that he was taking "precautions" because of what he described as threats on his and his family's lives, but today was the first time that he has confirmed that he is going armed.

Hanes, resident of Birmingham and its former mayor, said he has a permit to carry a pistol in Alabama and that Shelby County Sheriff William N. Morris has a copy of the permit.

One source told this newspaper that the pistol was discovered when deputies searched Hanes, who apparently had forgotten he had it with him. "It really shook up the whole place," the source said.

"I didn't forget I had the gun. That's ridiculous. The first thing I did was to take my coat off and give them (the guards) the gun," said Hanes. "That's all there was to it.

"It's true that I'm not used to carrying guns," he added. "I have never carried one except when I was with the FBI, and in World War II when I was a PT boat skipper."

Dwyer said that Hanes' Alabama permit would not be valid in Tennessee. "The only way you can go armed legally in this state is to be deputized," said Dwyer.

Sheriff Morris confirmed Hanes' version of what happened. "He did come into the jail armed, but he turned in the weapon," said Morris.

Hanes also said he has made no arrangement with Russell X. Thompson, Mem-

phis attorney for Thompson to become associated with him in Ray's defense.

"I did talk to him but he is not associated with me, nor do I anticipate that he will be," said Hanes. "He is not authorized to comment on this case because in no way is he officially connected with it."

The lawyers on the committee named by Judge Battle are Don G. Owens, president of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association, Lucius Burch, Lee A. Hardison, J. Alan Hanover, Cooper Turner Jr., Leo J. Buchignani, James D. Causey and Leo Bearman Jr.

Judge Battle said the group met Sunday and again today and would report to him "as soon as possible."

The current court order prohibits persons connected with the case from making statements "prejudicial to a fair trial." Judge Battle modified the provisions of his earlier, stricter order against such persons talking about the case for "publicity" purposes.

Hanes, in charging that his client's rights of privacy were violated at the Shelby County jail, said:

"While I think Sheriff William Morris and his people are trying to protect my client's political rights, they are at the same time trampling his individual rights."

The lawyer placed particular emphasis on the constant surveillance by closed-circuit TV and 24-hour guards. He said Ray couldn't "even go to the bathroom" without being monitored by TV.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

DATE: 8/1/68

FROM : LEGAT, PARIS (100-2082)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68.

Following are best figures available for month of July, 1968:

(1) Number of man hours spent on case:

REGULAR HOURS		OVERTIME HOURS	
Special Agents	Clerical	Special Agents	Clerical
3	6	1	1

(2) Total mileage: None

(3) Unusual and out-of-the ordinary costs: None

(4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case - 2.

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Date: 8/1/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: Legat, Tokyo (173-1) (RUC) Attn: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68.

The Tokyo Office has no cumulative totals to reflect in instant case for the month of July, 1968.

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PM URGENT 8-1-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU JULY THIRTYONE LAST.

[redacted] INTERVIEWED MADISON COUNTY JAIL, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS; DENIES COMPLICITY IN BANK ROBBERY AT THE BANK OF ALTON.

[redacted] MEETS PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION UNSUB NUMBER ONE IN ABOVE BANK ROBBERY; HAS HISTORY OF USING AUTOMATIC PISTOL SIMILAR TO THAT USED BY UNSUB NUMBER ONE AND EMPLOYED PART - TIME FOR CAB COMPANY WHICH HAS STAND DIRECTLY ACROSS STREET FROM BANK.

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[redacted] REPORTED INVESTED HEAVILY IN NEW CABS SHORTLY AFTER BANK ROBBERY.

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ALL OF ABOVE BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY TO VERIFY AND [redacted] WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
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1228PM URGENT 7/29/68 PBF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS(44-1987)

[redacted]

FROM NEWARK (44-854)

MURKIN

ON JULY TWENTY NINE INSTANT, [redacted]

[redacted] ADVISED [redacted] THAT [redacted]

[redacted] AC, MAILED A REGISTERED

LETTER, NUMBER [redacted] ON JULY [redacted] LAST

BETWEEN TWO THIRTY PM AND THREE PM TO JAMES EARL RAY,

SHELBY CO. JAIL, MEMPHIS, TENN. THE SOURCE ADVISED THERE

APPEARED TO BE A CHECK INSIDE THE REGISTERED LETTER AND

THE LETTER SHOULD ARRIVE SHELBY CO. JAIL THIS AM. THE

SOURCE DESCRIBED [redacted] AS A WM, FORTY THREE YEARS OF AGE,

SIX FEET THREE, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY LBS., CREW CUT, MIXED

GRAY HAIR. NK INDICES AND ACPD NEGATIVE ON [redacted] CREDIT

BUREAU REFLECTS [redacted] WAS A SGT. IN US ARMY IN FORTY FIVE

AND RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART FOR WOUNDS RECIEVED ON ANZIO

BEACH. OCCUPATION REFLECTED AS BARTENDER FOR [redacted]

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AND [redacted]BAR, AC, WHICH NO LONGER EXISTS. VOTER REGISTRATION RECORDS REFLECT [redacted] REGISTERED VOTER AND FORMERLY RESIDED [redacted], AC, AND OCCUPATION LISTED AS BARTENDER.

[redacted]

THIS INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED MEMPHIS IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE CONTACT BY SHELBY CO. OFFICIALS.

WACB, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY MM.

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FBI WASH DC

7/29/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5000

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ReNKtel 7/29/68.

Unless circumstances dictate to the contrary, you should, through your established sources at Shelby County Sheriff's Office, attempt to ascertain the contents of the letter addressed to Ray from [redacted] as described in referenced communication. This should be effected without any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

2 - SAC, Newark (44-354)

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NOTE: Newark advises that [redacted] has stated that [redacted] mailed registered letter on 7/26/68, to James Earl Ray, Shelby County, Memphis, Tenn. Source advised there appeared to be a check inside the registered letter. [redacted] is described as a white male, age 43, 6'3" tall, 170 pounds. Bureau indices, Newark indices and Atlantic City Police Department files negative on [redacted] Credit Bureau, Atlantic City indicates [redacted] served in U. S. Army in 1945. His occupation is listed as a bartender [redacted] No investigation is being conducted in this, however, Memphis is being advised that unless circumstances dictate to contrary they should, through established sources at Sheriff's Office, attempt to ascertain contents of letter. This is to be done without any possible embarrassment to the Bureau.

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NOTE CONTINUED:

We have been advised that AUSA in Memphis in a nonrelated case completely researched the matter of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee, having the right to censor incoming and outgoing mail of prisoners. He found the Sheriff has the legal right to do so.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TELETYPE

PM URGENT 8-2-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2PP)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST ONE, LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED TODAY HE HAS DEVELOPED INFORMATION THAT ON THE MORNING OF ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON [redacted]. AND [redacted] WERE IN STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE BUICK WHITE OVER BLUE TWO DOOR; THAT [redacted] WAS WEARING DARK BLUE WINDBREAKER, JACKET, AND GLOVES, [redacted] WAS WEARING LIGHT BLUE AIR FORCE TYPE COVERALLS. CLOTHING DESCRIBED BY INFORMANT POSSIBLY IDENTICAL TO THAT UTILIZED TO UNSUBS INSTANT BR. INFORMANT FOLLOWING INFORMATION CLOSELY TO DETERMINE ACTIVITIES OF [redacted] AND [redacted] DURING DAY OF ROBBERY AND UNTIL [redacted] AND [redacted] LEFT ALTON FOR CALIFORNIA SHORTLY AFTER BR. INFORMANT FURNISHED NAMES OF [redacted] AND [redacted] AS PERSONS WHO POSSIBLY HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES

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OF ABOVE LISTED SUSPECTS AND WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TO TALK.

INFORMATION FURNISHED BY INFORMANT BEING FOLLOWED CLOSELY AND PERSONS NAMED WILL BE LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

VIA AIR COURIER

Date: August 6, 1968

To: Director, FBI (44-38861) ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)(P)

Subject: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBUtel 7-2-68, and my airtel 7-8-68.

During the month of July, the Legat spent five hours on Murkin with no undue expenses either in the way of travel or telephone calls.

Clerical personnel of the Ottawa Office spent a total of forty minutes in receiving and sending Telexes.

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1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Schutz

To: SAC, Tampa (62-963)

From: Director, FBI (62-587)

KENSALT
OO: LOS ANGELES

HUKKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Re Tampa airtel 6/11/68 and Tampa letter 7/19/68 with letterhead memoranda attached thereto captioned [redacted]

In view of the allegations concerning [redacted] he should be interviewed immediately in order to determine whether he does, in fact, have any information pertinent to either of captioned inquiries.

Furnish results of your interview to Los Angeles and Memphis under appropriate caption on FD-302.

1 - Los Angeles
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659 PM URGENT 8-2-68 JWD

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN, CR.

RE MIAMI TEL THIS DATE.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER MURKIN OCCURRED, THE JACKSON DIVISION INITIATED INVESTIGATION CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF SUSPECTS WITHIN THE JACKSON DIVISION INCLUDING [redacted] AND [redacted] ALL KNOWN KLANSMEN HAVING PROPENSITY FOR VIOLENCE. INVESTIGATION TO DATE INDICATED THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE IN THE CITY OF JACKSON [redacted] AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME WAS BEING SOUGHT BY [redacted] AND [redacted] AS IT WAS KNOWN TO THEM THAT [redacted] WOULD TESTIFY AGAINST THEM IN LOCAL BOMBING MATTERS AND FURTHER THAT [redacted] HAD ELOPED WITH THE WIFE OF [redacted] AND TWO MINOR CHILDREN OF [redacted]

IT IS NOT CONCEIVABLE THAT [redacted] COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THE THREE INDIVIDUALS IN ANY [redacted] ACT AT THAT TIME.

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cc Long

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CONTINUOUS ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE THIS DATE TO LOCATE [redacted] PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL IN WHICH [redacted] WAS EMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF MURKIN. THESE HAVE MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AS [redacted] HAS BEEN UNAVAILABLE TODAY.

EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] HUSBAND OF DECEASED [redacted] HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE DUE TO FACT [redacted] IS ON VACATION AND IS AT THIS TIME EN ROUTE TO THE CITY OF JACKSON FROM SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO ESTABLISH WHEREABOUTS OF DECEASED [redacted] AT TIME MURKIN OCCURRED THROUGH [redacted] AND [redacted] AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED.

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FBI WASH DC

MARY FERRELL

Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

July 29, 1968

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

JAMES EARL RAY

A Xerox copy of a memorandum dated July 23, 1968, to the Attorney General from the FBI is attached.

We concur in this recommendation.

Attachment

cc: Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Vinson

The Attorney General July 23, 1968

Director, FBI

JAMES EARL RAY

It is noted that a complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at Birmingham, Alabama, on April 17, 1968, charging the subject, as Eric Starvo Galt, with a violation of Section 241, Title 18, United States Code.

It is our understanding that prosecution of the above charge is no longer possible in view of the fact that this offense was not cited in the order of extradition. It is requested that we be advised as to whether this is correct and if this is so, it is suggested that the Department arrange for the immediate dismissal of the Federal complaint.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General

1 - Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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ENCLOSURE

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

August 5, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

REC-44 61-5004

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

We are in receipt of a memorandum from Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated July 29, 1968, which was in response to our memorandum dated July 23, 1968, raising the question as to whether the Department should arrange for immediate dismissal of the Federal complaint against James Earl Ray. Mr. Vinson concurred in our recommendation that Federal Process be dismissed.

We indicated in this memorandum it is our understanding that prosecution of the Civil Rights - Conspiracy charge is no longer possible in view of the fact that this offense was not cited in the order of extradition.

Inasmuch as your view is in conflict with the opinion expressed by the Criminal Division, we would appreciate knowing under what circumstances prosecution of James Earl Ray would be obtained.

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NOTE:

We directed a memorandum to the Attorney General pointing out that it was our understanding that since the Civil Rights - Conspiracy charge was not cited in the order of extradition, prosecution was not possible on this charge. The Criminal Division of the Department advised the Civil Rights Division that it concurred with our observation.

In a memorandum from the Civil Rights Division of the Department they advised it would not be appropriate to dismiss the complaint at this time as the conspiracy investigation is still underway. They further pointed out that if the evidence and outcome of state proceedings warrant continued pursuit of the prosecution against Ray, they would want to consider steps through proper channels to obtain a waiver from British Government under the treaty so prosecution could proceed. This memorandum to Mr. Pollak is for clarification in view of the position taken by Mr. Vinson.

July 31, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is in response to our memorandum to the Attorney General pointing out that it was our understanding that since the Civil Rights - Conspiracy charge was not cited in the order of extradition, prosecution was not possible on this charge. The Criminal Division advised the Civil Rights Division that it concurred with our observation.

We will, of course, continue to run out any allegations relating to possible conspiracies in this case.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 30 19

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY

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This is in response to your memorandum to the Attorney General of July 23, 1968, raising the question as to whether or not the complaint filed against Ray in Birmingham on April 17, 1968 under 18 U.S.C. 241 should be dismissed.

In our view, it would not be appropriate to dismiss the complaint at this time. The conspiracy investigation is still under way. After that investigation has been completed, we would want to review the facts and determine whether or not prosecution of Ray or other persons might be appropriate. If the evidence and the outcome of the State proceedings warranted our continued pursuit of the prosecution against Ray, we would want to consider appropriate steps through proper channels to try to obtain a waiver from the British government under the Treaty so that prosecution could proceed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATION SECTION
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FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

358PM URGENT 8-5-68 LLH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MIAMI 44-1854

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN

RE MIAMI AND JACKSON TELS AUGUST TWO LAST.

JACKSON DIVISION HAS ACCOUNTED FOR WHEREABOUTS [redacted] AND [redacted] AND HAS STATED IT IS IMPOSSIBLE THAT [redacted] COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH THESE PERSONS ON DAY MARTIN LUTHER KING KILLED.

IN SPITE OF ABOVE, MIAMI SHOULD REINTERVIEW [redacted] MOTHER OF DECEASED [redacted] FOR ANY AND ALL INFORMATION WHICH SHE MAY HAVE IN HER POSSESSION INDICATING THAT ANYONE CONSPIRED WITH SUBJECT RAY TO MURDER KING.

MIAMI SHOULD ACCOUNT FOR WHEREABOUTS [redacted] ON APRIL FOUR AND ASCERTAIN FROM HER WHAT SHE MAY KNOW ABOUT HER DAUGHTER'S CONNECTION WITH THIS ALLEGED PLOT.

MIAMI SHOULD ADVISE BUREAU AND MEMPHIS OF ITS ESTIMATE

END PAGE ONE

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OF [redacted] PRESENT MENTAL CONDITION AND VERACITY.

AIRMAIL COPY TO JACKSON. P

~~END?? CORR TIME 448~~

MM TO BE ADVISED

JIM

FBI WASH DC

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 7/26/68

FROM: LEGAT, MANILA (44-2)(P) Attention: Administrative Division

SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68.

MAY, 1968

1. Number of Man-hours Spent on Case

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total
Special Agents	5	2	7
Clerical	3	1	4
			11

2. Total Mileage Traveled (Estimated)

Bureau cars 0

Personally Owned Car 6 miles

3. Unusual or Out-Of-The-Ordinary Costs

None

4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case

One

JUNE, 1968

1. Number of Man-hours Spent on Case

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Total
Special Agents	2	1/2	2 1/2
Clerical Employees	1 1/2		1 1/2
			4

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2- Bureau
(1- Foreign Liaison)
1- Manila

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THREE

2. Total Mileage Traveled (Estimated)

Bureau cars 0

Personally Owned Car 5 miles

3. Unusual or Out-Of-The Ordinary Costs

None.

4. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case

One.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FOUNDATION

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)
(ATTN: Administrative Division)

DATE: 8/2/68

FROM : Legat, Bern (88-21) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68 and BERlet 7/5/68.

Figures for all categories for reporting are zero. Case RUC in this office and no further cost data reports will be submitted in absence of leads requiring case being reopened.

(3) - Bureau
(1 - Liaison)
1 - Bern
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FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

329PM URGENT 8-5-68 DMJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

Re- Bank Robbery at Alton, Illinois 7/13/67

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWO, LAST.

BACKGROUND DATA BEING DEVELOPED ON ALL NEW SUSPECTS UNCOVERED DURING INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION OVER PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. ON COMPLETION BACKGROUND DATA, ALL WILL BE INTENSIVELY INTERVIEWED AND ALIBIES CHECKED OUT.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS. P.

END

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cc: Long

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REFERRED 8-5-68

TO DIRECTOR MEMPHIS

FROM JACKSON

MURKIN. CR.

VIA TELETYPE
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RE MIAMI TEL AUGUST TWO AND JACKSON TEL AUGUST TWO LAST.

[redacted] HUSBAND OF THE DECEASED [redacted] AKA, ADVISED LATE PM EIGHT - THREE LAST THAT HE RECALLED HIS WIFE CALLED HIM LATE AFTERNOON OF APRIL FOUR LAST REPORTING THAT THE NEWS HAD REPORTED MARTIN LUTHER KING HAD BEEN SHOT. LATER IN THE EVENING HE WAS WITH HIS WIFE AND IS POSITIVE IN HIS OWN MIND SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MURDER.

AIRMAIL COPIES FURNISHED MIAMI AND MOBILE.

RECEIVED 3:44 PM VXC

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REC.B - CIA MIAMI

LBI
REC.D - ROSEN

51 AUG 12 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 2, 1968

FROM : Mr. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Casper
1 - Mr. Shroder

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION REGARDING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND SENATOR ROBERT FRANCIS KENNEDY

The attached is a bill (H.R. 19074) introduced in the House of Representatives on July 30, 1968, by Congressman Brown of Ohio and others for the purpose of establishing a joint congressional committee to investigate the arrest and prosecution of persons in connection with the slayings of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Senator Robert Francis Kennedy.

We have conducted extensive investigations regarding the slayings of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Robert Francis Kennedy. We are, of course, continuing to run out any allegations relating to possible conspiracies in these two cases.

ACTION:

For information.

Enclosure

REL:cs
(8)

ENCLOSURE

44-38861-5008

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90TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 19074

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 1968

Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. HALPERN, and Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Rules

A BILL

To establish a select joint congressional committee to investigate the arrest and prosecution of persons in connection with the slaying of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior, and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) there is established a select joint congressional committee (hereafter in this Act referred to as the "joint committee") which shall conduct a comprehensive investigation of the background, flight, arrest, extradition, incarceration, and prosecution of any person in connection with the slaying of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior, and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The joint committee investi-

gation should include consideration of laws, treaties, regulations, and policies of the Federal Government relating to immigration into the United States; use of visas and passports in travel to and from the United States; security of United States borders and shores against unauthorized travel; cooperation of United States law enforcement agencies with similar agencies of other governments; conspiracy among foreign nationals, between foreign nationals and United States citizens, or among United States citizens to violate Federal laws or to flee or assist in the flight from the United States of persons seeking to avoid criminal prosecution or imprisonment; and extradition and other matters which may be related to the process of bringing to justice in the United States persons abroad who are suspected of committing criminal offenses.

(b) The joint committee shall report to Congress the results of its investigation and make such recommendations to Congress as it considers advisable for legislative actions relating to the subjects of its investigation.

(c) The joint committee shall cease to exist thirty days after it makes its final report and recommendations under subsection (b).

SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall be composed of (1) four Members of the Senate, two appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate from the majority party

and two appointed by him from the minority, and (2) four Members of the House of Representatives, two appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives from the majority party and two appointed by him from the minority party.

(b) Vacancies in the membership of the joint committee shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be filled in the same manner as in the case of the original selection. The joint committee shall select a chairman from among the members appointed from the majority party.

(c) The joint committee is authorized to utilize the services, information, and facilities of departments and agencies in the executive branch of the Government. Those departments and agencies are authorized and directed to furnish to the joint committee such services, information, and facilities as the joint committee may request.

(d) In carrying out its duties under this Act the joint committee, or any duly authorized subcommittee thereof, is authorized to hold such hearings or investigations, to sit and act at such places and times within the United States or elsewhere, to require, by subpena or otherwise, the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents, to administer such oaths, and to take such testimony as it deems advisable. Subpenas may be

issued over the signature of the chairman of the joint committee or by any member designated by him or by the joint committee, and may be served by such person or persons as may be designated by such chairman or member. The chairman of the joint committee or any member thereof may administer oaths to witnesses.

(e) The joint committee is authorized to appoint and fix the compensation of such experts, consultants, and clerical and stenographic assistants, to procure such printing and binding, and to make such expenditures, as it deems necessary and advisable.

(f) The expenses of the joint committee shall be paid from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives upon vouchers signed by the chairman.

90TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 19074

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By Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. HALPERN, and Mr. DON H. CLAUSEN

JULY 30, 1968

Referred to the Committee on Rules

8/2/68

1 - Mr. Long

Airtel

To: SACs, Memphis
New York

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
JAMES EARL RAY,
AKA, E. RAY - VICTIM
EXTORTION
OO: MEMPHIS

ReMairtel dated 7/24/68.

This matter has been discussed with the Department and they desire that an investigation be conducted. You should, therefore, conduct an investigation concerning captioned matter and keep the Bureau fully informed of all pertinent developments.

Any communications relating to this matter should be directed to the attention of the Civil Rights Section.

MAILED 4
AUG 2 - 1968
COMM-FBI

REL:cs
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NOTE: Sheriff William Morris [redacted] Shelby County, Tennessee, received an anonymous post card directed to Mr. E. Ray, Memphis, Tennessee, on which appeared the message, "You are next to march. This post card postmarked P.M., July 22, 1968, New York, New York. The USA at Memphis advised the contents of the post card do imply a threat on the life of Ray, therefore, he should consider prosecution for violation of Title 18, Section 876, U.S. Code, of the person responsible for preparing and sending the post card if identified.

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NOTE CONTINUED:

The Laboratory advised that this post card could not be identified in appropriate sections of the anonymous letter file, and differences were noted in the handwriting on the post card indicating the individual who prepared this card may not have prepared the card sent to Judge W. Preston Battle, Memphis, Tennessee. The message to Judge Battle stated, "Boy, your verdict better be our verdict; or you go the way of King! KKK." We are presently investigating this matter. Memphis has been advised accordingly.

This matter discussed with Mr. Owen of the Department on 7/30/68, and he advised that he desired an investigation to be conducted. Mr. Owen further advised he discussed this matter with USA in Memphis and he will confirm this opinion to the Bureau.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is presently conducting examination of the post card addressed to E. Ray.

FBI

Date: 7/24/68
PLAINTEXT

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
Attention: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-NEW) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
E. RAY - VICTIM;
EXTORTION - RM

CO: MK

680729106

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of an anonymous postcard directed to Mr. E. RAY, Memphis, Tennessee, which was postmarked New York, New York, P.M., 7/22/68.

Enclosed for New York is one Xerox copy of the original postcard described above.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, the enclosed postcard which is self-explanatory was turned over to [redacted] on 7/24/68 by [redacted] Intelligence Squad, Memphis PD, who is currently assigned in charge of the security of subject RAY during RAY's confinement at the Shelby County Jail, Memphis.

The contents of the message contained on the enclosed postcard that was directed to Mr. E. RAY was discussed with USA THOMAS L. ROBINSON, Memphis, by [redacted] on 7/24/68. Mr. ROBINSON stated that the contents of this communication does imply a threat on the life of RAY, therefore, he would consider

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1-New York (Enc. 1) INFO
2-Memphis
RFB:PEP
(6) 1-CIA

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SEVEN

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

RACIAL INT. SECT.

authorizing prosecution for violation of Title 18, Section 876, USC, of the person responsible for preparing and sending this postcard to RAY if this person is identified.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the handwriting appearing on the enclosed postcard with the handwriting appearing in the Anonymous Letter File.

Since this postcard was also postmarked in New York, New York, it is requested that the handwriting appearing on this card also be compared with the handwriting appearing on specimen transmitted to the Bureau on 7/23/68 under the caption "UNSUB; W. PRESTON BATTLE - VICTIM"; EXTORTION - RM; OO: ME. HS

file # 9-48367

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to determine if there are any latent fingerprints of an evidentiary value located on the original postcard enclosed.

Upon completion of the requested examination, the Bureau should return the original postcard to the Memphis Division and submit results of the requested examination to the Memphis and New York Divisions. The FBI Laboratory and Identification Division are requested to expedite requested examination and submit summary results of the examination to Memphis.

LEADS:

NEW YORK DIVISION (INFORMATION)

An information copy of this communication and a Xerox copy of this enclosed postcard have been directed to New York as it is possible that the Bureau at a later date may request additional investigation be conducted. New York is requested to conduct no investigation until such time as authorized by the Bureau.

MEMPHIS DIVISION

Will if the FBI Identification Division develops any latent prints of an evidentiary value on enclosed postcard and the Bureau authorizes additional investigation obtain suitable elimination prints. The Bureau is being advised under separate correspondence in the MURKIN case of the receipt of this threatening postcard directed to Mr. E. RAY.

YELLOW BUREAU FILE COPY

1 - Mr. Mortimer

LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (9-NEW)

Date: July 30, 1968

UNSUB;
Re: E. RAY - VICTIM
EXTORTION-RM
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab. No. D-680729106 JK

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference: Airtel 7/24/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q1.

DUPLICATE YELLOW

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - New York Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
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JHM:AW (7)

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REPORT
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LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (9-NEW) Date: July 30, 1968

FBI File No.

Re: UNSUB;
E. RAY - VICTIM
EXTORTION -RM

Lab. No. D-680729106 JK

Specimens received 7/29/68

Q1 Post card addressed to "Mr. E Ray Memphis Tenn," postmarked "New York, N. Y. 22 JUL 1968" bearing handwritten message "You are next to die"

Result of examination:

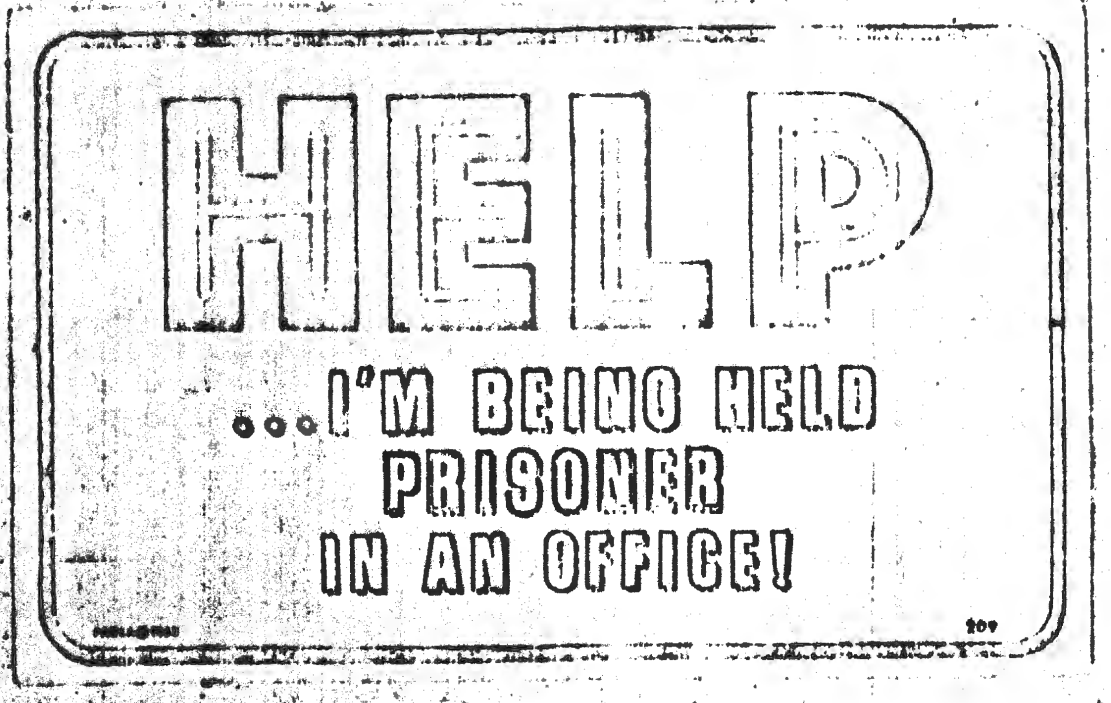
Specimen Q1 was searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but could not be identified with any prior submissions to this file. A photocopy of this item will be added to this file for future reference.

The Q1 post card is imprinted "The Paula Company, Cincinnati, Ohio-USA;" however, no indented writing or other distinguishing features were noted which would indicate the immediate source of this item.

Although the limited nature of the handwriting on Q1 precluded an adequate comparison of this with specimens submitted in the case entitled "Unsub; W. Preston Battle-Victim; Extortion-RM," differences were noted indicating that the items in this and the Battle case may not have been prepared by the same individual.

Q1 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

44-38861-5009



FENKELL

Mr. J. Ray
Memphis
Tennessee

Your address
Reply
to this

NR 016 MM

FBI WASH DC

6 PM OK

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

JUL 6 1968

TELETYPE

FBI MEMPHIS

452 PM URGENT 8-6-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MIAMI 44-1854, JACKSON, 157-9586

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

Mr. DeLoach	
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MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIX INSTANT.

FOR INFORMATION MIAMI, MEMPHIS AND JACKSON ARE HOLDING IN ABEYANCE ANY ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION CONCERNING INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED BY [redacted] PENDING MIAMI'S EXHAUSTIVE INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO BUREAU BY A DISCREDITED INFORMANT AS COMING FROM A POSSIBLE MENTAL CASE WHO HAS NOT BEEN INTERVIEWED IS NOT SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER.

MIAMI SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION NECESSARY, INCLUDING AROUND THE CLOCK SURVEILLANCES ON KNOWN HANGOUTS, IN ORDER TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] WHEN THIS HAS BEEEN DONE, IF IT IS THE OPINION OF YOUR OFFICE THAT HER INFORMATION WARRANTS ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION YOU ARE REQUESTED TO [redacted] SET OUT LEADS FOR SAME. AM COPIES TO ATLANTA, CHARLOTTE, MOBILE.

REC 36 44-38861-5010

EX-100

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CORR: WORD ONE, LINE SIX, WORD FOUR IS "NOT".

END

GMA

FBI WASH DC AUG 14 1968

8-3-68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Memphis - Enc.
New York

From: Director, FBI

UNSUB.;
E. RAY - VICTIM
EXTORTION

OMURKIN

Re Memphis airtel 7-24-68, submitting a post card addressed to "Mr. E. Ray, Memphis, Tennessee," Q1, for examination.

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on Q1. This latent fingerprint is not identical with the fingerprints of [redacted] Q1 enclosed to Memphis.

SA
Laboratory reporting separately.

1 - Mr. Rosen

(1) - Buffle (44-38861)

GJB:mmm
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. DeLoach	
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Mr. Bishop	
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TO: Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 25 1968

FROM: Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

The following medical doctors will be available during the above subject's incarceration in the Shelby County Jail, Tennessee.

Summary

Dr. McCarthy DeMere D.O. Okla. M.D. N.Y. B. 1918, Memphis, Tenn.
Dr. George Barker B. 1931, Miss. Tenn.
Dr. Gerald L. Plitman B. 1925, Miss. Ill. Tenn.

Will you please run an indices check and let me know the results as soon as possible.

EX-102

REC 27 44-38861-5011

25 AUG 8 1968

Ltr to Vinson
JWB:cc
7-29-68

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Name Check

AUG 1 - 1968

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

July 29, 1968

REC 27 44-38861-5011

JAMES EARL RAY

EX-102

Reference is made to your letter dated July 25, 1968, in which you requested that an indices check be made concerning Dr. McCarthy DeMere, Dr. George Barker and Dr. Gerald I. Plitman.

Based on information available, a check of the files of this Bureau reveals that we have not investigated any of these individuals and our files contain no information identifiable with Dr. George Barker or Dr. Gerald I. Plitman.

With reference to Dr. McCarthy DeMere, our files reveal that on June 24, 1944, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that one Dr. M. DeMere, not further identified, was a member of the General Committee of the Science Committee of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

(100-190625-1817)

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Our files contain no additional data identifiable with Dr. DeMere.

MAILED 8
JUL 29 1968
COMM-FBI

JWB:clo
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NOTE: The Directory of Medical Specialists, 1965-1966, lists the above individuals and gives some background data concerning them. Dr. DeMere was born in 1918 in Memphis, Tennessee. He received his education at the University of Tennessee, graduating in 1942. He interned and was an assistant resident surgeon at the Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. Thereafter he was resident surgeon in New York City, 1946-47; was a fellow in plastic surgery, Washington, 1947-49; was resident surgeon in a Veterans Administration Hospital, Oklahoma City, 1949 and 1950; and has been a consultant on plastic surgery with a U.S. Public Health Service Hospital, place not stated. His office address is 1460 Madison Avenue, Memphis.

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NOTE, CONTINUED:

Dr. Barker was born in 1931 in Indianola, Mississippi, and was graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1956. He is listed in the Directory as a radiologist. He interned in Knoxville, Tennessee, was an instructor at the University of Tennessee and has been in private practice since 1961. His office address is listed as 1734 Madison Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Plitman was born 1925, Clarksdale, Mississippi. He attended Vanderbilt University, interned at the Reese Hospital, Chicago, in 1948-1949 and was an assistant resident pathologist at Vanderbilt University Hospital, 1949-1950. Thereafter he was resident and chief general medical director and hematologist, 1953-1959, at the Kennedy Veterans Administration Hospital, Memphis. His office address is 1734 Madison Avenue, Memphis.

July 31, 1968

Columbia Broadcasting System
51 West 52 Street
New York, New York 10019

Murkin

Gentlemen:

On the day of Martin Luther King's funeral, immediately after the mule-drawn wagon left the church, Channel 8 TV clearly showed a tall white man walking on the right side of the wagon with his left hand on the casket. Insofar as he was the only white man in the picture, he seemed rather out of place. In fact, he wasn't there very long. However, the resemblance to the FBI drawing in the newspapers was striking.

My question is this. Could it have been Ray-Galt-Sneyd? Having followed the developments rather closely, I wouldn't be surprised if it was. And what would his excuse be? Insanity? Ego?

Your people at CBS may be sitting on a rather hot story if you review the video-tape as the procession left the church.

Identification of this man would conceivably convict or possibly exonerate the prime suspect.

An answer would be appreciated. This thing has been bugging me too long.

Sincerely,

[redacted]
North Olmsted, Ohio 44070

EXP. PROC
AUG 5 1968

Copies to:
FBI, Washington, D. C.
WJW, TV 8, Cleveland, Ohio

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EX-102

51 AUG 15 1968

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KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 68

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 7/31/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768)(P)

MURKIN

Re Buairtel 7/25/68, and SVairtel to Director, 7/29/68, in captioned matter; and SVairtel to Director, 6/28/68, captioned "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY, RM (ORGANIZATION)".

On 7/29/68, [redacted] (PROTECT IDENTITY), advised that with regard to the previously reported statements made by Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, NSRP, that he was a personal friend of ART HANES, Attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, alleged murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., JESSE B. STONER recently mentioned that HANES had called them, apparently at the NSRP Office, acted mad, and pointed out to them that he did not even recall ever meeting them and that he was not "their friend". [redacted] FIELDS' and STONER were miffed that HANES was so unfriendly, but acknowledged at the time that they had met HANES on only one occasion for a brief moment. [redacted] heard nothing further about any correspondence from JAMES EARL RAY or of any efforts by FIELDS or STONER to intercede for him. [redacted]

3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
1 - Birmingham (RM)
2 - Savannah

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C. C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

61 AUG 15 1968

[redacted] STONER and FIELDS had made the initial offer to aid JAMES EARL RAY for the publicity and for the purpose of attempting to increase their own prestige.

The Savannah Office has instructed [redacted] to be alert for any future contacts between the NSRP officials and JAMES EARL RAY or his attorney or representatives.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 8/5/68

FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis Airtel to Bureau 8-2-68, and Bureau Airtel to Memphis 8-2-68.

In referenced Memphis Airtel, Memphis suggested that Birmingham contact the USA, Birmingham, for any opinion he might have regarding disposition of the subject's automobile which is now stored at Atlanta. Memphis has been advised by the Bureau that AAG STEPHEN POLLACK intends to further discuss this matter with State AG PHIL CANALE at Memphis, and that Mr. POLLACK will decide what disposition should be made of this car. Birmingham disregard Memphis request to discuss this with the USA, Birmingham.

In accordance with the Bureau's request in referenced BuAirtel, [redacted] GLENN W. FILLER mailed a $20.00 money order to the subject. FILLER, who gave his address as [redacted] Atlantic City, New Jersey, wished the subject "good luck" and requested that he "drop me a line" to let him know if subject received the money. This was a $20.00 money order issued by the Boardwalk National Bank, Atlantic City.

2 BUREAU (44-38861)
2 BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)
1 ATLANTA (44-2386)(INFO)
1 MEMPHIS
JCH:BN
(6)

REC 36
EX-100
44-38861-5014
25 AUG 1968

LBI
REC'D - CIA MICHIE

59 AUG 14 1966

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

37 AUG 7 1968

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-61)

FBI

Date: 8/5/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Charlotte teletypes to Bureau dated 7/24/68, and 7/31/68; Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 8/2/68, and Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 7/29/68.

In connection with the telephone call made by an unknown male to "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper, Greensboro, N. C., on 7/23/68, the Bureau is being furnished herewith an original and one copy and Memphis one xerox copy of an item which appeared in "The Hot Line" in the 8/[illegible]68 issue of the "Greensboro Record".

C. C. - Bishop

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REC 36 44-38861-5015

EX-100

AUG 6 1968

3 - Bureau (Encl. 2)
1 - Memphis (Encl. 1)
2 - Charlotte

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FBI

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

59 AUG 14 1968

(Rev. 7-16-63)

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

The HOT LINE



The Hot Line gets answers, cuts red tape and stands up for your rights. Call 272-5635 or write The Hot Line at The Record, Box 20848, Greensboro 27420.

Ray Here?

Q. I've heard it rumored that accused assassin James Earl Ray was in the Greensboro area on April 4, the day the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was killed in Memphis. I've also heard that Ray was once sought on a fugitive warrant issued in the early 1960s at Winston-Salem. Is this so? Cindy.



RAY

A. Authorities say they know nothing of Ray's being here April 4. Winston-Salem and Forsyth law enforcement officials find no record of any fugitive warrant for Ray. If you know something definite, give Hot Line a call.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 GREENSBORO RECORD
Greensboro, N. C.

Date: 8-1-68
Edition:
Author:
Editor:
Title:

Character:
or
Classification:
Submitting Office: CE

☐ Being Investigated

44-38861-5015

ENCLOSURE

FBI WASH DC

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PM URGENT 8-6-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P.1)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST FIVE LAST.

BACKGROUND INFORMATIONA ON NEWLY DEVELOPED SUSPECTS CONTINUING.

[redacted] WIFE OF [redacted] ADVISED HER HUSBAND LEFT FOR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT IN VIET NAM AUGUST ONE LAST. STATES HE IS CLOSE ASSOCIATE OF [redacted] AND CLOSELY PARALLELS DESCRIPTION OF NUMBER ONE ROBBER AT BANK OF ALTON. STATES, HOWEVER, HE NEVER MENTIONED TAKING PART IN ANY BR NOR DID HE HAVE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. STATES HE FREELY TALKED ABOUT BURGLARY ACTIVITIES.

[redacted] AND [redacted], ILLINOIS STATE PAROLE OFFICERS REPORT NO POSITIVE RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS. WILL REPORT FURTHER CONTACTS WHICH MAY DEVELOP.

MAIL COPIES CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

END.

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FBI WASH DC

59 AUG 14 1968

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
AUG 6 1968
TELETYPE

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6 AUG 8 1968

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FBI

Date: 8-6-68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

[redacted] Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, has received a letter from MARYA and LASKA VAN DOORNEN, [redacted] Bellflower, California, dated 8-3-68, requesting the address of subject's attorney, ARTHUR J. HANES. This letter states in part, "We have a number of things we would like to tell the defense."

Los Angeles should discreetly determine identity of the VAN DOORNENS and, if possible, determine what, if any, connection they might have had with subject RAY.

UACB, no attempt should be made to interview these persons except possibly under a suitable pretext, as we do not desire to invite charges of interfering with the subject's defense.

Supra [redacted]
LA advised not to interview Van Doornens but to pursue thru offline Records & through offline sources.

3 BUREAU
2 LOS ANGELES (AM)
1 MEMPHIS

JCH:BN
(6)

44-38861-5019

25 AUG 7 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Mr. Long

August 8, 1968

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Los Angeles

From: Director, FBI

EX-100 REC 45 44-38861-5019

MURKIN

ReMEairtel 8-6-68.

Los Angeles should through a check of its office records and through appropriate sources determine identity of Marya and Laska Van Doornen, [redacted] Bellflower, California, and any connection they might have had with subject Ray.

Los Angeles should not under any circumstances attempt to interview them as we do not desire to invite charges of interfering with the subject's defense.

1 - Memphis

CLK/JK

AUG 8 - 1968

REL:hw
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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo, same caption, same date, REL:es.

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MAIL ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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FBI

Date: 8/6/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau 5/15/68.

Re Alleged Offer of $100,000 By The White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM), to anyone who kills MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for the Memphis Office are fifteen copies of investigative insert reflecting interview of [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] by agents of the St. Louis Office on 8/5/68.

[redacted] advised he had received no new information concerning the alleged offer for the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING since interviewed by Dallas agents on 6/2/67.

[redacted] flew from Tampa, Fla., to turn himself in to agents at St. Louis stating his decision to do this was prompted partly by fear for his safety after having furnished information to the FBI concerning the alleged offer mentioned above and partly by his desire to "get things straightened out" since he is now married and his wife is pregnant.

3 - Bureau
1 - Atlanta (44-2386)
1 - Jackson (157-9586)
1 - Phoenix (176-2881)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (enc. 15)
3 - St. Louis (1-76-3733)
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Special Agent in Charge

VIA TELETYPE
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MR---5--- 4/16 PM EDT RGC

U R G E N T 8-6-68

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, JACKSON AND MEMPHIS --PLAINTEXT--

FROM MIAMI 44-1854

MURKIN.

RE MIAMI TEL TO BUREAU, AUG. TWO LAST, AND MEMPHIS TEL TO MIAMI, AUG. FIVE, LAST.

[redacted] FORMER SYMBOL INFORMANT OF THE MIAMI OFFICE, ADVISED TODAY AS FOLLOWS-

[redacted] MOTHER OF [redacted] CONTACTED HIM AND RELATED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted] STATED THAT AFTER ASSASSINATION OF KING, [redacted] PROCEEDED TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN TO THE RESIDENCE OF [redacted] WHO RESIDES NEAR TOPTON, N.C. [redacted] DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, THIRTYFIVE TO FORTY, DARK HAIR, FIVE FT. TEN IN., ONE HUNDRED FIFTYFIVE LBS, OCCUPATION [redacted] REPORTEDLY STAYED WITH [redacted] FOR ONE WEEK, WHEN [redacted] FELT [redacted] WAS GETTING TOO HOT AND TOLD HIM HE HAD TO LEAVE. [redacted]

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REC'D - ROSEN

59 AUG 14 1968

REPORTEDLY DROVE TO ATLANTA, GA., AND THEN PROCEEDED TO MOBILE, ALA., WHERE HE REMAINED AT THE RESIDENCE OF [redacted] FOR A PERIOD OF TEN DAYS, PRIOR TO RETURNING TO JACKSON MISS.

MIAMI WILL INTERVIEW [redacted] AS SOON AS SHE CAN BE LOCATED. IT IS NOTED THAT SOURCE HAS NEVER BEEN ABLE TO CONTACT [redacted] AT HER RESIDENCE AND WHEN SHE CONTACTS SOURCE, IT IS ALWAYS UNANNOUNCED AT SOURCE'S RESIDENCE. IN ADDITION, [redacted] SON AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WHO RESIDE IN MIAMI, HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT HER.

MEMPHIS AND JACKSON CONDUCT NECESSARY INVESTIGATION RE POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT BY [redacted]

AIRMAIL COPIES TO MOBILE AND CHARLOTTE.

JACKSON AND MEMPHIS ADVISED SEPARATELY.

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FBI WASH DC

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 7-30-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

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Pages S9643-S9646. Senator Byrd, (D) West Virginia, requested to have printed in the Record a transcript of questions asked of him during a television interview on July 24 on the subject of James Earl Ray, Justice Fortas, and family planning, and his answers thereto. The transcript included the following: "Q. Senator Byrd, would you comment on the return of James Earl Ray to Memphis to stand trial for the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? A. Yes, I am glad that he has been returned to this country without undue delay, although this is due primarily to his having waived extradition. But I think that the law enforcement agencies, especially the FBI, should be commended on tracking him down and apprehending him."

Original filed in: 44-38861-1

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46 AUG 9 1968

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 7-29-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

57 AUG 20 1968

DIRECTOR, FBI 7/15/68

SAC, TAMPA (62-963)(C)

[redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING

CO: TAMPA

O MURKIN

Re Tampa airtel to Bureau dated 6/11/68.

Attached are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Information copies are furnished to recipient offices.

Investigation in the attached LHM was conducted by SA [redacted]

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville, Florida, OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia, NI, Orlando, Florida, and NISO, Charleston, South Carolina for completion of information to their files.

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1 - Birmingham (Enc. 1)(INFO) (RM)
1 - Denver (Enc. 1)(INFO)(RM)
1 - Las Vegas (Enc. 1)(INFO)(RM)
1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 1)(INFO)(RM)
1 - Memphis (Enc. 1)(INFO)(RM)
2 - Tampa
(1 - 62-963) [redacted]
(1 - 157-3231)(MURKIN)
(1 - 80-139)

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1 ENCLOSURE

69 AUG 19 1968

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Tampa, Florida
July 19, 1968

[redacted]

Reference is made to memorandum dated June 11, 1968, captioned as above.

On July 18, 1968, Mr. Emory Dowling, Sr., Owner, [redacted] advised that the captioned individual had returned to Orlando, Florida. He had taken him back on his job as [redacted]

On June 13, 1968, [redacted] Florida, advised that her husband had returned to [redacted] Florida, and she had seen him at the Holiday Inn located on [redacted]. She said he had a gun and he had frightened a bell boy with it when he came to the room with ice. Allegedly her husband was drinking.

[redacted] said that her husband had not mentioned being connected with any conspiracy or plot to shoot Dr. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert Kennedy, but she was fearful of him in his condition.

[redacted] said she understood she would have to consult either the [redacted] Florida Police Department or the [redacted] County Sheriff's Office for any personal protection.

On June 13, 1968, Sergeant [redacted] Department, [redacted] Florida, was advised of the above information furnished on that date by [redacted] It was also furnished to Deputy Sheriff [redacted] County Sheriff's Office, [redacted] Florida, on the same date who said he had [redacted] presence verified at the motel but the management said they could not locate any bell boy who had encountered [redacted] with a gun. They did locate one who had served him ice but he denied [redacted] had confronted him with a gun.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

AUG 6 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

401 PM URGENT 8-6-68 MCP

TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1 P

MURKIN.

[redacted] HAS ADVISED THAT [redacted] RENFRO TURNER HAYS, A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AT MEMPHIS, TENN., HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY SUBJECT'S LAWYER, ARTHUR HANES, TO DO SOME INVESTIGATIVE WORK FOR SUBJECT'S DEFENSE. HAYS HAS INDICATED [redacted] THAT HANES IS RELYING HEAVILY FOR DEFENSE STRATEGY ON AN ARTICLE APPEARING IN THE JULY THIRTEEN LAST ISSUE OF RAMPARTS MAGAZINE ENTITLED "SOME DISTURBING PARALLELS" BY WILLIAM W. TURNER, FORMER BUAGENT.

ABOVE FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION ONLY AND IS NOT BEING DISSEMINATED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES LEST WE BE ACCUSED OF INTERFERING WITH CLIENT DASH ATTORNEY RELATIONSHIP.

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REC-39 44-38861-5022

EX-103

25 AUG 9 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 6, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Sullivan

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Our Legal Attache in London previously furnished a copy of a letter from subject as Ramon G. Sneyd dated July 4, 1968, addressed to a Mr. J. B. Stoner, Attorney-at-Law, Savannah, Georgia. This letter in essence stated that subject was shown a letter written by Stoner concerning a legal fund which Stoner represents and subject advises that he had retained Mr. Hanes and would like to get his advice before he takes any action. Letter continues by advising that subject appreciates Stoner's offer of assistance. It is noted that this Stoner is possibly identical to one Jesse B. Stoner, who is Vice President of the National State Rights Party (NSRP) with headquarters in Savannah, who has been described as a racial rabble rouser.

We have learned that Dr. Edward R. Fields, a NSRP Director, had announced that the Patriotic Legal Aid Fund of Savannah had offered to defend James Earl Ray, the accused slayer of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] Dr. Fields made a statement that he was a personal friend of Arthur Hanes, Jr., the attorney for James Earl Ray, and Jesse B. Stoner recently mentioned that Hanes had called them apparently at the NSRP Office, acted mad and pointed out that he did not even recall meeting them and he was not "their friend." [redacted] Fields and Stoner were miffed that Hanes was so unfriendly, but acknowledged they had met Hanes only on one occasion which was for a brief moment. [redacted] the financial status of the NSRP is such that they could not afford to contribute any money to Ray's defense [redacted] Fields and Stoner had made the initial offer to aid Ray for their own publicity and for the purpose of attempting to increase their own prestige.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

For your information. You will be advised of pertinent developments.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

AUG 7 1968

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FBI WASH DC

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PM URGENT 8-7-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST SIX, LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED TODAY HE DEVELOPED INFORMATION CONCERNING PERPETRATION OF BANK ROBBERY, THE BANK OF ALTON, JULY THIRTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, THE RELIABILITY OF WHICH HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DETERMINE AT THIS TIME. INFORMATION INDICATES PERSONS ENTERING BANK WERE [redacted] AND [redacted] THAT [redacted] WAS WHEEL MAN DRIVING STOLEN NINETEEN FIFTY-THREE BUICK; THAT UNSUBS ESCAPED THROUGH TEN FOOT HEDGE AT REAR OF BANK AND MET [redacted] ON BROWN STREET AFTER WHICH THEY ESCAPED VIA LITTLE USED ROADS TO VICINITY OF FOURTH AND BROADWAY, SWITCHING TO NINETEEN FIFTY-SEVEN PLYMOUTH. SUBJECTS LATER THAT NIGHT DISPOSED OF BUICK IN

END PAGE ONE

REC 36 44-38861-5024

EX-100

16 AUG 8 1968

59 AUG 14 1968

STONE QUARRY, WEST ALTON, MISSOURI.

INFORMANT INDICATES BANK LOOT SPLIT FIVE WAYS BETWEEN ABOVE THREE SUBJECTS AND [redacted] TAVERN OWNER, AND [redacted] SUSPECTED FENCE.

INFORMANT CONTINUING EFFORTS TO VERIFY CONPLICITY OF ABOVE LISTED SUBJECTS AND DETERMINE PERSONS WHO CAN VERIFY.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

END.

GMA

FBI WASH DC

FBI

Date: 8-7-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

ATTN: MR. McGOWAN
ROOM 2712

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of a Barclays Bank slip found in the personal effects of JAMES EARL RAY at the time of his arrest. Inasmuch as information is barely legible on the copies, Bureau will note Memphis has typed in the data on one of the copies.

It appears to Memphis that RAY arrived at Heathrow Airport on May 17, 1968, from Portugal, and by means of this bank slip converted his Portuguese currency into English currency.

ENCLOSURE

3 BUREAU (Enc. 2)(AM)
1 MEMPHIS

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16 AUG 8 1968

C. D. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

TO BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED

Please exchange the undermentioned NOTES and COIN
with recourse to me/us
* and credit my/our account.

Signature Ramon George Sneyd

Address 962 Dundas West
Toronto, Canada

CURRENCY	AMOUNT	RATE	£	s.	d.
Portugal	6020	71	70	8	5
			14	1	8
				5	7

CASHIER'S STAMP AND INITIALS

BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED
EDMONTON
1963
AIRPORT AGENCY

FORM 888

* Delete for cash exchanges

£ 84 15 8

44-38861-5025
ENCLOSURE

.o BARCLAYS BANK LIMITED

Please ... change the undermentioned NOTES and COIN with recourse to me/us
* and credit my/our account.

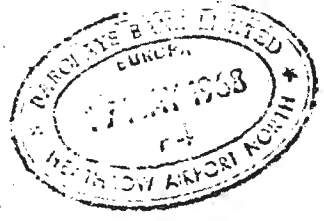
CURRENCY	AMOUNT	RATE	£	s.	d.

Signature.....

Address.....

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CASHIER'S STAMP AND INITIALS



FORM 282

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*Delete /or cash exchanges

8/8/68

CODE

CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REURAIRTEL SEVEN TWENTY-SIX, SIXTY-EIGHT.

DOCUMENT NINE IN REPORT OF NEW SCOTLAND YARD ENCLOSED WITH RE COMMUNICATION LISTS AN ITEM "ONE - BARCLAYS BANK SLIP IN NAME OF SNEYD" THE PROPERTY OF SUBJECT. YOU SHOULD DETERMINE IF ANY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY NEW SCOTLAND YARD RE THIS ITEM, IF SO, RESULTS THEREOF AND SUBMIT RESULTS TO BUREAU. MEMPHIS HAS OBTAINED COPY OF THIS ITEM AND HAS FORWARDED IT TO YOU BY AIR MAIL ON EIGHT EIGHT INSTANT.

AIR MAIL TO MEMPHIS.

RECEIVED 88 AUG 9 AM 7 FBI

REC 13 44-38861-5026

19 AUG 9 1968

- SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with SA Graham Day)

VIA TELETYPE
AUG 8 1968
530 PM FBI
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NOTE: By communication dated 7/26/68, Legat, London enclosed a report of New Scotland Yard, which is the results of their investigation concerning the activities of James Earl Ray while in London, England. Included in the investigation is a list of the personal possessions of Ray located in his suitcase which was shipped from London, England, to Brussels, Belgium, on 6/8/68. An item in his personal possession is

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FBI - BRUSSELS LEGAT UNIT
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NOTE CONTINUED:

"One - Barclays Bank Slip in name of Sneyd." These personal possessions of Ray are now in the hands of Shelby County Sheriff in Memphis, Tennessee. Our Memphis Office advises that it appears that this is a transaction involving a change of currency from Portuguese to English, as the slip is for Barclays Heathrow Airport branch, and the date of the transaction is 5/17/68, the day that Ray returned to London from Portugal. The Memphis Division has obtained a copy of this item from the Shelby County Sheriff and they are forwarding a copy of this direct to Legat Minnich and, of course, are furnishing the Bureau with copy. Legat is being advised to this effect.

We do not have the results of any investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard regarding this slip nor do we have any information indicating the significance of this slip. It is possible that New Scotland Yard conducted investigation concerning this particular item as they do not record the results of negative investigation. We are requesting our Legat, London to determine if investigation conducted and if so, to submit results to Bureau. It is possible that subject did make a deposit in a bank, however, our Legat advises that New Scotland Yard authorities could not locate any bank account or safe deposit box of the subject in London.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 8, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] Judge W. Preston Battle, Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, has received a letter from Marya and Laska Van Doornen, Bellflower, California. This letter was dated August 3, 1968, and requested the address of Ray's attorney, Arthur J. Hanes. The letter in part stated "We have a number of things we would like to tell the defense."

Bureau indices are negative regarding Marya and Laska Van Doornen.

Our Memphis Office has requested Los Angeles Office to discreetly determine identity of the Van Doornens, and if possible, to determine what, if any, connection they might have had with Ray. Memphis also stated, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, no attempt will be made to interview these persons except possibly under a suitable pretext as we do not desire to invite charges of interfering with the subject's defense.

The Los Angeles Office has been advised not to interview the Van Doornens under any circumstances, but to proceed to determine their identity through office records and established sources.

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RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, the attached communication be sent to Los Angeles, with copy to Memphis, confirming Bureau instructions.

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Date: July 25, 1968

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Via _____ AIRTEL - VIA AIR COURIER
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

There are enclosed herewith three copies of report of investigation by RCMP Division "C", dated July 9, 1968, with attachments.

Note request in paragraph 6 for photo of [redacted] as well as identity of subscribers to telephone numbers in the United States. Please advise.

Also, Bureau is requested to advise if line of investigation by Montreal RCMP "C" Division deemed necessary on basis of information available to Bureau.

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1 cc - Mr. Long
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

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Re Springfield teletype to Bureau dated August seven last.

[redacted] advised today he has been unable to further verify information set forth in referenced tel. However, he is continuing efforts to identify persons who could assist in verification.

[redacted] reiterated denial he was involved in robbery at Bank of Alton, however, he stated he has some information, which he feels might be of assistance. He states he has to "think it over" before divulging information. [redacted] will be recontacted at an early date to elicit further information from him.

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Mail copies to Chicago, Memphis and St. Louis.

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Date: 7/31/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., phase of investigation.

Enclosed herewith is one Xerox copy each of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by [redacted] at Memphis, Tenn., and an FD-302 dated 4/7/68 reflecting interview of Miss EDITH BRUNER, Clerk, William Len Hotel.

[redacted] San Francisco, California, and [redacted] or [redacted] Kansas City, [redacted] checked into the William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., at 9:38 p.m. on 4/4/68 and checked out at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 4/5/68. [redacted] and [redacted] were immediately transported to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport via Yellow Cab.

Two individuals believed to be identical with [redacted] and [redacted] based on the Memphis PD investigation and time element concerning flights leaving Metropolitan Airport, furnished Delta Airlines personnel at Metropolitan Airport names of [redacted] and [redacted] no addresses, departed Memphis via Delta Airlines Flight # 157 nonstop to Houston, Texas, at 1:57 a.m., 4/5/68 with a scheduled arrival time, Houston, at 2:50 a.m. same date. Tickets for the flight were purchased just prior to departure time and since no reservations

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were made, these names were merely added to the passenger manifest and no addresses were obtained. Efforts to locate this manifest to date have been negative.

Investigation conducted by Kansas City and San Francisco Divisions determined that the addresses furnished by [redacted] and [redacted] at the William Len Hotel were nonexistent. These Divisions as well as Houston and Memphis have been unable to identify [redacted] or [redacted] through contact with airline personnel, transportation drivers, motel and hotel clerks, credit and criminal checks, and through a review of street and telephone directories in the pertinent cities involved.

The FBI Laboratory developed six latent fingerprints of value on Q349 which was the William Len Hotel registration card of WALKER and five latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q350 which was the registration card for [redacted]

The FBI Identification Division developed [redacted] FBI # [redacted] as a suspect possibly identical with [redacted] who registered at the William Len Hotel. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI, Identification Division, has advised that the latent prints developed on Q349 and Q350 are not identical with the fingerprints of [redacted] FBI # 52651D. The FBI Laboratory has also advised that the handwriting appearing on Q349 and Q350 is not identical with the handwriting of [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

The William Len Hotel personnel advised that this [redacted] is not identical with [redacted] or [redacted] who registered at the hotel on 4/4/68. [redacted] FBI # [redacted] was interviewed by a BuAgent on 6/12/68 at St. Louis, Mo., and denied being in Memphis or ever flying via commercial airlines. Driver for the Yellow Cab Company transporting [redacted] and [redacted] to Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, advised that a photograph of [redacted] FBI # [redacted] is definitely not identical with either of the two individuals that he transported to the Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, in the early a.m. of 4/5/68.

The Yellow Cab Company driver, William Len Hotel employees, and Delta Airlines employees advise that JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with the two individuals that they had dealings with in Memphis on 4/4-5/68.

Although it is agreed that [redacted] and [redacted] departed the Memphis area in a somewhat suspicious manner on 4/5/68, many visitors and residents, immediately after KING was killed, departed the Memphis area by any means of transportation available due to the real existence of fear of the riot as a result of KING's killing. The Memphis Division conducted investigation regarding numerous persons who left the area after KING's killing and [redacted] and [redacted] were merely two individuals of the large number of individuals who were under investigation as suspects prior to the identification of ERIC STARVO GALT at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, and subsequent identification of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

Due to the manner in which [redacted] and [redacted] departed the Memphis area and the lack of luggage at the time of their arrival and departure, it is believed that [redacted] and [redacted] were "running from something," possibly law enforcement and/or were in the city of Memphis for some type of illegal activity.

Since [redacted] and [redacted] furnished nonexistent addresses in San Francisco and Kansas City, Kansas, and it is believed that they actually changed names while in Memphis, it is not believed that any of the names used in Memphis by these individuals would be their true identities.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted or directed by the Memphis Division concerning the William Len Hotel phase in this matter.

(Rev. 4-15-64)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/7/68

Miss EDITH BRUNER, Clerk, William Len Hotel, advised she noticed two individuals in the lobby of her hotel during the early evening of April 4, 1968. She stated that she did not know the names of these individuals, but knew that they were registered at the hotel as [redacted] and [redacted] however, she did not know which of the individuals was [redacted] and which was [redacted] She said she first saw them in the lobby at approximately 7:30 p.m. They, according to Miss BRUNER, at that time just seemed to be killing time, and asked general questions about Memphis and the racial conditions which had existed and were existing in Memphis. Miss BRUNER stated that the taller of the two men advised her that they were from California, but they gave her no information as to why they were in Memphis or what they intended to do in Memphis.

Miss BRUNER advised that she could not furnish any details concerning the activities of these two individuals on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, nor could she furnish any details regarding their activities after 7:30 on April 4, 1968. She could not state whether or not either or both of them had left the hotel during the time they were staying at the hotel for any period of time. She said during the evening of April 4, 1968, she did not pay any particular attention to them, but just merely noted that they were around the lobby of the hotel on various occasions. Miss BRUNER furnished the following description of the two men:

A. Shorter Man

Race:	White
Age:	25 to 26
Height:	5'10"
Weight:	150 pounds
Hair:	Ash brown, parted on the side
Dress:	Grey suit and tie

She could furnish no further descriptive data on this individual.

On 4/5/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # 44-1987

by SA [redacted] / jms 44-38861-5030 Date dictated 4/6/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to [illegible]; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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B. Taller Man

Race:	White
Height:	6'2"
Weight:	200 pounds
Hair:	Blonde, short cut
Eyes:	Color unknown
Complexion:	Ruddy face
Dress:	White shirt, dark trousers, and carrying a coat in his arm, blue in color, which appeared to be too small for him.

Miss BRUNER could furnish no further descriptive data on this individual.

Miss EDITH BRUNER continued by advising that the two above-mentioned individuals checked out of the William Len Hotel at approximately 12:30 p.m., April 5, 1968. She said when they checked out, they seemed to be in an extreme hurry. She pointed out that they had put a deposit on their key when they checked in inasmuch as they did not have any baggage, but they checked out in such a hurry that they almost forgot to collect the money which they had put on the deposit. She said she had to remind them to collect their deposit on the key, but they seemed to be more interested in checking out and getting out of the hotel than they did collecting the money which they had on deposit. Miss BRUNER said she did not particularly note what the two men did after they left the hotel, and, therefore, could furnish no further information regarding their activities after this time.

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RE: SUSPECTS W. DAVIS, B. CHIDLOW, VINCENT WALKER, AND LAWRENCE RAND

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Memphis, Tennessee, on the dates indicated:

Miss RUBY WIGGINS, Desk Clerk, William Len Hotel, 110 Monroe Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on May 22, 1968, she registered [redacted] of [redacted] San Francisco, California, into Room [redacted] and [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, into Room [redacted] at approximately 2:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968. She said neither individual had a roomer's reservation at the time they arrived at the hotel and each paid in cash $4.68 for the room plus a $1.00 deposit on the key for the room. Miss WIGGINS advised she does not recall the denomination of the bill either individual gave to her to pay for the charges but recalls it was in cash and not paid by check or credit cards. She said neither individual furnished any form of identification when they registered into the room. Miss WIGGINS stated when they arrived at the hotel, they requested the cheapest room she had for rent.

Miss WIGGINS advised she does not know how either individual arrived at the hotel but is pretty certain that they did not have a car.

Miss WIGGINS was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Miss WIGGINS said neither of the individuals was anywhere near as old as the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and added that neither one of the individuals looked like the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. Miss WIGGINS commented that the smaller of the two individuals who registered at the hotel could possibly in a faint sort of way resemble the 1960 photograph of JAMES EARL RAY that appears on the identification order. She stated, however, that neither one of the individuals was old enough to be JAMES EARL RAY and, in her opinion, neither one looked anything at all like JAMES EARL RAY.

Miss MARTHA BRANNAN, Desk Clerk, William Len Hotel, advised on May 21, 1968, she was working at the desk when Miss RUBY WIGGINS, Desk Clerk, registered in [redacted].

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and [redacted] mentioned above. She said she recalls that neither individual had a reservation when they arrived at the hotel and both individuals paid cash for the room after asking for the cheapest room in the hotel. Miss BRANNAN advised that she does not recall the denomination of the bill either individual gave to pay the charges but recalls it was cash and not paid by credit cards. She said, as she recalls, neither individual furnished any type of identification.

Miss BRANNAN was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Miss BRANNAN said neither of the individuals was anywhere near as old as JAMES EARL RAY and neither of them looked anything like the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Miss ROSE FRATINI, Switchboard Operator, William Len Hotel, advised she was on the switchboard at the hotel during the afternoon, evening, and night of April 4, 1968. Miss FRATINI advised she recalls when [redacted] of San Francisco, California, and [redacted] of Kansas City, Missouri, checked into the hotel. She stated she believes it was approximately 2:05 P.M. on April 4, 1968, when these two individuals checked in without a reservation. She stated that they appeared nervous and did not do a great deal of talking. Miss FRATINI stated neither individual made any phone calls through the switchboard and no one made any phone calls to either of these individuals. She further advised she does not recall that either of these individuals used the pay telephone in the lobby of the hotel.

Miss FRATINI was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G, and said neither of the individuals known as [redacted] and [redacted] was anywhere as old as JAMES EARL RAY and neither of these individuals looked anything like the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Mrs. BEE ALBRIGHT, Operator, Cigar Stand, lobby of William Len Hotel mentioned above, advised on May 22, 1968, that she recalls 2 individuals in the lobby of the hotel during the afternoon and evening as well as night of April 4, 1968, as being nervous and asking minor questions about the Memphis area. Mrs. ALBRIGHT advised she could not recall the names off-hand but said they were 2 individuals who came in on the afternoon, registered at the hotel, and left shortly

after midnight. Mrs. ALBRIGHT was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Mrs. ALBRIGHT stated that neither of the individuals looked anywhere near like any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said the main reason that they did not look like RAY is because both of these individuals were very young and not near as old as photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Miss EDITH BREWER, [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, advised that she is a desk clerk at the William Len Hotel, Memphis, and generally works from 11:00 P.M. to approximately 8:00 A.M. Miss BREWER advised she recalls that she came on duty early on April 4, 1968, and recalls that 2 individuals who were registered in the hotel were pacing back and forth in the lobby of the hotel asking questions about the Memphis area. Miss BREWER said they seemed to be nervous. Miss BREWER stated she was on duty when they checked out of the hotel at approximately 12:30 A.M., April 5, 1968, and recalls that they were in a hurry to catch a cab and were hesitant about waiting for their refund of $1.00 deposit on their key.

Miss BREWER was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Miss BREWER stated that the side view photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in 1960 as appears on the identification order somewhat vaguely resembles one of the individuals but added that the individuals in the hotel were much younger than the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She said neither of these individuals, in her opinion, was JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. KIRK BOWMAN, [redacted] Memphis, advised he is currently employed by the Travelodge Motel but stated that during the early part of April 1968 he was employed as a desk clerk, night manager, and auditor for the William Len Hotel mentioned above. Mr. BOWMAN advised he recalls coming to work late, approximately 11:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, and worked on through the morning, April 5, 1968. He recalls that 2 individuals by the names of [redacted] and [redacted] checked out of the hotel at approximately 12:30 A.M. He said these individuals had prepaid for their room. Therefore, his only duty was to refund $1.00 deposit to each of them on the keys that they had for their rooms.

Mr. BOWMAN was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Mr. BOWMAN advised none of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY appeared to resemble either

of the individuals who checked out of the hotel. He
comment that the 1960 front view photograph of RAY as shown
on the identification order does bear a slight resemblance
in facial features; however, both of the individuals [redacted]
registering at the hotel were much younger than the photo-
graphs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. JOYNER W. FARRIS, [redacted] on May 22, 1968, that he
West Memphis, Arkansas, advised on May 22, 1968, that he
is employed by the Yellow Cab Company, 581 South Second
Street, Memphis, Tennessee, and was working during the
evening of April 4, 1968, and the early morning hours of
April 5, 1968.

Mr. FARRIS advised he recalls picking up 2 fares
at the William Len Hotel at approximately 12:30 A.M. on
April 5, 1968. Mr. FARRIS said that he waited for 2 in-
dividuals to check out of the hotel and he drove them to
the airport in Memphis to catch a plane out of the city.
Mr. FARRIS commented that early in the evening of April 4,
1968, he picked up a fare at the William Len Hotel and this
individual requested that he drive him to West Memphis,
Arkansas. Mr. FARRIS stated as they approached the bridge,
this individual changed his mind and told him to drive him
to the airport. Mr. FARRIS advised after they arrived at the
airport, this individual whose name he did not know requested
that he wait while he went in to check on reservations. Mr.
FARRIS stated he waited and shortly thereafter this individual
returned to his cab and requested to be driven back to the
William Len Hotel. Mr. FARRIS advised that when they arrived
at the William Len Hotel, this individual again requested
that he wait while he checked out of the hotel. When this
individual returned to the cab he had another individual
with him and it was at that time that both requested to be
driven to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport.

Mr. FARRIS stated he did not strike up a conver-
tion with these individuals and does not recall discussin
much of anything with them. He said he does not recall
that they had any luggage whatsoever when they checked
out of the hotel or into the cab. He said when they re
their destination at the airport, they paid the taxi c
fare in cash but he does not remember the amount and d
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Mr. FARRIS was shown several photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. After viewing the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, Mr. FARRIS stated that neither of the individuals bore any resemblance whatsoever to any of the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. He stated the main reason he feels this way is that these 2 individuals are much younger than the photographs of JAMES EARL RAY.

Mr. KEITH B. HAGSTETTE, Assistant Supervisor, Delta Airlines, Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on May 23, 1968, he would attempt to locate the manifest for flight #157 leaving Memphis on the early morning of April 5, 1968. He said he recalls previously checking this flight and determined that 2 individuals did not have reservations but caught this flight which was non-stop to Houston, Texas.

Mr. HAGSTETTE advised on June 3, 1968, that he is unable to locate the manifest for flight #157 on April 5, 1968. He said this flight was due to leave Memphis at 12:25 A.M. on April 5, 1968, and was non-stop to Houston. He said the flight left at 1:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968. Mr. HAGSTETTE advised he would request the Atlanta office to furnish a new manifest to his office so that he could determine who the passengers were on this flight.

On June 6, 1968, Mr. HAGSTETTE advised his Atlanta office advised him their work was way behind and requested that their office in Atlanta be contacted by the Atlanta Division of the FBI for a copy of this manifest. He pointed out that he recalls from previous inquiry it was determined that the names [redacted] and [redacted] were passengers' names that were added to the list of passengers for flight #157 and would not appear on the manifest as printed by the computer.

Mr. JIM WEDDLE, Ticket Agent, Delta Airlines, advised he resides at 4582 Applestone, Memphis, Tennessee. He said that he worked on the 6:00 P.M. to 3:00 A.M. shift on April 4, 1968, and April 5, 1968. He stated as he recalls he left work at approximately 3:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968.

Mr. WEDDLE stated he recalled that at approximately 10:00 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, an individual came up to the ticket counter and inquired concerning a flight to Houston, Texas. He said this individual requested passage

on this flight for 2 individuals but stated he did not have money with him to pay for the tickets. He said this individual informed him that he would return to the ticket counter later to pay for the tickets prior to boarding on the plane. Mr. WEDDLE stated he only saw one individual that was shabbily dressed. As he recalls, this individual wore a long-sleeve dirty white shirt, gray trousers, and possibly had a 2 day growth of beard. Mr. WEDDLE stated he did not know the name of this individual but assumed that it was either [redacted] or [redacted] He said he made reservations for this individual and sometime after midnight this individual came to the counter and paid for the 2 tickets which amounted between $50 and $60 with $5 and $1 bills. Mr. WEDDLE stated he does not recall checking any baggage for this individual either time he appeared at the ticket counter. Mr. WEDDLE advised that he recalls the name [redacted] as it is a common name and recalls the name [redacted] because he and other ticket agents were commenting that the name probably should be [redacted]

Mr. WEDDLE stated he has seen numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405 942 G. Mr. WEDDLE stated that this individual who purchased these 2 tickets did not resemble any of the photographs of RAY in any way. He pointed out he did not see the other individual for whom the ticket was purchased. This man did not give him any address here in Memphis.

Mr. JIMMY D. SULLINGER, [redacted], Southaven, Mississippi, advised on June 3, 1968, he was working as a ticket agent for Delta Airlines at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport from approximately 11:30 P.M. to approximately 8:00 A.M., April 4-5, 1968. Mr. SULLINGER advised he recalls that JIMMY WEDDLE sold 2 tickets to an individual prior to midnight of April 4, 1968, in the names of [redacted] and [redacted]. Mr. SULLINGER advised he recalls the name [redacted] specifically as the various ticket agents were pronouncing the name [redacted]. Mr. SULLINGER advised he did not see the individual who purchased the tickets in the names of [redacted] and [redacted] and can furnish no information whatsoever concerning these 2 individuals. Mr. SULLINGER stated he may have been the individual who checked passengers onto the flight at the ticket gate and he has no way of knowing whether or not he was the individual who checked them onto the plane. He said he does not recall any of the passengers who boarded that flight and he definitely does not recall seeing or meeting [redacted] or [redacted] who were on flight #157 leaving Memphis non-stop for Houston on April 5, 1968.

Mr. HAROLD BYRD, Ticket Agent, Delta Airlines, Memphis Metropolitan Airport, advised on June 3, 1968, that he was employed as a ticket agent at the Delta Airlines ticket counter from approximately 3:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, to approximately 2:00 A.M. on April 5, 1968. Mr. BYRD advised he does not recall seeing passengers [redacted] and [redacted] who purchased tickets at this Delta Airlines ticket counter and caught flight #157 that left at 1:30 A.M., April 5, 1968, for Houston, Texas. Mr. BYRD advised he recalls the incident only because the name [redacted] was pronounced by the various employees of Delta as [redacted] Mr. BYRD advised he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the individual who purchased 2 tickets in the names of [redacted] and [redacted]

Mr. JERRY DOOLIN, [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, advised he is a ticket agent for the Delta Airlines at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport and on April 4, 1968, was working the 4:00 P.M. to 2:30 A.M., April 5, 1968, shift. Mr. DOOLIN advised he recalls reviewing the manifest for flight #157 that left Memphis at 1:30 A.M. on April 5, 1968, non-stop for Houston, Texas. He stated he recalls that 2 individuals by the names of [redacted] and [redacted] were walk-up passengers to the ticket counter and did not have reservations prior to the early evening of April 4, 1968. According to Mr. DOOLIN, he did not see the individual who purchased the 2 tickets in the names of [redacted] and [redacted] Mr. DOOLIN further commented that he may have "closed out" the flight, but he does not recall seeing the 2 passengers [redacted] and [redacted] He said by "closing out" the flight he meant that he may have checked all the passengers onto flight #157 just prior to its departure from Memphis. Mr. DOOLIN advised he could furnish no information whatsoever concerning the 2 passengers [redacted] and [redacted]

Mr. FRANK GUY, [redacted] Memphis, advised he is a porter for Delta Airlines at the Memphis Metropolitan Airport. He stated he was working as a porter during the evening of April 4, 1968, and the morning of April 5, 1968. He stated he recalls that he was working this particular shift because that was the night that Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was killed and there was a curfew on. He stated he was very busy the entire evening and night because of the curfew and does not recall that anyone else was working with him that night. Mr. GUY stated he does not recall any passenger coming out to

the airport in a Yellow cab asking the Yellow cab to wait for him while he went in to purchase a ticket and then return to the cab. Mr. GUY advised he cannot furnish any information concerning any of the passengers who boarded any of the Delta flights during the evening of April 4 and the morning of April 5, 1968.

The following is a composite description of the 2 individuals who registered in the hotel as [redacted] and [redacted] as furnished by employees of the William Len Hotel mentioned above:

Number 1

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 to 28
Height	5'10"
Weight	150
Hair	Brown, parted on the side
Dress	Wearing gray suit

Number 2

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	25 to 30
Height	6'2"
Weight	200
Hair	Blond
Face	Ruddy
Dress	White shirt, dark trousers, carrying dark blue coat on his arm

The following individuals were contacted at their respective places of employment on June 3, 1968, to determine if any cars had been brought in on April 4, 1968, prior to 2:00 P.M. and if any cars were rented from 2:00 P.M. to midnight on April 4, 1968, to an individual by the name of [redacted]

These firms are the only places that rent cars that are in a close proximity to the William Len Hotel mentioned above:

Mr. GENE YORK, Assistant Manager, Avis Rent-A-Car, 57 South Third Street, Memphis

Miss JEAN STARNES, Clerk, Budget Rent-A-Car, 106 South Second Street, Memphis

Mr. BOBBY LIPIN, Manager, Hertz Rent-A-Car, Downtown Office, 110 South Second Street, Memphis

Mr. TED O. BAUCAUM, Manager, Downtown Office, National Car Rental Systems, Inc., 22 North Third Street, Memphis

The above individuals on June 3, 1968, advised that a review of their records failed to indicate that any cars were turned in prior to 2:00 P.M. on April 4, 1968, that had been rented by an individual in the name of [redacted], or [redacted]. These individuals also advised that a complete review of their records fails to indicate that any cars were rented between the period 2:00 P.M. and midnight of April 4, 1968, to any individual registering the name [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5031

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Reurairtel 7/31/68.

The Bureau is contemplating comparing the latent fingerprints developed on the William Len Hotel registration cards concerning [redacted] and [redacted] in an effort to identify these individuals. You should, therefore, obtain elimination prints from hotel employees, law enforcement officers who may have handled these registration cards and any other individuals from your determination who may have handled these cards.

Submit these prints to the Bureau promptly.

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NOTE: See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/5/68, same caption, REL:cs, with addendum of General Investigative Division.

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GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 5, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Daunt
1 - Mr. Gale
1 - Mr. Trotter

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. This memorandum is in specific reference to the investigation conducted at William Len Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects [redacted] and [redacted]

As a result of checking various hotels and motels in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects in this matter, it was determined that an individual by the name of [redacted] and another by the name of [redacted] registered at the William Len Hotel in Memphis on April 4, 1968.* On April 5, 1968, they made a hasty departure from the hotel taking a taxicab to the Memphis Airport. Investigation strongly indicates that these two individuals departed Memphis by Delta Airlines Flight No. 157, nonstop to Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1968, using the names of [redacted] and [redacted]

* These men used fictitious addresses when registering on the day of the assassination.

This matter has been thoroughly checked with negative results in order to determine the true identity of these individuals. It appears that these two individuals may have been in Memphis for the possibility of committing some illegal activity or there as possible fugitives "cooling off" and departed immediately because of the pressure of law enforcement on the King assassination.

Memphis Division submitted the hotel registration cards concerning [redacted] and [redacted] and six unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of [redacted] and five unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of [redacted]

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SEE ADDENDUM OF GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
PAGE THREE...

Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

Since all other logical investigation has been conducted in an effort to identify these individuals without success, and in view of the possibility they may have been implicated as co-conspirators in the King slaying, it is recommended, if feasible, that the latent fingerprints developed on the hotel registration cards be compared with those of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35. It is noted that the best available information indicates that [redacted] and [redacted] are described as white males between the ages of 20 and 35.

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Memo R[redacted]n to DeLoach
Re: MURKIN

ADDENDUM OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION: N. E. McDaniel/hs 8-6-68

The foregoing recommendation is premature. Of the eleven latent fingerprints developed on the hotel registration cards concerning [redacted] and [redacted] only two on one of the [redacted] cards are possibly susceptible to a comparison of the type recommended. The Identification Division has no information to indicate that the latent fingerprints are those of [redacted] or [redacted] Prior to considering the recommendation of the General Investigative Division, the Memphis Office should submit elimination prints of the hotel employees and law enforcement officers who may have had occasion to handle the evidence. Upon receipt of such elimination prints the Identification Division will make comparisons with the latents developed on the hotel registration cards. This examination might very well eliminate the two latent prints on the one [redacted] card which do appear to be possibly susceptible to the recommended comparison.

If the General Investigative Division feels that on the basis of the information available to them that the costly, time-consuming examination which they have recommended is warranted, then it is suggested that the elimination prints be obtained before proceeding further in this matter.

ADDENDUM OF GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION: REL:cs 8/8/68

In view of the important phase of eliminating [redacted] and [redacted] as possible conspirators in this case, we are instructing our Memphis Office to submit elimination prints. Upon receipt of these elimination prints, it will be recommended that the Identification Division compare the pertinent latents with those of White Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35.

CLH/JK

August 8, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

You should provide Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee, the following investigative reports, copies of which are in your possession:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 4/17/68, at Birmingham, Alabama;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated 4/17/68, at Memphis, Tennessee;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 4/18/68, at Atlanta, Georgia;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 4/18/68, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 4/29/68, at New Orleans, Louisiana;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated 4/30/68, at Memphis, Tennessee;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5/2/68, at Jackson, Mississippi;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5/13/68, at Newark, New Jersey;

Enclosures (13)

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Airtel SAC, Memphis
RE: MURKIN

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5/15/68, at Kansas City, Missouri; and

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 6/14/68, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Enclosed you will find the following original set and one copy of the set of documents provided to us by the British authorities in regards to the extradition proceedings of James Earl Ray:

1. Fingerprint comparison charts used in the testimony by our Latent Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake;

2. Fingerprints of Ray as taken on 6/8/68, by British authorities;

3. Two separate orders issued by the Bow Street Magistrates' Court dated 6/13/68, pursuant to "The Extradition Act, 1870," relative to this matter (One order relates to the murder charge in Tennessee and the other to the escape charge in Missouri.);

4. Medical Officer's Certificate dated 7/18/68, issued by the authorities of Wandsworth Prison;

5. An order dated 7/18/68, commanding Ray to be delivered to officials of the United States Government; and

6. Court testimony of several individuals.

You should provide the original set of documents to Mr. Canale and copy of the original set should be retained for your records.

In addition, you may provide Mr. Canale the enclosed report of New Scotland Yard. A copy of this report was previously provided to you for your information.

Airtel SAC, Memphis
RE: MURKIN

In furnishing the above reports and documents to Mr. Canale, it must be with the complete understanding that the reports and documents and contents thereof are not to be released outside his office. You should insure that no administrative pages and administrative data are included in the reports disseminated to Mr. Canale.

NOTE: See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/8/68, captioned as above, REL:cs.

Legat, London
SACs, Kansas City
Memphis (44-1987)
Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5033

August 8, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

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MURKIN

For information of Kansas City and Memphis, when the State of Missouri sent their extradition papers to the Embassy in London, the original identification card of the subject was sent in error. Missouri had evidently meant to send a copy of the identification card.

According to Mr. Jack Herfurt, Counsellor for Consular Affairs at the American Embassy in London, the Missouri State Penitentiary officials have asked for the return of the original card for their records. Mr. Herfurt states that the original is not at the Bow Street Court, the Foreign Office, the Home Office and is not in his records at the Embassy. Legat suggests that the original may have been among the papers which traveled back with the subject on 7/18/68. The Missouri State Penitentiary officials, of course, desire that the original card be sent to them.

Bureau is not in receipt of this original card and Legat, London may wish to suggest to Mr. Herfurt that he again check the records, particularly the original extradition papers as the original may still be contained in the same papers.

1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with Graham Day)
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NOTE: Legat, London advises original Missouri State Penitentiary identification card sent with extradition papers to the Embassy in London by error. Jack Herfurt, the counselor at the Embassy advises the officials of Missouri State Penitentiary have asked for the return of the original card and he cannot locate it among his, as well as other individuals, papers. Bureau not in possession of this card and due to the fact that extradition papers were in the hands of Herfurt, it is possible that the original may still be in his possession. Legat, London being requested to again contact Herfurt and suggest he go through his papers again.

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Date: 8/2/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

Mr. T... Mr. ... Mr. ... Mr. Bishop ... Mr. ... Mr. ... Mr. ... Mr. ... Tele. Room ... Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

Enclosed is copy of Missouri State Penitentiary identification card for subject. When the State of Missouri sent their extradition papers to the Embassy in London the original of this card was sent in error. Missouri had meant to send a copy.

According to Mr. JACK HERFURT, Counsellor for Consular Affairs at the Embassy, the Missouri Penitentiary officials have asked for the return of the original card for their records.

Mr. HERFURT states that the original is not at Bow Street Court, the Foreign Office, or the Home Office, and is not in his records at the Embassy. The original may have been among the papers which travelled back with subject on 7/18/68. If so, it is requested that it be returned to Missouri State Penitentiary.

2 ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Encl 2)
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

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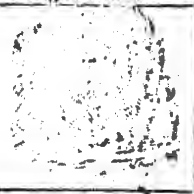
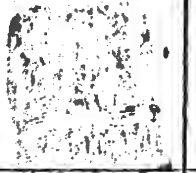
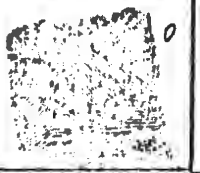
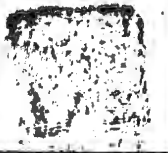
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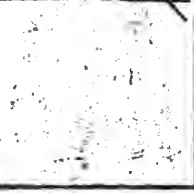
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6-Left Thumb	7-L. Index Finger	8-L. Middle Finger	9-L. Ring Finger	10-L. Little Finger
				

J. T. LAMAR, Superintendent
Bureau of Identification
Mo. State Penitentiary

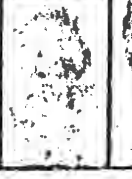
Prisoner's Signature

Please Do Not Fold This Card

Four fingers taken simultaneously
Left Hand



Amputations .....

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Bureau of Criminal Identification

MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY
JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI





Date Received 3-17-60 19__
From St Louis City County
Crime 1st: Opg mtr veh w/o perm
Robb 1st b/m DDW 12ch; Chg.
Sentence 20 120 7.5 years
Date Sentence 2-19-60 19__
Sentence Begins 3-17-60 19__
Date of Birth 3-10-26 Occupation baker
Birthplace Ill Nationality Amer
Age 32 Comp. med
Height 5-11 Eyes blue
Weight 163 Hair blk
Build med
Notify Mother, Mrs Lucille Rye
Address 1913 Pickering
St Louis, Mo

Scars and Marks ulcer

CRIMINAL HISTORY

Name	Number	City or Institution	Date	Charge	Disposition of Sentence

(Please furnish all additional criminal history and police record on separate sheet.)

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON

July 30, 1968

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. [illegible]
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In connection with the Ray extradition I wish to commend the personnel of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I made two trips to London in connection with the formal extradition process, and my work there was greatly lightened by the interest and cooperation of the Legal Attache in London, John Minnick. Mr. Minnick was not only knowledgeable and effective, but I am sure we could not have accomplished what was accomplished without the splendid relationship that he has developed with New Scotland Yard and other officials in England. This was most important in several respects and without his assistance I would have had a substantial difficulty in accomplishing several objectives while in London.

With respect to arrangements for Ray's return to this country, Al Rosen on this end and Mr. Minnick on the London end were indispensable ingredients of an operation that went without a hitch.

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My thanks to both of them and to you.

Sincerely,

1 AUG 8 1968

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Honorable Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vinson:

Thank you for the very favorable comments in your letter of July 30th concerning the work of the FBI in the case involving James Earl Ray. I am certainly pleased our work has merited your approval and Messrs. Rosen and Mohrich join me in expressing appreciation for your kind remarks.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - London - Enclosure
1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
Personal Attention:
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit - Enclosure

SENT TO DIRECTOR
FOR SIGNATURE & MAILING
DATE: 8-2-1968

NOTE: Mr. Vinson is on the mailing list to receive the Law Enforcement Bulletin.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 31, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Legal Attache in Ottawa has furnished us with results of investigation by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) regarding activities of subject Ray while in Toronto, Canada. [redacted]

The investigative results include the interview of a person by the name of [redacted] who identified the photograph of James Earl Ray as the individual whom she spent one night with at the Lord Simco Hotel in Toronto, Canada, in April of 1968. She claims that she picked Ray up at the Metropol Hotel in Toronto and stated that Ray used foul language while he was making love to her. Officers of the RCMP described her as a prostitute, alcoholic and confirmed liar and incapable of telling the whole truth. Photographs of [redacted] are attached.

The investigative report of the RCMP also states that Ray on April 23, 1968, entered Loblaw's Grocerteria, Toronto, Canada, from the rear of the establishment and asked the assistant manager for a full time job. Ray was notified that full time help was only hired from the head office, not by various branches and the correct address and phone number of the home office was supplied to Ray. The head office of Loblaw's was checked, however, there is no record of Ray applying for a job under his own name or aliases. REC 46 44-38861-5035

The RCMP report also advises that they have made investigation at 103 branches of various banks in the Toronto area, as well as 125 branches of the Royal Bank of Canada in Toronto with negative results concerning the possibility of Ray having a bank account or safety deposit box in such establishments.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

The RCMP officials are continuing to account for the subject's activities in Toronto, Canada.

ACTION:

For your information.

Photographs of [redacted]



ENCLOSURE

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[redacted]

Re: Martin Luther KING
Murder of
Assist. to F.B.I.
[redacted]

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Re: Martin Luther KING
Murder of
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 22, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The trial for subject James Earl Ray has been scheduled for 11/12/68 at Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, and the judge to hear this case is W. Preston Battle. Our Memphis Office advised that Judge Battle is described as one of the most experienced trial judges in Memphis; he is sixty years of age and attended Washington and Lee University as well as Memphis University Law School. He received his license to practice law in 1933; has served as Assistant to the District Attorney General for Shelby County, Tennessee, for eleven years and entered private practice of law in Memphis in 1945. Most of his work has been devoted to the practice of criminal law. In 1959, he was appointed judge for Division 3 of the Criminal Court of Shelby County. Judge Battle is a member of the Shelby County Bar Association and has served on the Board of Directors, as well as the Executive Committee of the Association.

Judge Battle has been described by individuals as a judge who runs a no-nonsense courtroom and he has had some of his decisions reversed, according to newspaper articles, but the newspaper articles state this is a mark of a judge who hears a lot of cases and is not afraid to blaze trails. He is further described as a stickler for legal aspects of a case and will often recess court to check a point of law. Individuals also describe Judge Battle as a person who will give sharp words to lawyers who employ grandstand tactics in a courtroom and he is a person who displays patience

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with defendants and witnesses who appear nervous or who do not sometimes understand legal procedures.

According to the files of the Bureau and our Memphis Office, Judge Battle has been the subject of two Civil Rights complaints, both in 1965. In the one case, the victim complained that he had been illegally extradited and the judge told him that regardless of how he had been returned to Memphis, an indictment was outstanding against him and he was going to stand trial in the court. In the second case, the victim complained that Judge Battle told a prisoner to be quiet in his courtroom and therefore, this was a violation of the victim's civil rights. In both of these cases, the complaints were referred to the Civil Rights Division of the Department and no further investigation was requested by the Department.

The Bureau files, as well as the Memphis files, contain no information of a derogatory nature concerning Judge Battle.

ACTION:

For your information.

FBI

Date: 8/5/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND

RE: MURKIN
Bufile: 44-38861
CVfile: 44-565 (P)
OO: Memphis

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CVfile: 175-16

Re Richmond airtel to Director, 7/26/68 and Bureau letter to Los Angeles, 8/1/68.

[redacted], Lima, Ohio, interviewed 8/5/68 and stated he had attended the National Automobile Dealers Association truck meeting at the Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, about 5/18/68, and recalls [redacted] and some men from Bristol, Tennessee, attending. He stated at dinner one evening, he sat about four to six seats from [redacted] and somebody mentioned in general conversation words to the effect that some group was probably behind the KING matter, and also another remarked to the effect that after what happened to JACK, something might happen to BOBBY. [redacted] could not recall who made these remarks and no other details. He did say he has known [redacted] for about six years and described [redacted] as a very reputable man of a good reputation. He added it was his belief [redacted]

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2 - Memphis (Info)
2 - Los Angeles (Info)
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Special Agent in Charge

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was the type of man who would probably have rather strong opinions, and just go ahead and say something. He added he placed no significance on the remarks and said there had been quite a bit of drinking.

FD-302 reflecting interview of [redacted] will be furnished Memphis and Los Angeles for their respective cases.

Date: 8/7/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Butel to Memphis, 4/17/68, Memphis airtels to Bureau, 5/13, 6/5, 7/3 and 7/8/68, Bureau routing slip, 6/13/68, all captioned as above, and Buairtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The information set out hereafter is a listing of cumulative totals concerning cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau offices for the period 4/4/68 through 7/31/68:

		Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Cumulative Total
1.	A. Special Agents	95,430	27,076	122,506
	B. Clerks	19,598	1,740	21,338
		115,028	28,816	143,844

2. Mileage traveled by Bucars on this matter: 471,519

3. Unusual or out of ordinary costs:

A.	Per diem	$6,698.00
B.	Communications	4,007.03
C.	Photography Expense	1,884.68
D.	Hotel Room Expense	59.48
E.	Plane Fares	837.00

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F. Miscellaneous

Zeroxing	$330.94
Zerox paper and Supplies	14.25
Mailing Wanted Flyers to Laundries in the U. S.	287.00
Miscellaneous Supplies	65.77
Confidential Item	19.50
Total Miscellaneous	$717.46

Total Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs: $14,203.65

4. Peak number of Special Agents on this case: 3,075

The expenses incurred by the Bureau in making the arrangements and in transporting subject RAY to Memphis are not known to this office. Consequently, the above totals do not include any expenses or figures other than those furnished the Memphis Division by the other field divisions.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 9, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Joseph Gamble of the Birmingham Office telephonically advised that he received a telephone call from Robert Wood, owner of the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, to the effect that his son, Donald Wood, and other employees of the company have been receiving threatening telephone calls. It is noted that James Earl Ray purchased the rifle from Donald Wood of the Aeromarine Supply Company on March 29-30, 1968. To be specific, the call that Donald Wood received from an unknown individual was to the effect that he would not live to testify in the James Earl Ray case. The employees received telephone calls along the line that they wanted to know if they sold sawed-off shotguns and told them they had better start to sell them.

SAC Gamble stated that he has taken no action on this matter and due to the importance of this case, he would like the Bureau's views.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, was apprised of the threatening telephone calls received, and he was advised that it has not as yet been determined if Federal process will be dismissed, we are alerting the Birmingham authorities of the threats made. In view of the Tennessee authorities' prosecution of subject Ray on State charges, we are notifying Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, of these telephone calls.

After learning of this information, Mr. Pollak 12 1968 advised that he did not desire any further action, however, he did desire that our Birmingham Office apprise the U. S.

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Attorney in Birmingham of the calls received and the fact that the FBI is conducting no investigation. Mr. Pollak also stated that if Mr. Wood further informs the FBI of any threatening calls received by Donald Wood, they should be channelized in this same manner.

Birmingham and Memphis have been advised as to the above.

ACTION:

The above will be confirmed in writing to the Department.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 8/8/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to all offices and legats dated 5/7/68.

This matter has been reviewed within the Chicago Division, and it appears that all pertinent information developed as a result of investigation has been furnished in report form to Memphis and the other interested offices. At this time, it does not appear that the amount of investigation within the Chicago Division warrants individual reports. Therefore, inserts are being prepared in the future in lieu of reports, UACB.

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

August 9, 1968

1 - Mr. McGowan

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

(Murkin)

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 6, 1968, in which you make inquiry concerning one Barclays Bank slip listed in Document Number Nine appended to a report of New Scotland Yard.

We are enclosing two copies of this Barclays Bank slip, one is an exact copy of the original, and one which the writing has been typewritten due to the illegibility of the writing.

It appears that James Earl Ray, upon his return from Portugal to London on May 17, 1968, may have exchanged currency.

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NOTE:

Legat, London transmitted to us a report of New Scotland Yard concerning the activities of James Earl Ray while in London, England. We transmitted this report to Mr. Vinson, Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Vinson, in his memorandum of August 6, 1968, stated that in connection with Document Number Nine appended to that report, he noted that "Sneyd's" possessions, as listed, included one Barclays Bank slip in name of Sneyd. Mr. Vinson stated he would appreciate being informed of what sort of bank transaction was represented by this document.

The personal effects, including this slip, are presently in possession of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Memphis, Tennessee. Memphis obtained copies of the bank slip and transmitted them to the Bureau. We are responding to Mr. Vinson's inquiry and are enclosing copies of the Barclays Bank slip. Legat, London has been requested to determine if New Scotland Yard conducted any investigation in that particular matter, and if so, advise us of the results thereof.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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FBI BIRMGHAM

752PM URGENT 8-9-68 HEP

TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 2P

MURKIN

RE BIRMINGHAM TELCALL TO BUREAU THIS DATE.

BOB WOOD, OWNER, AEROMARINE, ADVISED THIS DATE HE AND SON DON HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS IN THE PAST TO THE EFFECT THAT "YOU WILL NOT LIVE TO TESTIFY IN THIS TRAIL" AND "YOU WILL NOT LIVE TO GO TO COURT." NEWSPAPER ARTICLES RECENTLY PUBLISHED INDICATED THAT DON WOOD WAS TO BE PRINCIPAL WITNESS IN CAPTIONED CASE. TODAY TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED AT AEROMARINE FROM UNKNOWN INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED TO BE NEGRO, WHO STATED HE WAS MEMBER OF THE BLACK PANTHERS AND DESIRED TO PURCHASE SAWED-OFF SHOTGUN. WHEN ADVISED THEY DID NOT STOCK THEM, HE TOLD THEM THEY SHOULD DO SO AS THEIR PLACE WAS GOING TO BE BURNED DOWN.

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BUREAU TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF ABOVE, AND DEPARTMENT ATTORNEY STEPHEN J. POLLAK INSTRUCTED THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY [illegible] CANALE, MEMPHIS, SHOULD BE ADVISED OF THE ABOVE.

END PAGE ONE

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Cc: Long

PAGE TWO.

NO INVESTIGATION IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY MEMPHIS OR BIRMINGHAM PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS. BUREAU INSTRUCTS LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM TO BE SUBMITTED BY BIRMINGHAM AND MEMPHIS RE ABOVE.

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FBI WASH DC

July 31, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATI DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to the findings of an eight member lawyer committee named by Shelby County Tennessee Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to investigate possible violations of a court order previously issued by him concerning court house, courtroom procedure and publicity in the forthcoming state trial of James Earl Ray.

The committee cited violations of the court order by Arthur R. Hanes, Ray's Attorney; Shelby County Sheriff William Morris; US Attorney General Ramsey Clark; and Russell X. Thompson an attorney who may assist Hanes.

The attached also relates to a new order issued by Judge Battle. Memphis is forwarding copy of order to Bureau. Department being advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TO: DIRECTOR 0(44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (4P)

MORKIN; CIVIL RIGHTS OR.

RE MEMPHIS LETTER TO BUREAU JULY NINETEEN LAST ENCLOSING XEROX COPY OF AN ORDER ON COURT HOUSE AND COURTROOM PROCEDURE AND PUBLICITY.

ON THIS DATE AN EIGHT MEMBER LAWYER COMMITTEE NAMED BY SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF COURT ORDER, MENTIONED RELET, BY PRINCIPALS IN THE JAMES EARL RAY CASE CITED ARTHUR B. HANES, RAY'S ATTORNEY SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, JR., U.S. ATTORNEY, RAMSEY CLARK AND RUSSELL X. THOMPSON. MEMPHIS ATTORNEY, WITH WHOM HANES HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBILITY OF ASSISTING WITH RAY'S DEFENSE. JUDGE BATTLE MADE THE FINDING OFFICIAL AS HE ADOPTED AND SIGNED A REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE. NO PUNITIVE OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION WAS TAKEN AGAINST THE FOUR INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.

THE COMMITTEE IN THE FOUR-PAGE REPORT CITED THE FOLLOWING INSTANCES OF VIOLATIONS OF THE COURT ORDER:

ONE. CERTAIN STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO ARTHUR B. HANES

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Mr. Tolson
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TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING., JR., INVOLVES A COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY, TO THE EFFECT THAT HIS CLIENT'S RIGHTS WERE BEING TRAMPLED IN JAIL AND TO THE EFFECT THAT HE. HIS FAMILY AND SERVANTS ARE BEING THREATENED BY "THEM" AS QUOTED IN THE MEMPHIS "PRESS SCIMITAR" ISSUED DATED JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST AND THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL" OF JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

TWO. ~~CERTAIN~~ certain STATEMENTS IN THE "MEMPHIS PRESS SCIMITAR" OF JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST ATTRIBUTED TO WILLIAN ~~NORRIS~~ Morris, SHERIFF OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., CONCERNING THE COST AND EXPENSE FOR THE SECURITY OF THE PRISONER AND THE TREATMENT OF THE PRISONER AND THE PRISONER'S DEMEANOR AND ATTITUDE WHILE IN CONFINEMENT.

THREE. CERTAIN STATEMENTS APPEARING IN THE MEMPHIS "PRESS SCIMITAR" OF JULY TWENTYSEVEN LAST ATTRIBUTED TO RUSSELL X. THOMPSON CONCERNING HIS OPINION AS THE GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF THE DEFENDANT.

FOUR. IN REGARD TO ATTORNEY GENERAL CLARK, THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT SAID THAT IN THE EVENT THAT CLARK IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE RAY CASE, THROUGH HIS STAFF, ASSISTANTS, OFFICE ASSOCIATES, OR

END PAGE TWO

NOTATION

INVESTIGATORS OR EMPLOYEES UNDER HIS SUPERVISION, THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AS REFERRED TO IN "THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL" OF JULY TWENTYEIGHT LAST ARE IN PROBABLE VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN SHEPHERD VS. MAXWELL, TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY IN THE SHOOTING OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. THE ~~SHEPHERD-MAXWELL CASE INVOLVED DR. SAM SHEPHERD OF CLEVELAND,~~ SHEPHERD- MAXWELL CASE INVOLVED DR. SAM SHEPHERD OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, WHOSE CONVICTION WAS OVERTURNED BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT ON THE GROUNDS OF PREJUDICIAL PRETRIAL PUBLICITY.

JUDGE BATTLE SIGNED ANOTHER ORDER THIS DATE WHICH INSTRUCTED ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVING ANYTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THIS CASE, CONCERING ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, ALL PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS BUILDING, AND ASSOCIATES, DEPUTIES, ASSISTANTS, STAFF MEMBERS, LAWYERS, ~~ETC~~ And so forth,.WERE FORBIDDEN TO TAKE PART IN INTERVIEWS OR PRESS CONFERENCES FOR PUBLICITY AND WERE ENJOINED FROM MAKING EXTRA- JUDICIAL STATEMENTS ABOUT THIS CASE. AS TO SUCH PERSONS, THE COURT URGED SELF-IMPOSED COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORDER IN THE INTEREST OF THE FAIR TRIAL TO THE DEFENDANT AND TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. JUDGE

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BATTLE INSTRUCTED THE CRIMINAL COURT CLERK TO SEND CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE ORDER TO ALL PERSONS NAMED IN IT AND TO NEWSPAPERS, RADIO AND TV STATIONS WITHIN THE COURT 'S JURISDICTION.

A COPY OF THIS COURT ORDER WILL BE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU ON JULY THIRTYONE NEXT. P.

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FBI WASH DC

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8/12/68

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReATlet 7/29/68.

In view of the fact that Tennessee authorities are prosecuting subject Ray on State charges, the matter regarding the 1966 Mustang was brought to the attention of the Department. The Department has advised that they will discuss this matter with Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, in the very near future.

In view of the above, Memphis and Atlanta should take no further action until advised by the Bureau.

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1 - SAC, Atlanta (44-2386)

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NOTE: On 4/11/68, the Atlanta Office recovered the 1966 Mustang which was abandoned by James Earl Ray in Atlanta, Georgia. The vehicle is still in possession of the Atlanta Office, and has been stored in the garage space in the basement of the Federal Building where the Atlanta Office is located. Atlanta has requested Bureau to advise what disposition is contemplated for the automobile.

In view of the fact that State of Tennessee is prosecuting subject Ray, this matter was brought to the attention of the Department. The Department has advised that they intend to discuss this matter with Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney

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General, Shelby County, Tennessee, and they will advise the Bureau after discussion. Memphis and Atlanta are being advised that the Department has this matter under consideration, and to take no further action until the Bureau so advises.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/10/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Radio Station WERD, which is located at 330 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, same address as Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), has received a copy of the Saturday Evening Post addressed to E. S. GALT, 330 Auburn Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. The tag also contains the following: "330 AUBUESPO26MAY 69."

PHILADELPHIA DIVISION

At the Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19105, attempt to determine circumstances of this particular subscription.

Memo Rosen to DeLoach, 8-16-68, RE-160

EX-106

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2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (RM)
2 - Philadelphia (RM)
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Date: 7/24/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

ReBuairtel 7/15/68 requesting copies of photographs taken of RAY at the time of his arrest by British authorities.

It is pointed out that photographs are not normally taken of persons arrested, and they are only photographed when they are received in prison to begin serving a sentence. This, of course, did not happen in this instance.

Enclosed, however, is photograph of subject which was used on his second Canadian passport, and is the most recent photograph available of him. This second passport is the one issued at Lisbon prior to his return to London on 5/17/68.

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1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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D. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 7/29/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel, 7/25/68.

The Bureau's attention is directed to Savannah airtel to Bureau dated 6/25/68 captioned "National States Rights Party; RM (Organization), Bufile 105-66233", setting out information that Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, NSRP Director, had announced that the Patriotic Legal Aid Fund of Savannah had offered to defend JAMES EARL RAY, accused slayer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Copies of this airtel and letterhead memorandum were furnished to Birmingham and Memphis at that time.

Savannah will alert its sources to advise this office promptly of any information concerning future contacts with RAY.

6 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Savannah

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Laboratory Transmittal Form
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1 - General Investigative Division
(Att. Mr. Long Rm. 2260
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Swartz
1 - Mr. Shimota

FBI
LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Charlotte (44-1365) Date: August 8, 1968

Re: MURKIN

John Edgar Hoover, Director

REC 27
EX-100

FBI File No. 44-38861-5047
Lab. No. [illegible]619-NB

Examination requested by: Charlotte

Reference: Airtel 8/2/68

Examination requested: Engineering

Remarks:

A direct copy of the pertinent section of Q-397 has been made and will be retained in the Radio Engineering Section of the Laboratory for a period of six months prior to destruction. The copy is suitable for voice comparison purposes.

The analysis and comparison of voices for speaker identification is conducted to provide investigative guidance.

Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Memphis (Info) (44-1987)

NOTE:

Coordinated with the General Investigative Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

1 - General Investigative Division
(Att. Mr. Long Rm. 2260)
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Swartz
1 - Mr. Shimota

To: FBI, Charlotte

Re: MURKIN

Date: August 8, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38831 - 1171
Lab. No. E-619-MB

Specimens received 8/5/68

Q397 "CODE-A-PHONE" tape cartridge which contains recorded voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper.

Results of examination:

Q397 is being returned to you under separate cover via registered mail.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN

File # 44-38861-5547
Lab. # E-619-MB

Examination requested by: SAC, Charlotte (44-1365) (Atl 8-2-68)

Examination requested: Engineering

Date received: 8-5-68

Result of Examination: Contact with Presley Cross Instruments at Ford Industries Inc. 4706 Washington Ave N.W. 8/6/68 made + copies of pertinent section of Q 397 mfrs. mfg. a Model 710 Cord-a-phone onto a Uher 1000 at 7½ ips, full track. Copy being retained in Evidence Cabinet, Radio Section for possible future comparison.

Examination by: SHIMOTA

Specimens submitted for examination

Q397 Plastic container bearing words "Code-A-Phone," which contains tape recording of voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper.

Lab report to FBI, Charlotte
JES! sdh 8/8/68

FBI

Date: 8/2/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (44-1365) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Q357

Re Charlotte teletypes to Bureau dated 7/24/68 and 7/31/68; and Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 7/29/68.

There is being furnished the Laboratory herewith a plastic container bearing the words "Code-A-Phone," which contains a tape recording of voices of individuals who contacted "The Hot Line" column of the "Greensboro Record" newspaper. According to Mr. DAVE ALEXANDER, City Editor of that newspaper, this tape contains the recorded message of an unidentified male who called the newspaper on 7/23/68 and indicated that he knew JAMES EARL RAY was innocent because RAY was in Greensboro, N. C. at the time of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The Bureau in referenced airtel instructed the Charlotte Office to obtain this tape and submit it to the FBI Laboratory inasmuch as the Laboratory may be able to use this tape in a voice comparison matter at a later date.

At this time no specific request is being made of the Laboratory. The decision as to what action should be taken is being left to the Bureau and Memphis. For the information of the Bureau and Laboratory, the tape being sent as an enclosure is played back on a "Code-A-Phone," Model 770, manufactured by Ford Industries, Incorporated, Portland, Oregon.

ENCLOSURE

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1 - Memphis [redacted] (Info) (44-1987)
2 - Charlotte
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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date:

Transmit the following in _____
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Via _____ _____
(Priority)

CE 44-1365

The "Greensboro Record" newspaper desires the return of this tape. When the tape is of no further value to the Laboratory, it is requested that it be returned to Charlotte in order that it may be given back to the newspaper.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

File

AS INFORMATIVE

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 8/8/68

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is Xerox copy of Memphis airtel dated 7/31/68 relating to investigation to identify two individuals, [redacted] and [redacted] or [redacted] who checked into William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, at 2:38 p.m. on 4/4/68 and checked out at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 4/5/68. The circumstances surrounding their departure in Memphis shortly after the murder of King has warranted our investigation to identify these individuals since there is always the possibility that they may have been involved in the murder of King. Our investigation to date has been negative and the conclusion of Memphis is that both of these individuals were "running from something." There is also attached a memorandum from Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach indicating that in view of the possibility that [redacted] and [redacted] may have been implicated as co-conspirators in the King slaying, that the fingerprints developed on hotel registration cards relating to them be compared with fingerprints of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 28 and 35.

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In order to assist in the identification of [redacted] and [redacted] or [redacted] it is suggested that consideration be given to contacting informants in the Klan and white hate groups since there is a possibility that these informants may be able to identify known militant members of the Klan or white hate groups who were not in their normal location on the day of and the day after King's murder. There is a very meager physical description for both individuals and if consideration is given to requesting a check of logical racial informants it is suggested that a review be made of the Memphis report relating to our investigation of these individuals.

Enclosures - 2 ENCLOSURE

1 - Mr. A. Rosen
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. W. A. Branigan
1 - Mr. R. E. Long
1 - Mr. G. M. Quinn

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Supv. [redacted] 22 AUG 14 1968

Mr. C is to advise whether [illegible] feasible - no individuals associated with hate groups & descriptions very meager.

MEMO

Mr. DeLoach

August 5, 1968

A. Rosen

MUSKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Deunt
1 - Mr. Cale
1 - Mr. Trotter

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. This memorandum is in specific reference to the investigation conducted at William Len Hotel in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects [redacted] and [redacted]

As a result of checking various hotels and motels in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects in this matter, it was determined that an individual by the name of [redacted] and another by the name of [redacted] registered at the William Len Hotel in Memphis on April 4, 1968. On April 5, 1968, they made a hasty departure from the hotel taking a taxicab to the Memphis Airport. Investigation strongly indicates that these two individuals departed Memphis by Delta Airlines Flight No. 157, nonstop to Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1968, using the names of [redacted] and [redacted]

This matter has been thoroughly checked with negative results in order to determine the true identity of these individuals. It appears that those two individuals may have been in Memphis for the possibility of committing some illegal activity or there as possible fugitives "cooling off" and departed immediately because of the pressure of law enforcement on the King assassination.

Memphis Division submitted the hotel registration cards concerning [redacted] and [redacted] and six unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of [redacted] and five unidentified latent fingerprints were developed from the card of [redacted]

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: KUKLUX

RECOMMENDATION:

Since all other logical investigation has been conducted in an effort to identify these individuals without success, and in view of the possibility they may have been implicated as co-conspirators in the King slaying, it is recommended, if feasible, that the latent fingerprints developed on the hotel registration cards be compared with those of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35. It is noted that the best available information indicates that [redacted] and [redacted] are described as white males between the ages of 20 and 35.

7/31/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., phase of investigation.

Enclosed herewith is one Xerox copy each of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted by SA [redacted] at Memphis, Tenn., and an FD-302 dated 4/7/68 reflecting interview of Miss EDITH BRUNER, Clerk, William Len Hotel.

[redacted] San Francisco, California, and [redacted] of [redacted] Kansas City, checked into the William Len Hotel, Memphis, Tenn., at 2:38 p.m. on 4/4/68 and checked out at approximately 12:10 a.m. on 4/5/68. [redacted] and [redacted] were immediately transported to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport via Yellow Cab.

Two individuals believed to be identical with [redacted] and [redacted] based on the Memphis PD investigation and time element concerning flights leaving Metropolitan Airport, furnished Delta Airlines personnel at Metropolitan Airport names of [redacted] and [redacted] no addresses, departed Memphis via Delta Airlines flight # 157 nonstop to Houston, Texas, at 1:57 a.m., 4/5/68 with a scheduled arrival time, Houston, at 2:50 a.m. same date. Tickets for the flight were purchased just prior to departure time and since no reservations

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were made, these names were merely added to the passenger manifest and no addresses were obtained. Efforts to locate this manifest to date have been negative.

Investigation conducted by Kansas City and San Francisco Divisions determined that the addresses furnished by [redacted] and [redacted] at the William Len Hotel were nonexistent. These Divisions as well as Houston and Memphis have been unable to identify [redacted], or [redacted] through contact with airline personnel, transportation drivers, motel and hotel clerks, credit and criminal checks, and through a review of street and telephone directories in the pertinent cities involved.

The FBI Laboratory developed six latent fingerprints of value on Q349 which was the William Len Hotel registration card of [redacted] and five latent fingerprints of value were developed on Q350 which was the registration card for [redacted]

The FBI Identification Division developed [redacted] FBI # [redacted] as a suspect possibly identical with [redacted] who registered at the William Len Hotel. The Latent Fingerprint Section of the FBI, Identification Division, has advised that the latent prints developed on Q349 and Q350 are not identical with the fingerprints of [redacted] FBI # [redacted] The FBI Laboratory has also advised that the handwriting appearing on Q349 and Q350 is not identical with the handwriting of [redacted] FBI # [redacted]

The William Len Hotel personnel advised that this [redacted] is not identical with [redacted] or [redacted] who registered at the hotel on 4/4/68. [redacted] FBI # [redacted], was interviewed by a BuAgent on 6/12/68 at St. Louis, Mo., and denied being in Memphis or ever flying via commercial airlines. Driver for the Yellow Cab Company transporting [redacted] and [redacted] to Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, advised that a photograph of [redacted] FBI # [redacted] is definitely not identical with either of the two individuals that he transported to the Metropolitan Airport, Memphis, in the early a.m. of 4/5/68.

The Yellow Cab Company driver, William Len Hotel employees, and Delta Airlines employees advise that JAMES EARL RAY is definitely not identical with the two individuals that they had dealings with in Memphis on 4/4-5/68.

Although it is agreed that [redacted] and [redacted] departed the Memphis area in a somewhat suspicious manner on 4/5/68, many visitors and residents, immediately after KING was killed, departed the Memphis area by any means of transportation available due to the real existence of fear of the riot as a result of KING's killing. The Memphis Division conducted investigation regarding numerou persons who left the area after KING's killing and [redacted] and [redacted] were merely two individuals of the large number of individuals who were under investigation as suspects prior to the identification of ERIC STARVO GALT at the Rebel Motel, Memphis, and subsequent identification of JAMES EARL RAY as being identical with ERIC STARVO GALT.

Due to the manner in which [redacted] and [redacted] departed the Memphis area and the lack of luggage at the time of their arrival and departure, it is believed that [redacted] and [redacted] were "running from something," possibly law enforcement and/or were in the city of Memphis for some type of illegal activity.

Since [redacted] and [redacted] furnished nonexistent addresses in San Francisco and Kansas City, Kansas, and it is believed that they actually changed names while in Memphis, it is not believed that any of the names used in Memphis by these individuals would be their true identities.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being conducted or directed by the Memphis Division concerning the William Len Hotel phase in this matter.

FBI

Date: 8/9/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO:Memphis

Re Birmingham airtel dated 7/19/68.

RE: [redacted]

The following investigation was conducted by SA THEODORE J. A'HEARN:

There is no such street in Los Angeles County as Central Parkway.

CLIFFORD MOORE, Dispatcher, Transcon, Inc., 7745 South Paramount, Pico Rivera, California, advised [redacted] is not an employee of that company. Transcon has neither leased their equipment to another carrier nor leased equipment from another carrier in over two years. They have no lease truck drivers in Los Angeles.

Personal observation at [redacted] South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, reveals the entire 600 block to be utilized by gasoline stations, a bank and parking lots.

(3) - Bureau
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)(AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
2 - Los Angeles

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There are no inhabitable structures within this block. What would be the equivalent of 600 South Alameda Street, Los Angeles, is the Hollywood Freeway, its over-crossing and access roads.

The records of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company reveal that telephone number [redacted] does not exist in the entire code 213, which encompasses all of the City and County of Los Angeles.

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, as caused to be reviewed by IC [redacted], on 8/7/68, contain no record for [redacted] based on descriptive information available.

Indices of the Los Angeles Office are negative regarding [redacted]

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M _____ Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST EIGHT, LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED HE IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT THREE PERSONS WHO ARE BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE [redacted] AND [redacted] IN STOLEN FIFTYTHREE BUICK AND LATER IN FIFTYSEVEN PLYMOUTH ON DAY OF BR, THE BANK OF ALTON; FURTHER THEY CAN TESTIFY [redacted] WEARING DARK BLUE WINDBREAKER AND [redacted] WEARING LIGHT BLUE COVERALLS.

44-38861-5050

[redacted] WIFE OF [redacted] STATES SHE CANNOT RECALL COVERALLS, NOR CAN SHE RECALL [redacted] ACTIVITIES ON DAY OF BR.

COPIES MAILED TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS. 11 AUG 13 1968

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 12, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] a former symbol informant was discontinued by the Bureau as he furnished unreliable information and information that could not be verified or corroborated. He recently provided information to the effect that several individuals involved in various acts of violence in Mississippi could possibly be involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. The person allegedly furnishing information to the former informant is [redacted] who is believed to be mentally disturbed and is the mother of [redacted] who was involved in the bombing at [redacted]

Our Jackson Office has accounted for the whereabouts of these individuals enumerated by the former informant during the pertinent time. The mother of [redacted] was located and interviewed, and she refused to discuss the entire matter. She denied knowing anyone by the names as enumerated by the former informant. Miami points out that prior interviews with the son and daughter-in-law of [redacted] indicate that she has a mental problem.

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In view of the alleged mental condition of the mother of [redacted] and in view of the past performance of the former informant, coupled with the possibility that he may be fabricating the entire situation, Miami is being instructed to have no further contact with the former informant in regard to this alleged conspiracy. We are also instructing Miami, as well as other interested offices, not to conduct any further investigation; however, if any information comes to their attention they should notify the Bureau, submit same with recommendations and take no further action.

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Enclosure [illegible] 8-12-68

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REL:cs

57 AUG 20 1968

Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

RECOMMENDATION:

If approved, the attached communication will be transmitted to Miami, with copies to Jackson and Memphis, which contains Bureau instructions along the lines set forth.

FBI

Date: August 12, 1968

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Jackson airtel to Bureau dated August 1, 1968.

Enclosed herewith to Bureau (3 copies) and Memphis (15 copies) is an insert disclosing results of an interview with [redacted] at Joliet, Illinois.

Enclosed for the Atlanta Division is 2 copies of above insert and one photograph of [redacted] for possible future reference.

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ENCLOSURE

44-38861-

3-Bureau ([redacted]) (Encl
2-Memphis (44-1987) ([redacted]) (Encl. 15)
2-Atlanta (44-2386) (INFO) ([redacted]) (Encl. 3)
2-Chicago
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E. E. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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On August 6, 1968, [redacted] Illinois State Penitentiary (ISP), [redacted] Illinois, made available to Special Agent (SA) [redacted] the inmate jacket number [redacted] for [redacted] This inmate was received at ISP on [redacted] from Kane County, Illinois, on a charge of [redacted] bail bond being sentenced on [redacted] to a term of [redacted]

The inmate's short term will expire on [redacted] and he is due to appear before the parole board in [redacted] His file jacket disclosed that no detainers have been placed against him.

The following background and descriptive information was obtained from the inmate's jacket:

Name	[redacted]
Number	
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Height	5'9"
Weight	131 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Scars and Marks	Numerous tattoos on both arms
Federal Bureau of Investigation Number	[redacted]
Nationaltiy	English
Marital Status	Married, 1958, Kennett, Missouri Divorced 1964
Children	One
Social Security Number	[redacted]
Occupation	Construction
Brothers	Two
Half-brothers	One
Sisters	Three
Religion	Baptist
Education	Six years
Correspondence	[redacted] mother [redacted] [redacted] sister Carpentersville, Illinois [redacted] sister [redacted] Elgin, Illinois

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Interview of [redacted] also known as [redacted]

[redacted] inmate number [redacted], ISP, Joliet Branch, Joliet, Illinois, advised that he is sometimes referred to as [redacted] and [redacted]. He advised as follows:

He was an inmate at the Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) at Jefferson City, Missouri, from approximately [redacted] to [redacted] While at MSP he never had any personal contact with JAMES EARL RAY, although he believes he knew who RAY was by sight. The prison population at MSP approximated 2,400. He had no opportunity to meet RAY prior to MSP or after he left because he was arrested at Blaneville, Arkansas, on or about [redacted] before RAY escaped from MSP.

[redacted] said that while at MSP he celled in "C" house and worked in the Soap Factory, Block Plant and Farm. He formed a close relationship with another inmate, [redacted], whom he would see for extended periods on weekends in the yard. He never was assigned to the same cell house or work assignment with [redacted] or for that matter with RAY.

[redacted] to his knowledge, always occupied a one-man cell. [redacted] was in "J" cell house before going to the farm and in "G" or "F" cell house after he returned from the farm. [redacted] as assigned to the "Tag Plant" and farm.

[redacted] stated that some time before his release from MSP he had a falling out with [redacted] when [redacted] "stooled" on him over an incident that had taken place.

[redacted] said that he can recall no conversation transpiring in his presence while at MSP to the effect that President JOHN F. KENNEDY had a "bounty" on his head or that Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. had "bounty" on his head. He knew of no conversation to the effect that the "KKK of the South" had raised money to assassinate KING and never was privy to any conversation in this matter.

[redacted] denied knowing a [redacted] or a [redacted] owners of a houseboat. [redacted] stated that when he was released from MSP he went to his sisters, [redacted], Clarksdale, and stayed with her for approximately seven weeks. He was employed at [redacted] Service Station, [redacted] as a night man from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. He spent his leisure time in the taverns in the Clarksdale area. He said that he had never had occasion to go to the Mississippi River.

After leaving Clarksdale, he went to [redacted], Texas, for approximately three months, where he was employed by [redacted] He resided at [redacted]

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[redacted] Texas. After leaving Texas, he drifted from Missouri, Michigan, and Illinois.

[redacted] advised that he was not aware of any association between [redacted] and RAY. He said he could not say that if there was some arrangements between [redacted] and RAY that [redacted] would have told him.

[redacted] said subsequent to his release from MSP in [redacted] he was never in a Vicksburg, Mississippi, except to pass through it on his way to Clarksdale, Mississippi.

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FBI

Date: 8/12/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

On 8/12/68, [redacted] advised the Birmingham Post Office is returning to the sender as undeliverable a letter postmarked 8/8/68, addressed to ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham, Ala. The letter bears the return address, DeLangre & Mortensen Screens, 7557 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, Calif. 90046, and, [redacted] appears to be an advertising brochure pertaining to Mortensen Texture screens, textbooks and dark room printing material. He stated apparently the company sending the brochure to ERIC GALT deals primarily in photographic equipment. [redacted] said the address on the letter appeared to be the type of address which would be taken from a mailing list.

Los Angeles, if not already done, will contact DeLangre & Mortensen Screens, 7557 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, and determine whether this company has had previous dealings with subject as ERIC GALT and, if so, the details of their transactions with GALT.

C. C. - Bishop

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3 - Bureau
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) (AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Birmingham
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Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Miami (44-1854)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

In view of the alleged mental condition of [redacted] mother of [redacted] and in view of the past performance of the informant, Miami should have no further contact with the former informant in regard to the information that [redacted] and five other individuals were involved in the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In view of the fact that in interview with [redacted] she denies any knowledge of this alleged participation in the assassination and refuses to discuss it, receiving offices should conduct no further investigation in this aspect.

If any further information comes to your attention regarding this, you should notify the Bureau of same, submit your recommendations and take no further action.

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1 - SAC, Jackson (157-9586)
1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE: See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/12/68, captioned MURKIN, REL:cs.

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FBI

Date: 8/7/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Re Miami teletype to the Bureau, 8/2/68, setting forth information to Miami by [redacted] concerning [redacted]

Mobile was requested to be alert as to activities of [redacted] who reportedly was leaving for Jackson; Miss., 8/2/68.

[redacted]

Mobile, Ala., is a bombing suspect of the Mobile Office and his activity has been covered in the past month by [redacted] No information has been reported [redacted] to indicate that [redacted] was away from his residence just prior to or subsequent to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING. [redacted] furnished no information indicating that [redacted] or [redacted] had stayed at the [redacted] residence.

In the late afternoon of 8/2/68 [redacted] telephonically advised that at about 5:20 PM that date [redacted] had observed [redacted] in his stationwagon which vehicle appeared to be packed as if [redacted] was moving from the residence. [redacted] did not see [redacted] on that occasion.

(3) - Bureau
2 - Jackson (157-9586)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Miami (44-1854)
4 - Mobile (2 - 174-71)
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On the morning of 8/5/68, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had returned to his residence at 4 PM, Sunday, 8/4/68, and had left about 5 AM, 8/5/68, apparently enroute to work.

On 8/5/68, [redacted] advised that both [redacted] and [redacted] according to [redacted] were at their residence late in the afternoon of Sunday, 8/4/68, and left in their stationwagon which was loaded down. She had not seen them on the morning of 8/5/68.

It appears that [redacted] may be moving, possibly to Miss., since he works in Miss. His activities are being followed in order to determine whether or not he moves and to determine any contacts which may have a bearing on this case.

FBI

Date: 7/15/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (100-2082) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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ReBucab to Paris 7/12/68.

The following items have been furnished to the Bureau by Paris regarding investigation conducted in Portugal:

1. Application for new passport and related papers furnished by Canadian Embassy, Lisbon, Portugal.

2. Entry and exit cards and hotel registration card furnished by Portuguese Police.

These documents, returned to Paris with FBI Laboratory report dated 6/18/68, have all been returned to the original contributors and they were requested to retain them for possible future use if needed and copies were retained by the FBI Laboratory.

1cc - Mr. Long
Rm 2260
1cc sent Memphis
8-14-68

5 Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
(1 - Memphis, 44-1987, Info.)
1 - Paris
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Special Agent in Charge

C.D. Bishop

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3. Paris LHM dated 6/13/68. ✓

4. Paris LHM dated 6/18/68. ✓

5. Paris LHM dated 6/24/68. Dissem Folder

6. Paris LHM dated 7/1/68. "

All of the above material may be furnished to Tennessee authorities for official use in connection with the trial but the information should not be released to the public domain unless necessary through normal judicial procedure.

FBI

Date: 7-29-68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via Airtel AIR COURIER
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)(P)

Subject: MURKIN

ReBUcab 7-24-68.

There is set forth below a list of reports received from the RCMP in this investigation, all or any portion of which may be made available to Tennessee authorities. The items are listed in the order by date they were forwarded to the Bureau.

Description	Date of Report	Date Sent Bureau
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-18-68	4-22-68
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-19-68	4-24-68
Report RCMP Sub-Division, London, Ontario	4-18-68	4-26-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-22-68	5-6-68
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	4-26-68	5-6-68
Report RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-2-68	5-17-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-3-68	5-17-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-7-68	5-17-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division Montreal	5-13-68	5-17-68
Report of RCMP Sub-Division, Quebec City	5-9-68	5-22-68

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2 - Bureau (1 cc - Liaison Direct)
1 cc - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - OTT
MLI:jhc
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Description	Date of Report	Date Sent Bureau
Report of RCMP London, Ontario, Sub-Division	5-14-68	5-24-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-16-68	5-24-68
Report of RCMP Detachment, Windsor, Ontario	5-27-68	6-4-68
RCMP "A" Division report, Ottawa, Ontario	6-1-68	My telex 6-4-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-27-68	6-7-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	5-28-68	6-7-68
Report of RCMP "A" Division, Ottawa	6-5-68	6-7-68
Report of RCMP Sub-Division, London, Ontario	5-30-68	6-11-68
RCMP Headquarters Criminal Investigation Branch letter	6-13-68	6-13-68
RCMP "C" Division report, Montreal	6-7-68	6-17-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-7-68	6-17-68
Report of RCMP Detachment, Hamilton, Ontario	6-6-68	6-18-68
Report of RCMP "O" Division, Toronto, Ontario	6-13-68	6-18-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-13-68	6-20-68
Report of RCMP Sub-Division, London, Ontario	6-17-68	6-21-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-14-68	6-24-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-17-68	7-8-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	7-4-68	7-15-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	6-28-68	7-16-68
Letter from RCMP, Toronto, Ontario, to Ontario Provincial Police	7-16-68	7-19-68
RCMP report from "O" Division, Toronto	7-12-68	7-23-68
Report of RCMP "C" Division, Montreal	7-9-68	7-25-68

It should be noted that enclosures to my airtel 6-3-68, may also be utilized. These were(a)Kennedy Travel Bureau letter to Passport Office 4-17-68; (b) application for passport executed by Sneyd 4-16-68; (c) Statutory Declaration in Lieu of Guarantor

executed by Sneyd 4-16-68; (d) Passport photograph attached to application by Sneyd.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUL 31 1968

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Assassination of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Tolson
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This will acknowledge your memorandum of July 26, 1968, titled as above.

It may well be that Mr. Canale, the State Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee, will wish to examine Items 1 and 6 listed in that memorandum. I would doubt that he would have use for the other material, but would appreciate it if you would make known to him its availability.

I spoke to Mr. Canale several weeks ago, and he indicated to me that he would soon commence trial preparation. A substantial amount of the evidence which I am sure he will want to produce at trial comes about through the intensive FBI investigation into this matter, as well as FBI laboratory work. I would suggest that it might be timely to have Mr. Jensen, SAC in Memphis, contact Mr. Canale to be sure that he is aware of the scope and extent of the federal investigation and to proffer him whatever assistance he requires.

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REC-1 44-38861-5058

August 1, 1968

[redacted]

Brawley, California 92227

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have received your letter dated July 28, 1968, and want to assure you that the FBI did not participate in the preparation of the article by Jeremiah O'Leary which appears in the August, 1968, issue of "The Reader's Digest." Independent investigations made by news reporters do not, of course, have any connection with official investigations conducted by the FBI.

Since James Earl Ray was one of our "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives," the FBI did issue biographical and descriptive data last spring intended to aid in his apprehension. All of that information conformed to the guidelines laid down by the Attorney General and was approved by the Department of Justice.

The interest which prompted you to write me concerning this matter is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Rosen

NOTE: [redacted] of Brawley, California, is not identifiable in Bufiles. The article to which he refers deals with the identification and apprehension of James Earl Ray in the Martin Luther King murder case. O'Leary's article consists primarily of previously published material, together with information furnished by the Canadians and British to representatives of "The Reader's Digest." The article is not attributed to the FBI.

GWG:mac (8)

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

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Mr. Gale
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Sunday
July 28, 1968

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I just finished reading an article entitled "The Greatest Manhunt in Law Enforcement History" by Jeremiah O'Leary of the Washington Star in August 1968 Readers Digest. I was appalled at the amount of evidence against the suspect that is revealed in this article. This certainly does not seem in keeping with the tight security usually practiced by your bureau. I am as anxious as any American citizen to see that the likes of this suspect are brought to a speedy justice. In view of the fact that this man has not even been brought to trial it would seem to me that this article and the information in it refering to the F.B.I. would be termed very predjudicial.

I hope you don't feel this to be a crank letter, as I am truly concerned about the article. Could you please take a moment to explain this to me?

Sincerly

[redacted]

[redacted]
Brawley, Calif. 92227

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[redacted]

8-1-68 GGG:mac

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dispute are brought to a speedy justice. In view of the fact that this man has not even been brought to trial it would seem to me that this article and the information in it referring to the F.B.I would be termed very prejudicial.

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[redacted]

Brawley, Calif. [redacted]

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached is in response to our inquiry of 8-1-68, concerning the memo of Mr. Vinson of 7-31-68, giving us authority to furnish documents to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennesseee, as given to us by British authorities. This memo of Mr. Vinson was not clear, and he advised on 8-1-68, he would send us another memo clarifying his memo of 7-31-68, and respond to our other memos requesting him to advise us if he desired pertinent investigative reports be furnished Mr. Canale.

We will disseminate the reports and will advise Mr. Vinson in writing that this is being done in accordance with his instructions. We are obtaining information requested by Mr. Vinson in Document No. 9 in a report of New Scotland Yard and will so advise Mr. Vinson.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JU

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Mr. Casper	
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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: AUG

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

144-72-662

SUBJECT: Assassination of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Murkin

This is in further reference to my memorandum of July 31, 1968, and my telephone conversation with Special Agent [redacted] of August 1, 1968, concerning the pending state prosecution of James Earl Ray.

I assume that SAC Jensen has had an opportunity to contact Mr. Canale, the State Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee, and has apprised him of the scope and extent of the federal investigation.

This will authorize you to release all results of your investigation to Mr. Canale which are relevant for trial purposes, provided you have determined that such release will not disclose the identity of confidential informants or confidential investigative techniques. This cooperation is deemed to be in the best interests of justice.

This will also acknowledge your memorandum of August 5, 1968, titled as above. This will advise that the report obtained from New Scotland Yard may be disseminated to Mr. Canale.

In connection with Document No. 9 appended to that report, I note that "Sneyd's" possessions, as listed, include one Barclays Bank slip in name of Sneyd. I would appreciate being informed what sort of bank transaction is represented by this document.

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

August 8, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

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ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In accordance with your instructions contained in your memorandum of August 6, 1968, we are disseminating the following reports to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee:

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated April 17, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 18, 1968, at Atlanta, Georgia;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 18, 1968, at Los Angeles, California;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated April 29, 1968, at New Orleans, Louisiana;

Report of Special Agent Joe C. Hester dated April 30, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 2, 1968, at Jackson, Mississippi;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 13, 1968, at Newark, New Jersey;

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated May 15, 1968, at Kansas City, Missouri, and

Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated June 14, 1968, at Kansas City, Missouri.

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Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.

We are also providing Mr. Canale with the original documents provided to us by the British authorities in regards to the extradition proceedings of James Earl Ray and the most recent report of New Scotland Yard.

NOTE: See memo Rosen to DeLoach, dated 8/8/68, captioned MURKIN, REL:cs.

FBI

Date: 8/12/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

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Enclosed are five copies of letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, setting forth information received from Mr. BOB WOOD, owner of Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama.

Information contained in this letterhead memorandum has been furnished to Chief of Police, Birmingham, and Sheriff, Jefferson County, Alabama.

Enc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-94 B. RELEASED
1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT
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Approved: _____ Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama
August 12, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Civil Rights

On August 9, 1968, Mr. Bob Wood, Owner of Aeromarine Supply Company, advised the Birmingham Office of the FBI that he and his son have been receiving threatening telephone calls for the past few weeks, especially since an article appeared in the "Birmingham News" under Tom Lankford's byline wherein he indicated that Don Wood was to be the government's principal witness in the trial of James Earl Ray.

Wood stated that since the publication of this article, his son has received several telephone calls of an anonymous nature wherein the caller states, "You will not live to testify in this trial" and "You will not live to go to court."

Wood stated also that earlier this date one of his employees received an anonymous telephone call from an individual whom, she believed to be a Negro, who advised that he was a member of the "Black Pamphlets" (presumably Panthers) which was "black power". The caller stated, "You'd better stock up with sawed-off shotguns because we are going to burn you out."

Wood indicated that he did not fear for the personal safety of either his son or himself, but he did want to make these threatening calls a matter of record. He advised that he had already reported these calls to the local authorities.

ENCLOSURE 44-38861-5061

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
REVEREND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
Civil Rights

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

DATE: August 14, 1968

ATTENTION: Mr. Pollak

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to _____ memorandum dated _____ (your file _____).

There is enclosed one copy of a memorandum dated 8/12/68 at Birmingham.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☒ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc NOTE: In a conversation between Mr. Stephen J. Pollak and Special Agent [redacted] on August 9, 1968, Mr. Pollak was informed that in view of the fact it has not as yet been determined if Federal process will be dismissed, we are alerting

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the Birmingham authorities of the threats made to Donald Wood and in view of the fact of the Tennessee authorities prosecuting Ray on State charges, we are also notifying Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, of these telephone calls. Mr. Pollak advised he did not desire any further action, however, he would desire that our Birmingham Office apprise the United States Attorney in Birmingham of the calls and the fact that the FBI is conducting no investigation. Mr. Pollak also stated that if Mr. Wood further informs the FBI of any threatening calls received by Donald Wood, they should be channelized in this same manner.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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PM URGENT 8-12-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (2PP)

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR DATED AUGUST TEN LAST.

[redacted], DEPUTY, MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFICE, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ADVISED AUGUST TWELVE, INSTANT, [redacted] BELIEVED ARRESTED BY THAT DEPARTMENT FOR POSSESSION OF SAWED OFF SHOTGUN IN COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS. HE ADVISED THAT HE BELIEVED [redacted] ARRESTED IN THE COMPANY OF [redacted] [redacted] ADVISED HE WOULD OBTAIN ALL THE INFORMATION HIS OFFICE HAS ON [redacted] AND FURNISH IT TO THE FBI. [redacted] FURTHER ADVISED THAT [redacted] HAS AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, ROBERT TRONE, MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, EXACT TIME UNKNOWN. SPRINGFIELD WILL ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW [redacted]

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cc - Long

MADISON COUNTY COURT HOUSE IN EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, ON AUGUST SIXTEEN, NEXT, AND WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING TO [redacted] WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS. P.

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540PM URGENT 8-13-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWELVE, LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING [redacted] AND ASSOCIATES. HE ADVISED HE WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION THAT WOULD AID IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE BANK ROBBERY OF THE BANK OF ALTON.

WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO INTERVIEW [redacted] AND OTHER ASSOCIATES OF [redacted] AND WILL KEEP THE BUREAU ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPIES OF THIS TELETYPE HAVE BEEN SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

~~CORRT LINE 4, WORD 11, "AID"~~

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CC - Long

SAC, Phoenix

August 14, 1968

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Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5064

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Enclosed you will find two copies of a Departmental letter dated August 9, 1968, together with two copies of its enclosures.

You should within three days of receipt of this letter interview [redacted] Bisbee, Arizona and conduct appropriate investigation from the results of the interview.

Based upon available data no information recorded in Bureau files regarding Walter Brumby.

Enclosures (6)

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NOTE:

Department received a letter from [redacted] Bisbee, Arizona. Letter in essence states that individual who looks like James Earl Ray contacted him on April 7 or 8, 1968, and asked him for the name and address of a cheap hotel. Phoenix being instructed to interview Brumby and take appropriate action based upon the interview. No information identifiable with [redacted] in Bureau files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

AUG 8

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: August 6, 1968
SJP:ash
DJ 95-100-473

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray

Attached is a copy of a letter received in the Department, in which the writer suggests that he saw James Earl Ray in Bisbee, Arizona.

I attach same for whatever action you consider appropriate in connection with the pending investigation. A response to the letter has been prepared by this Division.

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Attachment

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2 ENCLOSURE

EX-105

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Let to PX
REL:mm
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July 21, 1968

[redacted]

Bisbee Arizona 85603

Asst. Atty Gen.
Hon. Phil Canale.
Washington, D.C.

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REGULATIONS SECTION

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JUL 30 1968
CRIMINAL DIVISION

Dear Sir:

Subject James Earl Ray.

On April 7 or 8 that looked like James Earl Ray, ask me for the name and address of a cheap hotel where he could do some cooking. He had a air force bag about 27x8x17 inches and was wearing sp. coat lt. pants. He got out of a small car. sky blue color. Car Loc. plates was white with red numbers, but he did not talk like he was from the South.

I after seeing his poster I felt sure it could be Ray. I ask the local Police to check it out, but they did not

I would like to know if he Ray did stop over in Bisbee Arizona

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14 JUL 29

yours truly.

[redacted]
Bisbee Ariz. 85603

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VIA AIR MAIL

Justice Dept. Atty. Gen's Office
Washington, D.C.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

August 14, 1968

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

Director, FBI

EX-102
REC-35 44-38861-5065

ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Donald Woods, the salesman for the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, who sold the rifle recovered at the scene of King's assassination, contacted our Birmingham Office to advise he has been contacted by Arthur Hanes, the attorney for James Earl Ray.

Hanes advised Woods that Ray was a "little fuzzy" on the details of the purchase of the gun and for that reason Hanes would like to interview Woods to obtain more specific information.

We have offered no advice to Woods concerning this matter; however, we did tell him that the request of Hanes would be brought to the attention of the state and Federal authorities concerned with the prosecution of Ray.

This matter was brought to the attention of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, and the United States Attorney in Birmingham.

The above is for your information.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo dated 8-13-68, captioned "MURKIN," JGK:vea.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 13, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SAC Joseph Gamble of the Birmingham Office has telephonically furnished the following information.

Donald Woods, the salesman for the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, who sold the rifle recovered at the scene of King's assassination to Ray, has been contacted by Ray's attorney, Arthur Hanes.

Hanes advised Woods that Ray was a "little fuzzy" on the details of the purchase of the gun and for that reason Hanes would like to interview Woods to obtain more specific information.

Woods contacted our Birmingham Office today to inquire as to whether he should consent to an interview with Hanes.

Birmingham furnished no advice to Woods concerning the matter but advised him that the request would be brought to the attention of the appropriate State and Federal authorities concerned with Ray's prosecution.

SAC Gamble has advised the Memphis Office of Hanes' request and instructed Memphis to bring the matter immediately to the attention of Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the State prosecution. Since Federal process charging Ray with violation of the Civil Rights Statute (Section 241, Title 18, U. S. Code) is outstanding in Birmingham, SAC Gamble is also bringing Hanes' request to the attention of the U. S. Attorney in Birmingham.

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Any instructions to Woods relating to the interview requested by Hanes will be issued by State Attorney General Phil M. Canale, Jr. and/or the U. S. Attorney at Birmingham and the Birmingham Office will furnish absolutely no advice to Woods on the matter.

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Information relating to Hanes' request for an interview with Woods is also being brought to the attention of the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

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422 PM URGENT 6/12/68 WSA

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS, OKLAHOMA CITY

FROM KANSAS CITY 44-760 2P

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE, JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

RE COMMUNICATION REVEALED THAT A REVIEW OF RAY'S INMATE FILE AT MSP, JEFFERSON CITY, MO. REVEALED THAT [redacted] INMATE NO. [redacted] ALSO MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP ON MARCH ELEVEN, SIXTYSIX. KANSAS CITY WAS REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW [redacted] TO ASCERTAIN IF HE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RAY'S ESCAPE PLANS AND IF [redacted] POSSESSES ANY INFORMATION REGARDING ESCAPE ROUTE TO CANADA AND MEANS OF OBTAINING CANADIAN PASSPORT. EX-11 REC 4 44-38861-5066

[redacted] MSP, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT [redacted] WAS TAKEN TO JACKSON COUNTY COURT HOUSE, 16 AUG 14 1968 JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON A WRIT ON [redacted] HE ESCAPED FROM [redacted] HE WAS ARRESTED [redacted] BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES

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cc - Long

AT TULSA, OKLA., FOR [redacted] AND WAS TO BE PROSECUTED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, TULSA, OKLA. MSP RECORDS FURTHER REVEAL THAT ON [redacted] WAS TAKEN TO THE EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL, VENITA, OKLA., FOR NINETY DAYS OBSERVATION. MSP RECORDS COULD FURNISH NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RE SEIBERT.

OKLA. CITY, AT TULSA, OKLA., ATTEMPT TO LOCATE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted] AND INTERVIEW HIM AS REQUESTED BY THE BUREAU.

RE COMMUNICATION FURTHER ADVISED THAT ALTHOUGH JAMES EARL RAY HAS BEEN ARRESTED, IT IS IMPERATIVE WE CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ACCOUNT FOR RAY'S ACTIVITIES AND WHEREABOUTS DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF FREEDOM FROM APRIL TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO JUNE EIGHT LAST, IN VIEW OF WORLD WIDE PUBLICITY ATTACHED TO POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY IN REGARD TO DEATH OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IT IS ESSENTIAL WE DETERMINE KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF RAY DURING HIS PERIOD OF FREEDOM, HIS SOURCE OF FUNDS AND DEPOSITORY FOR KEEPING FUNDS, HOW HE GAINED KNOWLEDGE OF NECESSARY DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN CANADIAN PASSPORTS, HIS CONTACTS IN CANADA IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SUCH DOCUMENTS, AND HIS TRAVEL DURING THIS PERIOD.

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FBI WASH DC

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August 14, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861) -5067

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MURKIN EX-105

[redacted] of [redacted] Ontario, California, letter dated August 8, 1968. Letter states in essence that she would like to see an Agent regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

You should interview her within three days of receipt of this communication and take whatever action necessary as a result of an interview.

Based upon available data no information recorded in Bureau files concerning [redacted]

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NOTE:

Bureau received a letter from [redacted] letter dated August 8, 1968. Letter stated that she would like to see an Agent regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Los Angeles is being instructed to interview her within 3 days of receipt and take whatever action necessary. Bureau files contain no information regarding her.

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Aug. 8, 1968

J. Edgar Hoover.
F.B.I.
Wash. D.C.

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Dear Sir—
I would like to see you regarding the assassination of martin Luther King. This is very confidential.

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EX-105

AUG 15 1968

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Ontario, Calif.
91762

CORRESPONDENCE

REC'D

TEL TO LOS Angeles
REL: DJL
8/14/68

[redacted]
Ontario, Calif.
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J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I.
Washington D.C.

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FBI

Date: 8/2/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LAS VEGAS (157-133) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Las Vegas telephone call to Memphis, 7/31/68.

On 7/31/68, RON BATISTE, City Editor's Desk, "Las Vegas Review Journal", contacted SAC HAROLD E. CAMPBELL, JR., and advised that one BILLY JOE CHEEK, aka Scott Owen Bell, had told him that CHEEK was a bodyguard for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. in Memphis when KING was assassinated. According to BATISTE, when BELL heard the shots, he and another bodyguard ran toward the motel where KING was staying. As they approached the area of the boarding house, a man was observed running in the street who obviously had come from the boarding house. CHEEK tackled this man, who he now identifies as JAMES EARL RAY. RAY struck CHEEK forcefully and was able to escape. CHEEK told BATISTE that the FBI and the Memphis PD have been unsuccessfully looking for him since the assassination of KING. CHEEK said the FBI wished to interview him concerning his activities that night and his involvement in the general situation.

SCOTT OWEN BELL was located at [redacted] Las Vegas, Nevada, and interviewed by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] 44-38861-3069

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BELL, who is 18 years of age, gave a rambling and at times incoherent account of his activities over the past

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C.C. - Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

seven months. He states that while in Los Angeles during April, 1968, he became involved with the Southern Christian Conference League (SCCL) and after working in the Watts area he was sent by the SCCL to Washington, D.C. as a "Tennessee Ranger" or "Tent City Ranger". As such, he was to help erect Resurrection City in Washington, D.C., and then to police same.

In late April or early May, 1968, BELL with other Rangers traveled to Atlanta then to Memphis to act as bodyguards for KING.

On April 24, 1968, BELL and "JOHNNY" LNU were relieved as guards and proceeded to a nearby bar to eat breakfast. They saw KING come onto the balcony of his hotel and saw him fall. BELL heard no shot. BELL looked at his watch and noted the time to be 10:30 AM. BELL and "JOHNNY" had started back to the hotel when a man came out of a building next door to the hotel and knocked BELL down and slugged "JOHNNY". BELL said this man was JAMES EARL RAY.

BELL carried no identification and at the beginning of interview stated he had no Selective Service registration card. Later he volunteered the fact he was registered with Selective Service System, LB#43, 1916 "G" Street, Washington, D.C.

[redacted] During the "Poor People's March" BELL said he had been arrested by WMPD, Washington, D.C., and was in jail for a time there.

[redacted]as Vegas PD, on 7/31/68 advised SCOTT OWEN BELL is his cousin. [redacted] said BELL had appeared at the Las Vegas PD 7/26/68 and asked for [redacted] said BELL is known to lie and a year or so ago had written [redacted] mother and an uncle, [redacted] saying that he, SCOTT BELL, was in Belleview Hospital in New York City. [redacted] had no personal knowledge that BELL

had been in a mental hospital or in jail. On Saturday, 7/28/68, BELL passed out and [redacted] took him to the Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital in Las Vegas for treatment of an enlarged intestine. At this time [redacted] and [redacted] spoke with a doctor re the possibility of having BELL committed. The doctor said there was insufficient evidence indicating that BELL should be committed.

The following is a description of BELL obtained through observation and interview:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Age	18 years
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	El Paso, Texas
Height	5'11"
Weight	130 pounds
Hair	Brown, short
Eyes	Brown
Build	Slender
Scars	Upper right arm and on back, allegedly inflicted during a beating by a motorcycle gang
Relatives	
Father	[redacted]
Mother	
Step-mother	
Sister	

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

1. Will review records NYCPD to determine if BELL wanted.

2. Will determine if BELL is an escapee of Brentwood Reform School.

3. Will determine if BELL was a patient at Belleview Hospital, NYC.

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AT WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Will determine if BELL a patient of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, WDC, and if he is an escapee of that institution.

2. Will review records of the WMPD for any information concerning BELL.

3. Will determine through records of LB#43, WDC, if BELL is registered with Selective Service System.

BELL MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 8-13-68

FROM: SAC, Memphis (44-1987) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham teletype to Bureau 8-9-68.

In accordance with instructions contained in reference tel, four copies of LHM enclosed for the Bureau.

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1 Memphis
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

841 Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
August 13, 1968

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PM URGENT 8-1

TO: DIRECTOR, FI

FROM: SAC, SPRI

JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

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On August 9, 1968, District Attorney Genera
CANALE, JR., Memphis, Tennessee, was advised of threa
telephone calls received by Mr. DONALD F. WOOD at Aer
Supply Company, 5701 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Ala

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
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TELETYPE

PM URGENT 8-14-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P)

MURKIN

RE SITEL TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTEEN, LAST.

[redacted] ALTON, ILL., PD., ADVISED THAT [redacted] WOODRIVER, ILLINOIS, HAD BEEN CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH [redacted] AND [redacted] DURING NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE ADVISED SHE MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THAT TIME.

SPRINGFIELD, AT ALTON, WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] CONCERNING HER KNOWLEDGE OF [redacted] AND [redacted]

WILL KEEP BUREAU ADVISED.

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AM COPIES SENT MEMPHIS , ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO.

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Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

FBI

Date: 8/14/68

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (44-669) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 7/29/68; Chicago airtel to Director, 7/24/68.

Enclosed for Springfield are two separate lists of cleaning establishments, one of members of the National Institute of Dry Cleaners and the second non-members of that organization. (Both lists are in the form of labels on a tape).

On 8/12/68, MRS. CECIL BONIS, National Institute of Dry Cleaning, 909 Burlington Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland, made available the above described enclosures.

As per prior correspondence, Springfield will utilize the enclosed labels.

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3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
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To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5073

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Reairtel 8-5-68 submitting palm prints of Jerry W. Ray, FBI # [redacted] and John Larry Ray, FBI # [redacted]

Latent prints previously reported in this case not identical with the fingerprints and palm prints of Jerry W. Ray or John Larry Ray.

Submitted palm prints enclosed.

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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Date: 8/5/68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Enclosed for the FBI Identification Division are palm prints of JOHN RAY and of JERRY RAY, brothers of the subject. These were made available to the Memphis Office on 8/5/68 by Captain J. G. RAY of the Memphis Police Department. These should be searched against any unidentified latent fingerprints in this case.

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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See enclosed newspaper clipping in captioned matter captioned "Attorneys Seek Dismissal for Ray: Claim 'Prejudicial Publicity.'"

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Attorneys Seek Dismissal for Ray: Claim 'Prejudicial Publicity'

By BROWN ALAN FLYNN
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Attorneys for James Earl Ray, accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., today asked Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle to quash the indictment against Ray because of "pervasive and widespread" publicity in the case. They contend this has made it impossible for Ray to get a fair trial anywhere in the U.S.

Arthur B. Hanes Jr., who with his father will defend Ray, filed a motion to that effect with the Shelby Criminal Court Clerk.

Hanes also asked the court for access to the state's evidence against Ray.

A tentative date to hear the motions was set for Sept. 6.

The motion to dismiss the indictment cited radio and television reports, magazine stories and newspaper reports which the attorneys claim are prejudicial to Ray.

The motion concerning evidence, if granted, would open the door to pre-trial examination of all papers and evidence collected by the attorney general's office in preparation for the prosecution of Ray.

The motion listed 21 separate items which the defense attorneys seek permission to examine.

Included in the list were any firearms owned by the defendant, any automobile and objects found in it owned by Ray, records or documents pertaining to motels, hotels or rooming houses, any photos "showing the defendant or others sought in connection with the crime charged," and any penal records of Ray.

The defense also asked to see medical records in the case, passports and records of entry into the United States or other countries, military records, evidence of and tests of fingerprints of Ray, fingerprints of any other persons found during the investigation, ballistics and weapons tests, and any "expended slugs or fragments thereof."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

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Minutes of the Grand Jury session during which Ray was indicted, names and addresses of all witnesses, autopsy reports and copies of all statements made by Ray were also sought.

The motion to dismiss the indictment stated that reports on the case have been so widespread "that any prospective jurors will have read and or heard prejudicial matter on many occasions and will have been repeatedly exposed to published matter tending to influence public opinion in favor of defendant's guilt and tending to remove that presumption of innocence which must accompany him (Ray) to trial."

The reports "have created such widespread prejudicial publicity that the defendant has been effectively precluded from receiving a fair and impartial trial," the motion stated.

Among exhibits attached to the motion were copies of a magazine cover showing a picture of Ray and a headline, "The Man Who Killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

Another was a copy of a Life Magazine story about Ray with the caption, "The Revealing Story of a Mean Kid."

A third motion filed by Hanes was a motion to dismiss an indictment of Ray on a charge of carrying a dangerous weapon.

The motion stated that Ray was extradited for trial only on a murder charge and hence could not be tried on another charge.

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Date: 8-16-68

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

There are enclosed original and one copy of newspaper clippings in captioned matter from 8/16/68 issue of "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee.

2 cc for each let'd by Long 8/19/68

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A Risky Business

ALTHOUGH Judge Preston Battle has followed the direction and even the words of the Supreme Court in his order concerning pre-trial publicity for James Earl Ray the propriety and status of both his order and the law on the subject are unclear.

The order, which is daily affecting many people, is based on the Supreme Court's 1966 reversal of the famous murder conviction of Sam Sheppard. In that case the high court criticized the trial judge for not preventing a deluge of wild statements and a circus-like atmosphere before and especially during the trial.

The Sheppard case was an extreme example of how not to administer justice and was conducted in an atmosphere far different from that so far in Memphis. Officials leaked wild stories, newspapers declared Sheppard all but guilty and the trial itself was conducted in uproarious surroundings.

And the Sheppard reversal more than anything else was based on exposure of the jurors to masses of prejudicial material and treatment as celebrities, something Judge Battle could prevent without his present broad order.

ALTHOUGH the Supreme Court was clear in ruling the judge did not do enough in the Sheppard case it was unclear on how far a judge can and should go.

Relevant to Judge Battle's order, the high court did emphasize the need for a free press in keeping an open judiciary. Furthermore, it said the judge could have proscribed "extrajudicial statements by any lawyer, party, witness or court official which divulged prejudicial matters" and "requested" that appropriate government officials regulate statements by their employes.

Judge Battle made his order much more sweeping, in effect banning all statements, even information on the "treatment, acts and attitude of the defendant." He also extended it to all employes in the criminal court building, all law enforcement officers and all employes of lawyers in the case. He has, in short, partially abridged the free speech of a large number of people.

How far a judge may go in such rulings as they begin to conflict with free speech and vital public information has yet to be decided by the Supreme Court, though it is to be hoped the high court will continue its strong emphasis on these basic constitutional rights.

Trial courts ultimately will have to recognize they do not have a blank check in controlling public statements and that there are grave risks in orders such as Judge Battle's, which silently frighten scores of minor officials from revealing information which may be harmless or even something press and public have a substantial and functional right to know. Cutting off the pre-trial part of justice from the public eye is a very risky business.

As is often the case in our judicial

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 8-16-68
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system two valid interests, guarantee of fair trial and freedom of press and speech, conflict and the line between them must be drawn with great care.

We wholeheartedly support Judge Battle in his attempts to make the protections of the Sheppard ruling real so that both defense and prosecution can have their honest day in court and we again urge proper restraint by all parties involved. But we must be frightened by the scope, nebulousness and dangers of the particular order Judge Battle wrote.

The task of the law and of judges in this case is not easy and no one should want a lot of wild statements floating around before and during the trial. But when courts edge toward limiting free speech and press they should show a judicial meticulousness and sensitivity to basic rights somewhat lacking in Judge Battle's order.

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Court Will Get Hide, Seek Game

Hanes Will File Motion To Gain Access To State Witnesses

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

An eight-week-old legal game of hide-and-seek between defense and prosecution in the case of James Earl Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be carried into Criminal Court this morning.

One of Ray's attorneys, Arthur J. Hanes Jr. of Birmingham, said he will file motions this morning to give him access to state witnesses.

Mr. Hanes' father, chief counsel for Ray, said one of his representatives has been refused an opportunity to talk to Charles Quitman Stephens. held under $10,000 bond in the Shelby County Jail as a material witness in the case.

He said he has found other state witnesses unwilling to talk to him because of Judge W. Preston Battle's order restricting publicity.

Judge Battle's order says, "Nothing in this order shall prohibit any witness from discussing any matter in connection with the case with any of the attorneys representing the defendant or the state or any representative of such attorneys."

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COMMERCIAL APPEAL

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In spite of this, it was learned, the defense has found most state witnesses, such as Miss Christine Kelley, clerk in the Rebel Motel on Lamar, where Ray is supposed to have spent the night before the murder, unwilling to talk.

Asst. Atty. Gen. James C. Beasley, who will help prosecute Ray, said protocol provides that attorneys on either side may see witnesses on the other.

"But it is up to each witness whether and how much he wants to tell. The attorney general's office often has great difficulty in finding witnesses it wants to see. Once found, they may refuse to talk until placed on the witness stand."

Ray's indictment folder in the Criminal Court Clerk's office shows the names of 14 state witnesses who have been served with the anti-publicity order.

Judge Battle said no hearing will be held today on the defense motions.

"The law allows an interval of five days before a hearing. There may be no hearing at all. It may be the state will concede Mr. Hanes' right to talk to the witnesses."

If Mr. Hanes wins this point and witnesses still refuse to talk to him, he indicated he will come back with a new motion to deal with the situation.

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FBI

Date: 7/23/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

For the assistance of the Bureau, the following three individuals will be the State Prosecutors in the case involving JAMES EARL RAY:

PHIL M. CANALE, JR., District Attorney General;
ROBERT K. DWYER, Executive Assistant to the District Attorney General;
JAMES C. BEASLEY, Assistant District Attorney General

CANALE is senior prosecutor, with DWYER next in rank in his office.

Memphis indices were searched regarding the above-mentioned three individuals.

No record identifiable with JAMES C. BEASLEY located in Memphis indices.

ROBERT K. DWYER is National Academy Graduate of the 51st Session and results of applicant investigation previously made available to Bureau. No data in Memphis files concerning DWYER of derogatory nature.

In connection with CANALE, his name appears in various Civil Rights inquiries conducted by the Memphis Division. Bureau's attention directed to Memphis Airtel dated 12/6/65, captioned, "PHIL M. CANALE, JR., [illegible] District Attorney General, 15th Judicial

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Teletype 1 - Memphis
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Via _____ _____
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Circuit of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee; HAROLD WARD YATES - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS"; Memphis report dated 11/4/63 of SA [redacted] captioned "PHIL M. CANALE, District Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee; CARL OSCAR BURRIS - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS"; Memphis Airtel dated 11/10/58 captioned "PHIL M. CANALE, Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee; DELMAR IHLE - VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS."

In the above three captioned matters, no derogatory information was reported.

In addition, the Bureau's attention is directed to Memphis Airtel dated 1/23/62, captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee; Alleged Corruption - Miscellaneous Information." In this matter, both DWYER and CANALE requested assistance of the FBI in conducting investigation of the Memphis Police Department.

Since my arrival in the Memphis Division approximately a year ago, there has been no information brought to my attention that could in any way be considered a reflection on CANALE, DWYER or BEASLEY. This office has enjoyed a good working relationship with the State Attorney General's Office here in Memphis.

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Special Agent in Charge

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27
5010-106

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: July 29, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, is the prime prosecutor in the state's case against subject James Earl Ray and Robert K. Dwyer, Executive Assistant to the District Attorney General and James C. Beasley, Assistant District Attorney General will assist Mr. Canale in this case.

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.:

Memphis and Bureau records indicate that Canale was the subject of several Civil Rights cases in connection with his position as Attorney General in Shelby County. In these complaints one victim accused Canale of affixing his name falsely to indictments returned by the State Grand Jury and one victim wanted the FBI to force Canale to return his driver's license. In each instance the complaint was forwarded to the Civil Rights Division of the Department and no further investigation was conducted.

ROBERT K. DWYER:

Memphis and Bureau files reflect Dwyer is a National Academy graduate of the Fifty-first Session and no data is contained in these files of a derogatory nature regarding him.

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JAMES C. BEASLEY:

There is no record identifiable in Memphis or Bureau files concerning James C. Beasley.

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

SAC, Memphis points out that there has been no information brought to his attention that could be in any way considered a reflection on Canale, Dwyer or Beasley. The Memphis Office has enjoyed a good working relationship with the State Attorney General's Office in Memphis.

ACTION:

For your information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 8/14/68

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference Airtel from Director 7/15/68 requesting an interview with [redacted] unless other circumstances would preclude this interview.

Records of the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP), Springfield, Missouri, reveal that [redacted] has been diagnosed as "Schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type, chronic, with acute exacerbation as characterized by an individual with a life history which demonstrates the encipient seeds of a schizophrenic type personality with the evidence of mounting paranoid type of reaction throughout the years culminating in a gross psychotic disorganization at this time with only partial amalioration seen currently." Records indicated [redacted] had made two suicide attempts and that in 1963 electroshock therapy was initiated following self-mu[redacted]ion attempt. Records reveal he was released on 10/10/67.

On 8/12/68 [redacted] interviewed at the residence of his grandfather, [redacted], Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] said this is his current residence and he is not employed at the present time. He advised he could furnish no additional information regarding the group who would pay to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed other than that which is included in his letter to Senator SYMINGTON on 6/8/68. [redacted] stated that he believed that the other prisoner named [redacted] is currently in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. He described [redacted] as white male, age 35, 5'8", 140 pounds, and stated he worked as a surgical nurse at the MCFP, Springfield, Missouri. [redacted] again stated he could not elaborate on anything regarding the group that would pay to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [redacted] advised he had never heard of the Cooley organization.

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1 Memphis (44-1982)(Info)
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On 8/13/68 records of the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas were reviewed. They failed to reveal any prisoner named [redacted] however, they did reveal a prisoner by the name of [redacted], who was at the MCFP, Springfield, Missouri, during 1966 and met the description given by [redacted].

On 8/13/68 [redacted] was interviewed at the U.S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is under sentence for [redacted] release date scheduled for [redacted]. [redacted] appeared cooperative and advised that he spent most of 1965 and the first half of 1966 at the MCFP, Springfield, Missouri. He advised he never heard a guard at the prison say he was a member of a group wanting MARTIN LUTHER KING killed and he certainly never told anyone this. While he was down there, another prisoner by the name of [redacted] a Negro male of the Muslim Cult of Islam, filed a writ against the institution and a guard by the name of [redacted] stating they were prejudice towards the members of the Muslim Cult of Islam at the institution. [redacted] stated as a result of this writ there was a hearing and he testified in behalf of [redacted]. He further advised that a lawyer for [redacted] name unknown, interviewed him before the hearing and asked him the same question, did he ever hear a guard say he was a member of a group that would pay to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. [redacted] stated his answer to this was no and it is still no. He advised that the most prejudicial statement he ever heard any of the guards at the prison make was made by the one named [redacted] who stated, "I know how to take care of colored people." [redacted] stated that JAMES EARL RAY was unknown to him and he knew of no organization plotting against MARTIN LUTHER KING. He further stated he had never heard of the Cooley organization.

LEAD:

KANSAS CITY

AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Review records Medical Center for Federal Prisoners re the hearing given [redacted] because of the writ he filed. Attempt to determine name of lawyer for [redacted] interview him and the guard named [redacted] for any information regarding a group that would pay to assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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FBI

Date: 8/15/68

PLAIN TEXT

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (44-1609) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Las Vegas airtel to the Bureau dated 8/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on 8/14/68 at New York, New York:

[redacted]

NYCPD, advised that their wanted records do not contain anyone identifiable with SCOTT OWEN BELL.

Review of Suffolk County Telephone Directory for a Brentwood Reform School did not reflect any reform school with that name.

[redacted]

Records Department, Bellevue Hospital, advised a SCOTT BELL admitted to the hospital on 7/29/67 and subsequently discharged on 8/2/67.

[redacted]

C. C. - Bis...

3- Bureau
1- Memphis (44-1987) (INFO)
1- Las Vegas (157-133) (INFO)
1- Washington Field (44-703) (INFO)
1- New York

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: July 29, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mechanical Section

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a proposed circular letter to be distributed to all laundry and dry cleaning establishments in the states of, Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana.

We have been endeavoring to ascertain the source of subject's funds since he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/67. The Bank of Alton, Illinois, was robbed on 7/13/67, by two unknown subjects wearing stocking masks and approximately $27,000 was obtained. One of the unknown subjects meets the general description of subject Ray. Subject Ray and one John Gawron cased this bank in 1959, [redacted]

Springfield recovered articles of clothing as evidence from bank robbery in which laundry marks appear on two items of clothing. Although it is not positively known that these articles of clothing are those of the two unknown subjects, they were recovered about a week after the robbery and approximate description of articles of clothing worn by the robbers.

Springfield has requested that a circular letter be prepared and distributed throughout several states to laundry and dry cleaning establishments in an effort to identify the perpetrators of this unsolved bank robbery through laundry marks appearing on the articles of clothing. Springfield has made arrangements for the franked circular letter to be addressed in their areas by the stenographic pool of each respective office to appropriate dry cleaning and laundry establishments. There are 4,300 establishments involved. The cost of postage would be $258, the cost of printing would be $30, the cost of stenographic time would

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be $57, bringing the total cost to $345. Postage and printing costs were obtained from the Administrative Division, and costs for stenographic time of respective divisions obtained from Springfield.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That this proposed circular letter be approved.

(2) That the Mechanical Section prepare 4,400 copies of the attached circular letter; which should be folded, franked, and sealed. When completed, 1,800 copies should be forwarded to the Chicago Office, 1,800 copies forwarded to the Indianapolis Office, and 700 copies be forwarded to the St. Louis Office. Fifty copies should be forwarded to the Springfield Division, the office of origin in the bank robbery case, and 50 copies forwarded to Memphis, the office of origin in the Murkin case. It is requested that the attached photograph be utilized on the circular letter.

(3) Attached for approval is an appropriate airtel to Chicago, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Springfield, and Memphis advising that a circular letter is being approved.

1 - Mr. Long

July 29, 1968

TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS (CIRCULAR LETTER)

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If, after review of the above facsimiles, you feel you have information which would be of assistance to the FBI, please call the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which is in the front page of your telephone directory.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

KEL:klb
(4)

NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach Memo, 7/26/68.

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

ENCLOSURE

44- 38861-5079

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

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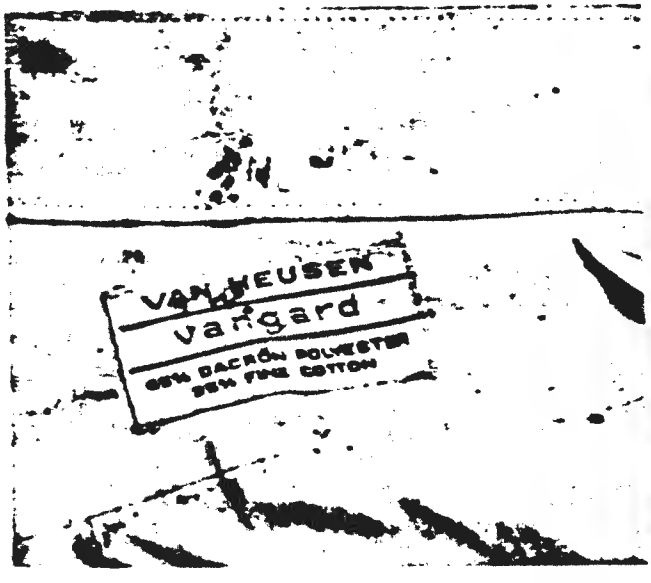
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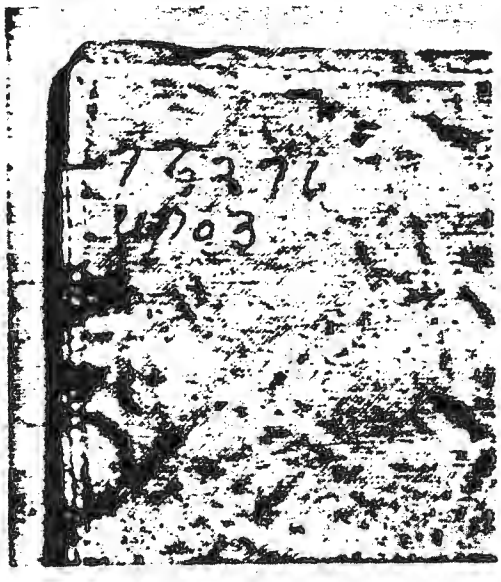
August 12, 1968

TO ALL LAUNDRIES AND DRY CLEANING ESTABLISHMENTS:

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

(Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 8/2/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReMElet to Bureau 7/19/68 and MEtel to Bureau 7/30/68 concerning court orders issued by Shelby County Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, and ATlet to Bureau 7/29/68 concerning the disposition of the 1966 Mustang abandoned by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta, Ga.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau for information is one xerox copy each of an "Amendment to Order" dated 7/23/68 and an "Order" dated 7/30/68, both of which concern "Order on Courthouse and Courtroom Procedures and Publicity" issued by Shelby County Criminal Court Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE.

On 8/2/68 the Honorable PHIL M. CANALE, District Attorney General, Memphis, Tenn., advised SA [redacted] that he does not see any need for the physical presence in Memphis of the 1966 Mustang abandoned by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta, Ga.; however, he desires that this automobile not be disposed of until completion of the murder trial of RAY scheduled to commence in Memphis on 11/12/68.

44-1987-5080
EX-100 REC 47

He stated that under state law the defense counsel is afforded an opportunity to examine any potential evidence and in this particular instance would be given an opportunity to examine this automobile if he so desires. Mr. CANALE stated, however, that since this automobile is the property of JAMES EARL RAY he would offer no objections if Mr. ARTHUR B. HANES, RAY's attorney, initiates any action to have this automobile turned over to HANES.

DEPT OF JUSTICE
12 AUG 20 1968

(3) - Bureau (Encs. 2) ENCLOSURE
1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (Info)
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
2 - Memphis
RFB:LF
(8)

L. D. Bishop
Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

AUG 22 1968

ME 44-1987

LEAD

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

In view of the fact that there is still outstanding a federal complaint charging JAMES EARL RAY with conspiracy, it is suggested that the Birmingham Division, unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, consult with the appropriate USA who authorized the federal conspiracy complaint against RAY to determine if he has any particular views on disposition of the 1966 Mustang.

Since the 1966 Mustang is in custody of the Atlanta Division, a copy of this airtel is being forwarded for their information.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

One xerox copy each of an
"Amendment to Order" and
"Order"

REF: MEairtel to Bureau 8/2/68

44-38861-5080

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE VS. JAMES EARL RAY Alias Eric Starvo Galt, Alias John Willard, Alias Harvey Lowmeyer, Alias Harvey Lowmyer.	NO. 16645 Murder First Degree NO. 16819 Carrying Dangerour Weapon

O R D E R

In this cause, the Court having heretofore appointed a committee of eight members of the Bar to act as amici curiae and said committee having this day filed a report that there is probable cause to believe that this Court's Order of July 18, 1968 as amended July 23, 1968, has been violated by certain individuals in certain circumstances, to-wit:

(1) Certain statements attributed to Arthur B. Hanes, Esq., to the effect that the shooting of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. involves a Communist conspiracy, to the effect that his client's rights were being trampled in Jail, and to the effect that himself, his family and servants are being threatened by "them", as quoted in the Memphis Press Scimitar of Saturday, July 27, 1968, and the Commercial Appeal of Sunday, July 28, 1968;

(2) Certain statements in Memphis Press Scimitar of July 27, 1968, attributed to William Morris, Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee, concerning the cost and expenses for the security of the prisoner and the treatment of the prisoner, and the prisoner's demeanor and attitude while in confinement.

(3) Certain statements appearing in the Memphis Press Scimitar of Saturday, July 27, 1968, attributed to Russell X. Thompson, Esq. concerning his opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant,

and said report further pointing out that to the extent that Ramsey Clark, Attorney General of the United States is a "Law Enforcement Officer" or "a lawyer participating in this case" through his staff, assistants, office associates, investigators or employees under his supervision, the statements attributed to him and the United States Department of Justice as referred to in the Commercial

of July 28, 1968 are in probable violation of the principles set out in Sheppard vs. Maxwell, 384 U.S. 333, 16 L.Ed. 2d 600, 86 S. Ct. 1507 (1966), to the effect that there was no evidence of a conspiracy in the shooting of Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Court, in the interest of preserving the constitutional rights of all concerned and protecting the orderly preparation and progress of the trial, reserves further inquiry and disposition of each and all of the above instances until a later date.

And whereas it is the desire of the Court to avoid any possible misunderstanding of its orders heretofore made, said orders of July 18 and July 23 respectively are herewith supplemented as follows:

All lawyers participating in this case, their assistants, associates, staff members, investigators and employees under their supervision and control, County Medical Examiner, Jury Commissioners, Criminal Court Clerk, County Sheriff, Police Officials and other law enforcement officers, employees of this Court and all other persons employed in the "Criminal Courts Buildings", their associates, deputies, assistants, staff members and personnel under their supervision and control, are forbidden to take part in interviews or press conferences for publicity and are enjoined from making extra-judicial statements about this case which involve: (1) the personal belief of the Declarant as to the guilt or innocence of the accused; (2) the plans of the Declarant relating to the preparation or conduct of the trial, the theory, techniques and strategy of the Declarant in the preparation and trial of the case; (3) the jurors or potential jurors who may serve; (4) the comment of the Declarant about the merits of the case and about any evidence which may be presented; (5) the credibility of or information concerning any known or intended witnesses or the treatment, acts and attitude of the defendant, and are further enjoined from making any and all other statements which may be prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury in this case, whether specified herein or not.

All persons or entities subject to this Order who feel aggrieved by anything herein contained are hereby admonished that any such grievances or complaints should be judicially presented.

The Court recognizes the wide and pervasive publicity which has been and will be an inevitable incident of this trial. The Court further recognizes that there are many individuals who are beyond the jurisdiction of this Court, but who may be interested in the outcome of this trial, and whose statements may have been violative of this Order had the Court jurisdiction over such parties. As to such persons, the Court urges self-imposed compliance with this Order in the interests of a fair trial to the defendant and to the State of Tennessee.

In accordance therewith the Court orders a certified copy of this Order to be sent by the Clerk of this Court to all persons named herein or subject hereto, and all newspapers of general circulation, radio and television stations within the jurisdiction of this Court.

W. Preston Battle

Judge, Division III
Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee

Date: July 30, 1968

STATE OF TENNESSEE
Shelby County

I, J. A. BLACKWELL, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee, do hereby certify that the foregoing FOUR (4) pages of writing contain a full, complete, true and perfect copy of Order on Contempt of Court had in the case of the State of Tennessee, vs. B 16645 and Docket No. B 16819

JAMES EARL RAY

Indictment for MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE & CARRYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON

as the same now appears on file, and of record in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Memphis, this, the 30th day of JULY 19 68

J. A. BLACKWELL, Clerk

SEAL By: Dan M'Clung D. C.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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NO. 26645 Murder First Degree

NO. 16819 Carrying Dangerous Weapon

AMENDMENT TO ORDER

The order heretofore entered in this cause on the eighteenth day of July, 1968, and headed "Order on Courthouse and Courtroom Procedures and Publicity" is hereby amended as follows:---

In paragraphs VII, VIII and IX of said Order, the terms "interviews for publicity" and "extra-judicial statements" shall be limited to such interviews and statements as are prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury in the case.

This is done by the Court on its own motion, this twenty-third day of July, 1968.

W. Preston Battle

JUDGE, Division III

Criminal Court

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Tolson
DeLoach
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 16, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Radio Station WERD, located at 330 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, which is the same address as Southern Christian Leadership Conference, has received a copy of the "Saturday Evening Post," addressed to E. S. Galt, 330 Auburn Avenue, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. The address tag also contains the following additional information: "330 AUBUESPO26MAY 69."

We are making inquiry at the Curtis Publishing Company in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to determine the circumstances of this particular subscription.

ACTION:

For your information.

REL:cs
(6)

REC 5 44-38861-5081

AUG 20 1968

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
AUG 15 1968

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FBI WASH DC

428PM URGENT 8-15-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (1P6)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST FIFTEEN LAST.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE ADVISED HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INTERVIEW OF [redacted] AND WILL ARRANGE INTERVIEW AT EARLY DATE.

ILLINOIS STATE PATROL OFFICERS [redacted] AND [redacted] ADVISED THEY HAVE COMPLETED CONTACT WITH PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS; HAVE DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION RE BR AT THE BANK OF ALTON OR PRESENCE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON DURING JULY, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

44-38861-5082
REC 47

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

END.

EXJ

FBI WASH DC

EX-103

AUG 20 1968

56 AUG 26 1968

CC - Long

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/29/68

FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

As the Bureau and Memphis are aware, the 1966 Mustang which was abandoned by JAMES EARL RAY in Atlanta and recovered by the Atlanta Division on 4/11/68, is still in the possession of the Atlanta Office and stored in garage space in the basement of the Federal Building where the Atlanta Office is located.

The Bureau and Memphis are requested to advise what disposition is contemplated for the automobile and Atlanta will take no action until receipt of advice from the Bureau or Memphis.

EX-102

REC 37

44-38861 5083

2 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
2 - Atlanta
CSH:jlh
(6)

22 JUL 30 1968

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FBI SANDIEGO

4-27 PM URGENT 6-11-68 ATJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1987) LOS ANGELES (44-1574)
(56-156) SEATTLE (44-371) AND RICHMOND

FROM SAN DIEGO 2P

MURKIN. SAN DIEGO FILE FOUR FOUR DASH THREE EIGHT SEVEN.

KENSALT. SAN DIEGO FILE FOUR FOUR DASH THREE NINE FOUR.

EX-103 REC 17 44-38861-5084

16 AUG 20 1968

MR. JOSEPH FORPOR, ASSISTANT POSTMASTER, MAIN POST OFFICE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED AS FOLLOWS JUNE ELEVEN INSTANT:

FOUND ON THE INCOMING MAIL BELT WAS A PIECE OF PAPER NOT IN AN ENVELOPE IN GREEN INK ADDRESSED TO POST OFFICE, ATTENTION POSTMASTER, WHICH READ AS FOLLOWS:

1 ENCLOSURE

"IF THE FBI WANTS RAY'S BUDDY GO TO ONE TWO FOUR BROADWAY METROPOLE HOTEL, NUMBER [redacted] HE MAY BE UNDER THE NAME [redacted] OR [redacted] HE KNOWS ABOUT KENNEDY AND ALSO KING'S DEATHS. HE MAY HAVE PART IN KING'S DEATH. I KNOW HE WAS IN TENNESSEE BEFORE AND AFTER KING WAS KILLED.

END PAGE ONE

Original cannot be located and is not on record. When original is received in Records Branch it will be filed with this copy or may be given a new serial.

DOB

AUG 21 1968

53 AUG 23 1968

SD 44-397

SD 44-394

PAGE TWO

I KNOW [redacted] IS WANTED IN SEATTLE. ALSO IN BIT STONE GAP, VIRGINIA, BY THE FBI."

ABOVE LETTER WAS UNSIGNED.

BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION REGARDING "[redacted] OR [redacted], PARTICULARLY IF WANTED IN SEATTLE OR BIG STONE GAP, VIRGINIA.

NO ATTEMPT BEING MADE TO INTERVIEW LETSINGER, AKA ANDERSON UNTIL RESULTS FROM BUREAU AND ALL OFFICES.

END

SLB

FBI WASH DC

ORIGINAL: MR. ROSEN

FBI

Date: 8/19/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

SUBJECT: MUPKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

Re Birmingham airtel 8/12/68.

Mr. JACQUES DE LANGRE, [redacted] Los Angeles, California, was interviewed on 8/19/68 and advised that the name ERIC GALT was unfamiliar to him. He reviewed his records and advised that an address card with the name ERIC GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, was contained therein. No legend appeared on the card, but he stated he felt, because of the color of the card, the inquiry was made at least six months ago.

He stated that GALT probably made inquiry of their concern from an advertisement in "Modern Photography", "National Professional Photography", "Popular Photography" or "PSA Journal", as his firm advertises in these magazines. He stated that the Mortensen Texture Screens are darkroom aids. He felt that a person interested in this type of equipment would be one who was either a professional photographer or had his own darkroom setup.

He stated that records of his firm contain no indications of any additional correspondence with ERIC GALT.

C.C. - Bishop
3 - Bureau (AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AM)
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(AM)
1 - Los Angeles
TJA:CM
(7)

44-38861-5085

EX-100

SEC.D - CIA MEMPHIS

12 AUG 21 1968

51 AUG 19 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 8/19/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (44-1768) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Savannah airtel to Bureau 7/31/68.

On 8/15/68, [redacted] J. B. STONER, Vice Chairman of NSRP, had told Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, NSRP Director and Editor of "The Thunderbolt" (NSRP publication) [redacted], had received a letter from JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted] STONER did not elaborate on this statement [redacted] did not know when STONER received the letter, noting the possibility that STONER may have had the letter for several weeks before giving it to FIELDS [redacted]

Informant has been instructed to continue to be alert for any contacts between NSRP officials and JAMES EARL RAY or his representatives.

EX-100

(3) - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (RM)
3 - Savannah
(2 - 44-1768)
(1 - 170-120) (SV 524-R) (PROB)

JHM:hsc
(8)

REC-1 44-38861-5086

1 AUG 20 1968

FBI

REC'D - CIA MICHIE

c - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

31 AUG 26 1968

FBI

Date: 8/16/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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ReBuairtel 8/8/68 and Memphis airtel 8/6/68.

Re: MARYA and LASKA VAN DOORNEN

The indices of the Los Angeles Office are negative regarding the VAN DOORNENS.

The following agency checks were made with negative results regarding MARYA and LASKA VAN DOORNEN:

Los Angeles Police Department
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office
Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association
Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters

DR

REC 13 44-38861-5087

EX-100

(3) - Bureau (AIR MAIL)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(A IL)
1 - Los Angeles
TJA:CM
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AUG 19 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

431PM URGENT 8/16/68 PAM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN.

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU, EIGHT FIFTEEN LAST.

PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS ADVISED [redacted] HAD NOT REPORTED TO HIM AS OF THREE P.M. TODAY.

EFFORTS TO CONTACT [redacted] UNPRODUCTIVE.

COPIES MAILED CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS. P.

END

LPT

FBI WASH DC

EX-100

REC 13 44-38861-5488

AUG 20 1968

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: AUG 15 1968

SJP:efw
DJ 144-72-662
#41-157-147

FROM: Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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This is in response to your memorandum of August 5, 1968, concerning the question whether the federal complaint against James Earl Ray should be dismissed.

I have discussed this entire matter with Assistant Attorney General Vinson who dealt with the British authorities concerning the extradition. He has no objection to allowing the federal complaint to remain outstanding under these circumstances.

In reply to your inquiry as to the circumstances under which federal prosecution would be pursued, we would want to review the facts after the conspiracy investigation has been completed; if the evidence and the outcome of the State proceedings were such that federal prosecution seemed desirable, we would consider taking steps to try to obtain the necessary waiver from the British government.

cc: Deputy Attorney General

Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

EXP-PROC

REC 82 44-38861-5089

EX-105

16 AUG 16 1968

56 AUG 26 1968

FBI

Date: 8/20/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Los Angeles 8/14/68.

On 8/15/68 [redacted], Ontario, California, advised she resides at this residence, and that [redacted] is a hired daytime babysitter. She advised that she first hired [redacted] about 12 weeks ago, and that [redacted] worked two weeks as a babysitter. [redacted] was arrested by the Ontario, California, Police Department for [redacted] and was incarcerated at the San Bernardino County Jail in San Bernardino, California, for nine weeks. She was released one week ago and returned to work as a babysitter.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is a good babysitter and is good with the children, but she talks continually about any and everything, and at times her conversations do not make sense. [redacted] advised that [redacted] can presently be located where she is visiting at [redacted] Ontario, California.

On 8/15/68 [redacted] was contacted at [redacted] Ontario, California, where she was visiting.

44-38861-5090

[redacted] took the Agent's credentials and, after observing them closely, stated that the Agent was not J. EDGAR HOOVER, and that she wanted to discuss this matter with Mr. HOOVER personally.

2 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Los Angeles
TJA:CM
(4)

17 AUG 21 1968

54 AUG 28 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

[redacted] was advised that Mr. HOOVER could not contact her personally, and that the Agent would take any information she had to offer concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING or any other matter over which the FBI has jurisdiction.

[redacted] stated she absolutely did not have any information to offer and had no knowledge of the KING case, but that she merely wanted to discuss this matter with Mr. HOOVER. She advised that she had previously written to Mr. HOOVER following the Brinks robbery in Boston in January 1951. She said that at that time she had no facts to offer concerning this robbery but merely wanted to guess who did it. She stated that, as it turns out, she did not guess right.

It was suggested to [redacted] that if in the future she desired to furnish information to the FBI, she contact the local Resident Agency, rather than writing letters to the Bureau in Washington.

FBI

Date: 8/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-3094)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
RM
BUDED: 8/20/68

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 8/15/68.

Enclosed are 3 xerox copies of Atlanta airtel to the Bureau dated 7/22/68, setting forth the information requested in referenced Bureau airtel.

REC 45 44-38861-5091

(3) Bureau (Encs. 3)
1 - Atlanta
CSH:jlh
(4)

EX-105

25 AUG 17 1968

3 - ENCLOSURE

RACIAL MATTERS SECT.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

79 AUG 28 1968

7/22/68

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-3094) (P)

SUBJECT: RACIAL VIOLENCE FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, dated 7/12/68.

Set forth below is information requested by referenced Bureau airtel.

ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Date Disturbances Took Place	Number of People Killed	Number of People Injured
4/5/68	0	0
4/7/68	0	0
4/8/68	0	1
4/10/68	0	0

3-Bureau
(2)-Atlanta
AGS:sja
(5)

44-38861-5091

ENCLOSURE

157-3094-25

Number of People Arrested
0
0
11
3

Sources of Above Information:

4/5/68 and 4/7/68 - [redacted] Atlanta Police Department

4/8/68 and 4/10/68 - [redacted] Atlanta Police Department

Estimate of Property Damage:

[redacted] advised on 7/19/68 the Atlanta Police Department had estimated property damage during the period 4/5/68 through 4/10/68 was approximately $372,000.

ALBANY, GEORGIA.

Date Disturbances Took Place	Number of People Killed	Number of People Injured
4/5/68	0	0
4/6/68	0	1
4/7/68	0	0
4/8/68	0	0
4/9/68	0	0

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Number of People Arrested
0
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Source of Above Information:

Chief of Police Ed Friend
Albany, Georgia

Estimate of Damage:

Assistant Chief of Police LESLIE SCHEINFIELD, Albany, Georgia, advised on 7/19/63, no tabulation of property damage had been prepared by the City of Albany and consequently no estimate was available.

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Mr. Bishop
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FBI WASH DC

407PM URGENT 8-19-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST SIXTEEN LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DATE TO CONTACT SOURCES BELIEVED ABLE TO PLACE [redacted] AND [redacted] IN ALTON ON JULY THIRTEEN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND TO ATTEST TO CLOTHING WORN BY [redacted] AND [redacted] ON THAT DATE.

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PUBLIC DEFENDER ROBERT TRONE STATES [redacted] HAS NOT CONTACTED HIM AND HE COULD NOT REACH LEE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT HIM AT KNOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 8/20/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

In connection with our investigation concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., there is set forth below the estimated cost to the Bureau through the close of business July 31, 1968.

The total estimated cost is $1,271,178. A peak of 3,075 field agents was assigned to this case and 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime have been performed. Bureau and personally owned automobiles have been driven an estimated 475,510 miles.

ACTION:

None; informational.

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Mohr (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Callahan (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Bishop (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Martindale (sent direct)

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Date: 7/29/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re: CB (Citizens Band) Radio Transmission Memphis, Tennessee, during evening of April 4, 1968, concerning chase of white Mustang alleged to have been involved in the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on that date.

Enclosed herewith is one copy each of the following which relate to referenced matter:

1) Investigative report of the Memphis PD

2) Investigative insert by SA [redacted]

3) FD 302 of interview of Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Memphis PD, 5/17/68

4) FD 302 of interview of W. EUGENE SMITH, 4/10/68, Memphis

5) FD 302 of interview of EDWARD L. MONTEDONICO, SR., 7/15-17/68, Memphis

6) FD 302 of interview of EDWARD L. MONTEDONICO, JR., 7/17/68, Memphis

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

The enclosures refer to investigation conducted relative to referenced matter as it appeared to refer to captioned matter.

The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact the FCC does not have an office in the Memphis area; however, an official of the Memphis PD did contact a representative of the FCC at Atlanta, Ga., to report this incident. No inquiry has been received by the Memphis PD or this office from FCC relative to this referenced incident and therefore it appears FCC is not interested in a CB radio transmission of this type.

Concerning the possibility of interviewing other individuals contacted by the Memphis PD during its investigation of this matter, it is pointed out no attempt was made to interview these individuals due to the investigation conducted by the Memphis PD and due to the lack of evidence indicating anyone other than EDWARD LE MASTER MONTEDONICO, JR., was responsible for this radio transmission.

EDWARD LE MASTER MONTEDONICO, JR., was interviewed as indicated on the enclosed FD 302. He indicated during the interview that he had a great deal of experience in CB radio transmissions and in the operation of these units. He commented several times that anyone with a knowledge of CB radios could disguise their voice and transmission so as to go on broadcasting without being identified. He also said that there is no way for anyone, including FCC, to identify the sender of a transmission such as the one mentioned above unless the guilty individual made the admission that he or she was the individual that made the broadcast.

It is also noted that others during this investigation expressed the same opinion that it is impossible to identify the individual making a broadcast of this type unless the guilty person admitted doing same.

It was determined also that there are numerous individuals in the Memphis area operating CB radios illegally and/or without being properly licensed. It was further determined that numerous individuals broadcast using "skip" identification, which is illegal,but which is known only to the sender and

receiver. There are also numerous licensed CB radio operators in the Memphis area and it was suggested that there are possibly an equal number that are not licensed and, therefore, it would be virtually impossible to interview each and every individual either having a CB unit or having access to one.

Various individuals commented during this investigation that no one gets too excited about illegal broadcasts since the FCC generally levies a fine of up to $50 and possibly lifting the license for 3 to 6 months if a person is guilty according to the FCC of making a broadcast of this type. Therefore, no one does much about these illegal transmissions since the punishment is this light. It was expressed that the greatest fear of CB operators is the bad name they receive when incidents of this nature are made public.

In light of the above, UACB no further investigation is being conducted concerning referenced matter.

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RE: ALLEGED CHASE OF WHITE MUSTANG,
EVENING OF APRIL 4, 1968
(HOAX REPORT BY UNKNOWN PERSON
WITH CITIZENS BAND RADIO)

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] at Memphis, Tennessee, on the dates indicated:

On the evening of April 4, 1968, after there had been traffic on the Police Department radio in Memphis with regard to a white Mustang reportedly seen leaving the scene of the shooting of Dr. KING, there was additional traffic on the police radio concerning an alleged incident involving an unknown citizens band (CB) radio operator who reported that he was chasing a white Mustang occupied by three white males, this unknown operator never identifying himself but continuing to broadcast up to a point where he claimed that the chase had reached a point north of Raleigh, Tennessee, a suburb of Memphis.

On April 6, 1968, Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, furnished the following information with regard to this incident:

Inspector ZACHARY secured a tape recording of the radio dispatches made following the murder of Dr. KING on April 4, 1968, and listened to the radio traffic, which included dispatches with regard to a chase allegedly made by an unknown person of a white Mustang occupied by three white males, all of which information was based upon reports made by an unknown person broadcasting on a CB radio. He stated that in listening to this tape recording, the first traffic received on the police radio was at 6:33 p.m. The police dispatcher received traffic from Police Car No. 160, which Inspector ZACHARY determined was manned by Lieutenant RUFUS BRADSHAW. In substance, Lieutenant BRADSHAW was transmitting to the dispatcher information which he was receiving from one individual who had a CB radio in his car, which individual in turn was receiving transmissions from some unknown individual transmitting on a CB radio.

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Inspector ZACHARY advised that on April 4, 1968, while the transmissions in question were being made from the unknown CB operator, Lieutenant SAM T. McCACHREN, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department,

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received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as ED CHAUNCEY, telephone number [redacted] who reported that he was monitoring his CB radio and overheard an unknown operator in a mobile unit who claimed that he was chasing a white Mustang. Mr. CHAUNCEY at this time advised Lieutenant McCACHREN that he (CHAUNCEY) was in contact with another CB operator known to him, namely BILL AUSTEIN, and that the three CB operators, namely the unknown operator, AUSTEIN, and CHAUNCEY, were in contact with each other, and Mr. CHAUNCEY would supply all information he received to the Police Department to assist them with regard to a chase in which the unknown operator claimed to be involved. Thereafter, on April 6, 1968, Lieutenant J. D. MUSIC talked by telephone again with both Mr. ED CHAUNCEY at the above telephone number and with Mr. AUSTEIN, both of them at that time furnishing substantially the same information as to what had occurred with regard to these transmissions by an unknown CB operator.

Inspector ZACHARY advised that Lieutenant RUFUS BRADSHAW, Car No. 160, had been contacted on April 6, 1968, at which time Lieutenant BRADSHAW had stated that Mr. WILLIAM HUBBARD AUSTEIN, age 22, of [redacted] an employee of [redacted], had flagged down Lieutenant BRADSHAW at Jackson and Hollywood on the evening of April 4, 1968, and called Lieutenant BRADSHAW's attention to a broadcast being received on the CB radio in Mr. AUSTEIN's automobile. Lieutenant BRADSHAW, in turn, dispatched to the police dispatcher the nature of the information being received on Channel 17 of the CB radio. Lieutenant BRADSHAW listened to the CB radio in Mr. AUSTEIN's car and heard several different CB operators talking on Channel 17.

In substance, an unknown CB operator was giving reports as to his chase of a white Mustang occupied by three white males. Other operators, including Mr. AUSTEIN, were attempting to communicate with this unknown operator, attempting to get him to identify himself, and informing him that they would contact the Police Department in order to assist this

unknown operator. The unknown operator, who claimed he was chasing the Mustang, never identified himself. Lieutenant BRADSHAW dispatched police cars to the areas in which the unknown CB operator claimed to be traveling, and none of the units dispatched saw any activity such as that described by the unknown CB operator. Lieutenant BRADSHAW was of the definite opinion, after the unknown person making these reports had finally left the air, that the entire CB broadcast by this person was a complete hoax.

Inspector ZACHARY advised, after listening to the police dispatcher's tape recording, and after talking to Lieutenant BRADSHAW, that there were a number of factors to indicate that the above-mentioned broadcast on CB Channel 17 by the unknown person was a complete hoax. He stated that the final proof that this matter was a complete hoax was based upon communication between the Police Department and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office at the time the broadcast was in progress. After the unknown operator reported his position as proceeding east on Jackson Avenue toward Raleigh, Tennessee, the Police Department immediately contacted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office to alert that department, which had the responsibility for policing Raleigh, Tennessee, which is located outside the city limits of Memphis. During the time that this broadcast was being made, and after the unknown CB operator reported his position at the main intersection at a stop light in Raleigh, Tennessee, (Jackson Avenue and Stage Road), where the unknown operator claimed the Mustang had run the stop light at an excessive rate of speed, the Shelby County Sheriff's Office advised the Memphis Police Department that this information was false, since the Shelby County Sheriff's Office had two units of its men stationed at this intersection, and no such incident had occurred and no such vehicles as those described by the unknown operator had passed through that intersection.

Inspector ZACHARY advised that as a result of a separate inquiry made by the Police Department concerning this hoax report, he had determined that there had been no contacts whatever between any unit of the Memphis Police Department and the vehicles described by the unknown person on the CB radio. Inspector ZACHARY advised that at one point the unknown

CB operator, in response to an inquiry from another CB operator, identified his own automobile as a 1966 blue Pontiac. Inspector ZACHARY pointed out that if there had been a high speed chase of a white Mustang by a 1966 blue Pontiac, then this would have attracted attention of numerous persons, and no one, other than the unknown CB radio operator, reported any such chase.

Inspector ZACHARY advised that he contemplated some additional inquiry regarding this matter in an effort to identify the person who made this hoax report, but insofar as the investigation of the murderer of Dr. KING was concerned, he was certain that the chase reported by the unknown operator did not occur.

On April 10, 1968, Lieutenant J. D. HAMBY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, advised that he had interviewed in detail Mr. WILLIAM HERBERT AUSTEIN, male white, age 22, of [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] an employee of [redacted], and at this time Mr. AUSTEIN furnished to him the following account of the above-mentioned incident:

Mr. AUSTEIN is a licensed CB operator, having call letters KOM-8637, who has both a mobile unit and a base station, the base station being located at his home at [redacted] in Memphis. Mr. AUSTEIN furnished to Lieutenant HAMBY the following information concerning an incident which occurred on the afternoon of April 4, 1968:

He was at Zayre's Department Store on Poplar Avenue in Memphis until approximately 5:55 p.m., when he left that store and drove to Carlton's Esso Service Center on the corner of Madison and Bellevue. As he arrived at that service station, he heard the news on a commercial radio broadcast concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. After being at this service station about five minutes, he drove to his apartment at [redacted] As nearly as he can recall, he then left his apartment around 6:12 p.m., en route to Steamfitters Local 614 on Jackson Avenue near Gragg School. En route to this location, while he was traveling east on Jackson

in the vicinity of Springdale, and at approximately 6:30 p.m., he was monitoring CB Channel 17 when he heard a mobile unit request another mobile unit to call the Police Department by "land line" (telephone). A base station answered the caller, telling the caller that the base station would call the police, the base station inquiring as to the nature of the call that he should make. About this time, due to static, the original caller and the base station were unable to communicate. At this same time, AUSTEIN noticed that the original caller who was requesting police assistance was very close to Mr. AUSTEIN's position, because there was a very high reading on the signal strength meter on the CB radio in Mr. AUSTEIN's car. Mr. AUSTEIN therefore broke into the conversation between the original caller and the base station, telling the caller that he (Mr. AUSTEIN) was very close to him, that Mr. AUSTEIN had just spotted a police car and would relay the caller's message to the police.

At this point, the original caller stated that he was chasing a white Mustang east on Summer Avenue and that the occupants of the Mustang were responsible for Dr. KING's murder. Mr. AUSTEIN immediately flagged down the police car and thereafter talked with the Lieutenant who was in this police car at Loeb's Barbeque at the intersection of Jackson and Hollywood. The Lieutenant requested Mr. AUSTEIN to communicate again with the unknown CB operator to determine that person's present location. Mr. AUSTEIN called to this mobile unit by saying, "Mobile that is chasing the white Mustang, what is your present 10-20?" (The signal 10-20 means location.) The original caller replied that he was approaching Highland on Summer Avenue at a high rate of speed. Mr. AUSTEIN relayed this information to the Police Lieutenant, who in turn relayed this information to the police dispatcher at central police headquarters.

The Lieutenant told Mr. AUSTEIN to keep talking to the unknown caller so that the police could be continuously informed as to his direction and location in order that the police could intercept the automobile allegedly being chased. Mr. AUSTEIN lost contact with the mobile unit briefly, but after calling him several times, he finally re-established contact with him.

Mr. AUSTEIN inquired of the unknown caller as to the description of the car that the unknown caller was driving so that the police would be able to easily identify the two vehicles when the police did intercept them. The unknown caller responded that he was driving a 1966 blue Pontiac and that as of that time the white Mustang was exceeding 75 miles per hour, and at the same time stating that the Mustang had turned north off Summer Avenue, the caller giving the name of the street on which this turn was made, but Mr. AUSTEIN not recalling the name of the street as of the time of this interview on April 10, 1968.

At this time there was some confusion as to the direction that the Mustang and Pontiac were allegedly taking. This confusion was due in part to the fact that some CB base station had broken into the transmissions and Mr. AUSTEIN could not hear the transmissions being made by the unknown mobile unit.

The next transmission that Mr. AUSTEIN could understand from the unknown mobile unit was to the effect that this unit had turned north and was approaching Raleigh (a suburb northeast of Memphis) on Jackson Avenue. Shortly after the unknown operator stated that he was approaching Raleigh, that same operator stated that he had just passed Stage Road or Austin Peay Highway and that he was being fired upon by the occupants of the white Mustang. The unknown caller also stated that his speed at that time was in excess of 100 miles per hour. Mr. AUSTEIN asked the unknown operator to secure the license number of the Mustang, to which the unknown operator replied that he was afraid to get that close because several shots had already been fired at him.

On the last transmission of the unknown operator, Mr. AUSTEIN stated that this unknown operator stated that he had just passed "the Millington exit" and the Mustang was gaining on him even though he had the Pontiac "flat out." (Mr. AUSTEIN understood that the unknown operator was indicating that he was driving as fast as the Pontiac would go.)

Mr. AUSTEIN called this unknown operator several other times but received no response. He also

heard other CB operators join in, attempting to contact this unknown operator, requesting the unknown operator to give his call letters and his location but he heard no other responses and no other transmissions from this unknown operator.

Mr. AUSTEIN stated that at the time of the above-mentioned transmission by the unknown person in a mobile CB unit, he did not recognize the voice of that person. He stated that he understands there are more than 3,500 licensed CB operators in Memphis and possibly that many more who are unlicensed. He stated that whereas at first he thought the unknown operator was reporting a factual situation and actually needed police assistance, there is no doubt whatever in his mind but that the entire transmission was a complete hoax. He stated as the transmissions of the unknown operator continued, he observed that there was not sufficient time for the two vehicles to travel from one point where the operator claimed to be, to some other point identified by the unknown operator a short time later.

He also observed that during the last several transmissions of the unknown operator, there was no change in the signal strength indicated on the "S-Meter" in Mr. AUSTEIN's car, whereas if the unknown person calling had actually been traveling east at a high rate of speed as he claimed to be doing, then the signal strength would have become increasingly weaker. He stated it was his judgment that the unknown person making these calls had actually parked at the time the last few transmissions were made.

Also, when the unknown operator reported that he had turned north off Summer Avenue, his signal strength was very weak, and a short time later when the unknown operator was reporting that he was turning north on Jackson Avenue, his signal strength became noticeably stronger.

Mr. AUSTEIN explained that what he referred to as an "S-Meter" is an instrument on a CB radio which indicates the relative strength of an incoming signal from another unit. He pointed out that when he first heard

the broadcast of the unknown caller who was asking for police assistance, the S-Meter in his car was registering as strong as it can register, indicating to him that the caller may have been as close as 150 feet from his location and not more than two blocks away. He stated at the time of the last transmission of the unknown caller, the S-Meter reading was 15 and would indicate to him that the caller was an estimated two miles away.

Mr. AUSTEIN pointed out that the unknown caller is undoubtedly familiar with the northeastern section of Memphis, through which he claimed to be passing, but he did observe that the unknown caller had reported that the unknown caller turned "north on Jackson," whereas most Memphians familiar with that section of Memphis would indicate that they turned east on Jackson. Jackson Avenue is generally regarded as an east-west street, although at the point where Jackson Avenue approaches the town of Raleigh, Tennessee, the general direction is southwest to northeast.

As to the possible identity of the unknown caller, Mr. AUSTEIN furnished the following information to Lieutenant HAMBY:

He stated that he does not know the identity of the caller, but due to some events which have occurred since that transmission, he wanted to furnish the following information which might possibly assist in identifying the unknown caller:

This information related to a white male whose last name is [redacted] who is employed by [redacted] as [redacted] and who belongs to the same Union to which Mr. AUSTEIN belongs, namely Steamfitters Local No. 614, 3754 Jackson Avenue, near the Gragg School, the location of this Union being near the town of Raleigh, Tennessee, through which the unknown caller claimed to have passed after approaching Raleigh, Tennessee, on Jackson Avenue. Mr. AUSTEIN furnished the following information to Lieutenant HAMBY concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] has a CB radio. His car is a 1966 blue Ford. [redacted] had reason to be in the general area covered by the transmissions mentioned above, since [redacted] and others were supposed to be at a meeting at 3754 Jackson Avenue at Steamfitters Local 614 at 7:00 p.m. Since Mr. AUSTEIN knows that [redacted] has a CB antenna located on a trunk mount, [redacted] CB signals will be directional. That is, when [redacted] is transmitting, his signal will be stronger in one direction than in another direction, the strongest signal being to the front of the vehicle, the weakest signals being to either side, and the signal to the rear of the vehicle being of moderate strength.

Mr. AUSTEIN went on to state that if the unknown caller were traveling east and then turned north, the unknown caller's signals would have dropped because of the directional properties of the trunk-mount antenna. Mr. AUSTEIN noticed that when the unknown caller reported that he was turning north off Summer Avenue, the signal dropped to the point where Mr. AUSTEIN had difficulty hearing the transmissions.

When Mr. AUSTEIN arrived at the Union Hall, he was questioned by [redacted] as to why he was late. Mr. AUSTEIN explained to him what had occurred in the presence of other persons at the Union meeting. [redacted] mentioned above, was one of those present. [redacted] indicated a displeasure over the fact that Mr. AUSTEIN had attempted to assist the police in locating the murderer of Dr. KING. [redacted] at this time made the statement, "Were you the one that I heard in that mess on Channel 17?" Mr. AUSTEIN told [redacted] that he (AUSTEIN) was the operator attempting to relay information to the police. [redacted] made a remark to the effect that if AUSTEIN had "any sense at all," he should have helped the white Mustang to escape. [redacted] went on to make other remarks indicating that AUSTEIN should not have assisted the police to catch a man who had performed a public service [redacted] indicating by his remarks that he thought that the person who killed Dr. KING had done a public service).

AUSTEIN did not see [redacted] again for some 45 minutes, when the entire group was dismissed early because of the curfew which had been imposed. As those present left the meeting, AUSTEIN told [redacted] to call him on the CB radio when both were in their cars, because AUSTEIN wanted to see how his unit sounded. He added that this is a common practice among CB operators. Shortly thereafter [redacted] did call AUSTEIN, and when [redacted] started to talking on the CB radio, AUSTEIN associated [redacted] voice with the voice he had heard earlier from the unknown person who made the hoax transmissions as outlined above.

During this interview, Mr. AUSTEIN identified one of the other CB operators who attempted to assist the unknown caller and Mr. AUSTEIN as Mr. ED CHAUNCEY, Mr. CHAUNCEY having contacted the Police Department by telephone at the time the transmissions were being made by the unknown CB operator. He stated that Mr. CHAUNCEY also attempted to assist in getting the identity of the unknown caller and the location of the vehicles as the unknown caller was transmitting and claiming to be chasing the Mustang.

Mr. AUSTEIN also advised during this interview with Lieutenant HAMBY that he had previously assisted the Police Department in September 1966 when he chased a suspicious person who was later apprehended by the Police Department based upon the information which he relayed to the Police Department.

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Inspector N. E. ZACHARY, Homicide Squad, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised his squad has done as much investigation as possible concerning a citizens band (CB) radio transmission on April 4, 1968, that appears to be a hoax. He commented this broadcast concerned the CB transmission at about 6:30 P.M. on April 4, 1968, by an individual allegedly in a 1966 blue Pontiac that was chasing a white Mustang east and north on Jackson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, at a high rate of speed. Inspector ZACHARY said that according to this transmission, the 2 cars were traveling at 95 miles an hour through the intersection of Stage Road and Austin Peay Highway (extension of Jackson Avenue) in Raleigh, a suburb of Memphis, and shortly thereafter it was alleged, according to the radio transmission that the white Mustang was shooting at the blue Pontiac. Inspector ZACHARY advised the Shelby County Sheriff's Office had two patrol cars at this intersection at the time of the alleged chase and they did not observe any cars pass this intersection at a high rate of speed.

Inspector ZACHARY advised their investigation indicates one [redacted] age 17, son of [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, may possibly have made the above mentioned CB radio transmission. He said when [redacted] was contacted, he did not specifically indicate he would not cooperate but commented if anyone knew anything about CB radios, it would be impossible to catch anyone making an illegal broadcast.

Inspector ZACHARY advised, therefore, no further investigation has been conducted by his squad due to the lack of specific information that [redacted] made the transmission and due to [redacted] apparent lack of cooperation.

5/17/68 Memphis, Tennessee Memphis 44-1987

SA [redacted] mnr 44-38861-5094 5/23/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date April 12, 1968

[redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, was interviewed in the presence of Lt. JAMES HAMBY, Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee.

[redacted] advised he believes he may have some information that would be of interest concerning a radio transmission on a citizen band unit during the early evening hours of April 4, 1968. [redacted] advised he is referring to the transmission of an individual driving behind a white Mustang on Jackson Avenue in Memphis at a high rate of speed.

[redacted] stated late in the evening on April 4, 1968, his wife received a telephone call from [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee. He said that [redacted] told his wife that her neighbor, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, had come over to her house shortly after Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING had been shot and told her that KING was killed. [redacted] said [redacted] commented that [redacted] was very elated over the shooting. He said that [redacted] told his wife that [redacted] has a citizen band or ham radio in his garage.

[redacted] stated that this information has bothered him since he has heard about the wild chase that occurred on Jackson Avenue, and he is of the opinion that it is possible [redacted] may have been the individual who made this broadcast.

[redacted] advised he does not have any additional information and that he is merely furnishing this information on a confidential basis.

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On 4/10/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987

by SA [redacted] jap Date dictated 4/11/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/29/68

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[redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, was contacted July 15, 1968 at his place of business [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agents and was advised the nature of the inquiry.

[redacted] was advised that this inquiry relates to a citizens band (CB) radio transmission that occurred during the evening of April 4, 1968, at which time a Pontiac car with a CB unit alleged it was following a white Mustang that was involved in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on that date. [redacted] was further advised that investigation conducted in this matter indicates the type of equipment used in this transmission is the same type of CB equipment operated by his son, [redacted] He was further advised that information developed during the investigation indicated the transmission did not come from a mobile unit but rather came from a stationary unit and came from the direction of his residence. He was also advised it was specifically indicated it was his son that made the above mentioned CB radio transmission. It was pointed out to [redacted] that inasmuch as it is believed his son is 17 years of age, he was being contacted prior to contact of his son.

[redacted] advised he is aware of the CB radio transmission since he recalls reading about this incident in the local newspapers and secondly his wife advised him some time ago that an officer of the Memphis Police Department contacted her and their son about the incident. [redacted] advised that at that time after the officer had talked to his son, he discussed this incident with his son. He said he learned from his son that his son did not make the broadcast. [redacted] said he believes his son and added he has never known his son to lie to him in the past and sees no reason for his son to lie to him about this incident since punishment for a transmission of this nature would be minor.

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On 7/15-17/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987

SA [redacted] and

by SA [redacted] HKG/mnr Dictated 7/23/68

[redacted] advised he will contact his son and determine when his son is available for interview because since his son's graduation from high school in June of this year he began to work in a local grocery store. [redacted] said he has no objection to his son being interviewed concerning this matter.

[redacted] advised on July 16, 1968, that his son had appointments on that date and it would be inconvenient for him to discuss this matter on that date.

On July 17, 1968, [redacted] stated that his son was free during the morning and suggested that his son be contacted for a specific time for an interview.

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[redacted], Memphis, Tennessee, voluntarily appeared at the Memphis Office of the FBI. [redacted] was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the inquiry, which concerned a citizens band (CB) radio transmission during the evening of April 4, 1968, relaying information of a Pontiac automobile following a white Mustang that was alleged to have been involved in the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on that date. [redacted] was furnished a "Voluntary Appearance: Advice of Rights" form by SA [redacted] after reading this form signed same and stated he would gladly discuss this matter to the best of his ability.

[redacted] stated during the evening of April 4, 1968, he was working on a term paper for school that was due the next day. He said he was in his room but was not listening to his CB unit or any other radio, nor did he have any radio turned on. He commented he has his CB radio and his "ham" radio in his room as well as a police monitor and a regular commercial radio. He said his firstknowledge of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., being shot came from his mother who some few minutes after the shooting called up to him in his room and rold him what she had heard on the radio. He said he believes he then turned on the police monitor to hear the events as they transpired. [redacted] stated shortly after his mother told him about the shooting a friend (whose name he did not choose to reveal) called him on the telephone and told him about the shooting and then mentioned the CB transmission. He said since he believes he had the police monitor turned on he naturally did not turn on the CB unit.

[redacted] advised he has read the local newspapers' account of the CB transmission but again commented he did not hear this particular transmission.

[redacted] was advised considerable investigation has been conducted to establish the identity of the individual or individuals that caused this CB transmission to be made. It was pointed out to [redacted] that it has been suggested he is the individual who made this transmission in question.

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On 7/17/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] REGimn ENCLOSURE Date dictated 7/23/68

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[redacted] after swallowing hard and with a break in his voice said he did not make the CB radio transmission in question and after wiping a tear that had welled up in his eye added he does not know or have any idea who made that transmission. He said he could not understand why anyone would accuse him of this act. He said that whoever accused him of this does not know what they are talking about.

[redacted] said that he did not think there were many CB operators in Memphis who had knowledge of these units that would be knowledgeable enough to pinpoint anyone making a CB transmission of this type. He went on to add that anyone with knowledge of CB radios could disguise their voices and cause distortions in the transmission so as to be unable to be identified. He said anyone with any knowledge of CB radios and transmissions of this type knows no one can positively identify the source of the transmission unless the guilty person admitted it.

[redacted] reluctantly but voluntarily mentioned that he heard from a friend who was a patient in the Methodist Hospital on April 4, 1968, that he had his CB unit in the hospital room and heard the above mentioned CB transmission. He reluctantly added that [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, a friend of his father, was visiting in the hospital and heard the above mentioned CB radio transmission but had no idea who did the broadcasting.

[redacted] stated emphatically that he did not make the CB radio transmission in question and does not have any knowledge as to the source of the transmission.

The following is a description of [redacted] obtained through interview and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted], Memphis, Tennessee
Age	18
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'10"
Weight	180

Hair	Light brown, wavy
Eyes	Blue
Build	Stocky
Marital status	Single
Education	High school graduate (in June 1968)
Occupation	Sacker at [redacted] Memphis

SUPPLEMENT # 85 RE: C. B. Incident (Citizen's Band Radio)
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., MC 39
HOMICIDE #3367
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1968, at 6:00 p.m.

REPORTED BY: LT. J. B. HAMM Date: April 13, 1968

On April 10, 1968 I was detailed with FBI agent [redacted], and our assignment was to follow up on and check out certain people that were present at Jim's Grill, 415 S. Main, in the afternoon of April 4, 1968 prior to the shooting. We spent the morning attempting to locate these people, and at 1:20 p.m., Agent [redacted] was contacted by radio and told to call his office. When he returned to the car, he stated that we were to go to the Cadaveca Shopping Center on Winchester, and we would find a male white parked in front of Walgreen's Drug Store, and he was described as being 5'7" tall, 140 lbs., 42 years old, wearing a red striped short-sleeved sports shirt, and wearing khaki pants. He would be in a 1962 Ford Fairlane painted beige. He had information with reference to an article that he saw in the newspaper April 10, 1968 in regard to a Citizen's Band Radio.

We arrived at 1:35 p.m., and saw the above described car parked in front of Walgreen's Drug Store at 3217 Winchester with the above described male white sitting in the car. As we drove up, he appeared to be very nervous and stared straight ahead and did not look at us, although it was obvious he had seen us. We pulled approximately three cars away from him and parked, and in a few minutes he got out of his car and walked over and got into the rear seat. He said the reason that he was being so careful was that he was a union member, having been employed for Eastern Airlines, but was now on a disability pension, and since the sanitation strike and the different unions' participation in it, he was afraid that someone would see him and misunderstand his intentions. He stated that his name was [redacted]. He said that [redacted] him and stated that a man named [redacted] who lives at [redacted] called her approximately 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the night of April 4, 1968 and seemed to be elated over the fact that Martin Luther King had been murdered, and made numerous comments about it, and she told him, "What am I supposed to do? Clap my hands?" And she hung up on him. He further stated that his aunt did not know about the murder of King because she did not have a radio or TV.

After he read the article in the morning paper on April 10, 1968 with reference to a police officer allegedly having chased a car and then denying it, and that a C. B. radio operator was also involved, he remembered that [redacted] was a C. B. operator and he might have been the party referred to in the newspaper.

[redacted] was of the opinion that the C. B. operator was driving a white Mustang with a C. B. radio in it, and that the C. B. operator was responsible for the murder of King.

We proceeded to [redacted] and found that the house is situated on the north side of the street, with a C. B. antenna attached to the rear of the house. This antenna is commonly called CLR-2. It was noticed that the house seemed to be locked up, and there was no car in the driveway.

At this time [redacted] not sure whether or not a C. B. operator driving a Mustang was not involved, and as we were waiting for [redacted] to return home, we checked in the neighborhood and at 3:00 p.m. we talked with [redacted] phone [redacted] as we noticed a C. B. antenna on the south side of her home. Upon talking with [redacted] she stated that her son, [redacted] did own a 23 channel C. B. radio, but that she was sure he was not listening to the radio on April 4, 1968, as he very rarely ever turned it on any more, as the newness had worn off and he had other interests now. About this time her son, [redacted] came into the house and he also related that he had not listened to his C. B. radio for sometime, also he was watching television with his parents on the night King was murdered, and this was verified by [redacted].

We again checked the residence of [redacted] on [redacted] and there was still no one at home. We decided to check a little further into the C. B. incident, as neither myself or Agent [redacted] was too familiar with the entire incident. I contacted [redacted] by phone, as I knew that she and her husband were avid C. B. fans and had owned a C. B. radio for a number of years. It is also known that her son, [redacted], who is a [redacted] and her daughter, [redacted] also owned C. B. radios. In talking with [redacted] she related that she did not hear the conversation that had taken place on the C. B. radio April 4, 1968, and had not heard anyone mention it on the radio since that time. She said to check with

her son, [redacted] or her daughter, [redacted] and her husband, [redacted] and they might be able to shed some light on this incident.

At 3:30 p.m., April 10, 1968, we went to [redacted] where we were admitted by [redacted] She stated that they do have a 23 channel C.B. radio and that they stand by on channel 13, but on occasions will go to another channel to call and talk with a friend. She said that on April 4, 1968 between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., she was monitoring channel 13, as there was a lot of activity because of the death of Martin Luther King, and she would occasionally change to another channel to see if any additional information could be learned. She was contacted by [redacted] who was listening to her police monitor radio, as well as her CB radio, and during the conversation [redacted] had told her about a car that was being chased by a mobile Citizen Band radio operator, and that this was taking place on channel 17. She said that she hung up immediately and turned her CB radio over to channel 17, but by this time the chase was apparently all over with, as she did not hear any of it. As a matter of fact, the channel was very quiet. There was no one talking. She further stated that she then contacted her brother, who is a [redacted] and he told her that he had been on channel 17 listening to the CB mobile unit chasing the white Mustang that was supposed to have been driven by the killer of Martin Luther King, but due to the fact that another CB unit that was close to his house was talking on another channel, and was bleeding over onto his channel, he was unable to read all of the transmissions from the mobile unit following the Mustang.

At this time the husband of [redacted] came home from work and in questioning him, he stated about the same thing that [redacted] stated, with the exception that he had received two phone calls at different times from a male white who identified himself as [redacted] and that he represented a national magazine from New York and wanted to know if he had been monitoring channel 17 the night or evening that Martin Luther King had been killed, as he wanted to talk with someone who had heard the chase of the CB mobile and the Mustang. He also told [redacted] that he was a local photographer on an assignment with a national magazine. [redacted] stated that he told him that he did not hear the chase, and that if he had he would give his information to the police department.

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] had also received several calls from this same man, seeking information pertaining to the incident on channel 17. It was also learned that an employee of [redacted] was thinking about, or rather had gone to a lawyer for advice because of an incident with this same photographer--reporter, as he had gone onto [redacted] private property and attempted to get into [redacted] automobile to take photographs of his car. [redacted] owns a Mustang, but it is not white [redacted] was checked out by the Homicide Bureau, as his name had come up in the investigation, and the investigation proved that he could not have been at the scene of the crime, as his alibis checked out.)

I then contacted [redacted] in the [redacted] and he stated that on April 4, 1968 that he was at home and was listening to a portable police monitor radio, and that after hearing of the shooting of King he was reasonably sure that there would be trouble and that he would be called to duty. While listening to the police monitor, he heard the chase of the CB mobile unit and the Mustang from the police dispatcher, so he got on his CB radio and began going from channel to channel until he reached channel 17, and he heard part of the chase. However, due to a neighbor who is also a CB operator and was on another channel and was bleeding over on him, he was unable to read enough of the transmissions to understand what was going on.

Agent [redacted] and myself returned to Headquarters (Police) where we were just in time to get in on the beginning of a staff meeting conducted by Inspector H. E. Zachary and Captain Cochran. During this staff meeting additional information was learned pertaining to this CB incident, and also learned that Lt. J. L. Harrison, who is acting as Coordinator in the office on the King case, had several Memos that had been called in by citizens pertaining to this incident, as well as a letter from Lt. R. W. Bradshaw, who was car 160 on April 4, 1968.

After the staff meeting, a male white came into the office (Homicide) and stated that his name was William Herbert Austein, and that he was the CB operator who was assisting Lt. Bradshaw on April 4, 1968 at Hollywood and Jackson. He was asked to wait while I read the memos and letters that Lt. Harrison had in regard to the CB incident, and found that in the letter written by Lt. Bradshaw on April 6, 1968 he gave the name of Austein

and related that on Thursday, April 4, 1968, at approximately 6:40 p.m., he was traveling north on Hollywood just south of Jackson Ave. when a 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle convertible, white over red, 1968 Tennessee license A5-5124, blew the horn and waved him to the parking lot of Loeb's Laundry at Jackson & Hollywood. This male white, who later identified himself as William Hubbard Austein, M/ 22, of [redacted] had in his automobile a Citizen's Band radio and at this time he was talking to some unknown male subject and requested that he relay information that was received by him from another male white in a blue Pontiac which was following a white Mustang east on Summer from Highland at a high rate of speed. [redacted] stated that the Pontiac's speed varied from 75 to 90 miles per hour. On different occasions Bradshaw could hear this other car talking, stating he was still following this white Mustang east on Summer from Waring, and at this time a high noise consisting of static on the radio kept him from understanding the conversation between these two automobiles.

Bradshaw further stated that upon receiving the information from Austein that a white Mustang was being followed east on Summer from Highland. He associated this white Mustang with an automobile that was seen going north on Main St. near the area of where Martin Luther King was murdered. This information was given to the Dispatcher, and the Dispatcher began to dispatch police cars toward Summer Ave. Cars 42 and 36 were asked to pull south, and car 44 and other cars to pull north. After several minutes, this white Mustang was supposed to be turning north on Mendenhall from Summer. After a slight delay, it was west on Macon, then north on Wells Station. The next legible communication I heard from the blue Pontiac, he said he was going north on Jackson towards the city limits. The Dispatcher had earlier placed a call with the sheriff's office for them to copy this information. At Jackson & Stage Rd. the blue Pontiac stated that this white Mustang went through the red light doing 95 miles per hour, still going north on Austin Peay. To the best of his knowledge, he heard the Dispatcher advise that a sheriff's car was supposed to be at Jackson & Stage Rd. and that they did not see a car come through this intersection at that rate of speed, or fitting that description.

Lt. Bradshaw further relates, that as these cars were supposed to be continuing north on Austin Peay, the level of noise on the Citizen's Band radio became so intense that Austein could not hear the blue Pontiac talking, and asked for other Citizen's Band operators to relay this information to him so that he could pass it on to the police that were with him, as this subject should be checked. At this point Bradshaw relates that he heard an unknown male subject come on the radio and said, "Let him go, as this may be the subject that shot Martin Luther King." Several times during the chase Bradshaw related that he asked Austein to contact the blue Pontiac and get a license number, but it appeared that the Pontiac could not close the distance between him and the Mustang so that he could get a license number. Some place between Raleigh and the road that leads to the Memphis Naval Air Station, the Mustang was supposed to be speeding 95 miles per hour, and stuck a gun out the window, shooting backwards at the blue Pontiac which was following.

Bradshaw related that the last information received from the blue Pontiac was that the location was Austin Peay Highway, and the road leading to the Naval Air Station.

William Austein stated to Bradshaw that the legal output on his Citizen's Band radio is supposed to be 5 watts, but that he is running 60 watts, which is illegal, but not enforced. While still at Jackson & Hollywood, Austein stated that the information received from another Citizen's Band operator revealed that the blue Pontiac signal was getting stronger instead of getting weaker, which would indicate that instead of going away, he should be coming towards him. Bradshaw further related that he could not get the information from Austein as to who the other male white was that stated his signals were getting stronger instead of weaker. Austein further stated that he has helped the police on several occasions by getting information on DWI's, Reckless Drivers, etc., and that he felt this information should be a matter of record with the police.

A copy of Lt. Bradshaw's letter is hereto attached and self-explanatory.

In Memo No. 39 submitted by Lt. J. D. Music in reference to telephone information regarding CB operator following white Mustang, Lt. Music reported that on Thursday, April 4, 1968 that Lt. McCachren received a phone call from a male white who identified himself as E. L. Chancey, ph. 276-0643. Chancey stated to McCachren that he was monitoring his radio and overheard another CB operator call for someone to make a phone call for him. Chancey answered his call, but had difficulty reading his transmission and asked for someone to relay the message for him. Bill Austein, another CB operator, answered Chancey's request. Between the three CB operators, Austein, Chancey and the unknown operator (Carroll--- Satchfield) a conversation that consisted of the direction of a white Mustang and a blue

'66 Pontiac and certain events that took place. The unknown operator in the blue Pontiac, reported to Austein and Chancey that he was south on Parkway, then east on Sumner behind this Mustang at a high rate of speed. This unknown operator at various times during the chase would report his position to Austein, who in turn would relay this information to Chancey. The chase continued east on Sumner to Graham, then north on Graham, eventually ending up on Jackson Ave. The chase then continued east on Jackson and the unknown operator's last reported position was somewhere on Austin Peay highway north of the Raleigh city limits.

Lt. Music contacted Mr. Chancey by phone April 6, 1968 and he stated basically the same story as he had reported to McCachren on April 4, 1968. He added that he had no idea who this unknown CB operator was that was chasing the white Mustang, did not recognize his voice, and could not say that he had heard him before. He reported that the unknown operator at no time used any kind type of call sign to identify himself. Mr. Chancey stated a number of times during the chase involving this unknown operator, various Citizen's Band operators tried to get this operator to identify himself, with negative results. Mr. Chancey also furnished Lt. Music with Bill Austein's home phone number, 276-0986, so that he might call him for an interview.

Lt. Music's report further states that on April 6, 1968 that he contacted Austein and he reported xxx that he was at Jackson and University with his mobile CB radio on and had heard an unknown CBer report that he was north on Parkway, then east on Sumner, following a white Mustang occupied by three male whites at a high rate of speed. Austein stated that it was 6:30 p.m. when he heard the call, and various times this unknown operator would report his position, east on Sumner to Graham, then north on Graham, somehow reaching Jackson, then east on Jackson through Raleigh, and the operator was last heard from on Austin Peay highway. The last transmission made by this unknown operator was that one of the three male whites in this Mustang had fired a shot or two at his automobile, knocking his windshield out. Austein stated that he was eastbound and during the chase he flagged a squad car down at Jackson & Hollywood, had this squad car stand by while they talked with this unknown operator. He told this unknown operator that he was now with the Police Department; however, no response in regard to needing the police was given by this operator. The unknown operator continued to report his position, but did not ask to send the police. When the unknown operator reported that his windshield had been knocked out, it was offered by Austein to send the police, but the operator would not respond to where he was. Austein was of the opinion that this unknown operator was building a hoax and was not doing as he was reporting over the air. He further added that numerous times base stations powerful enough to transmit anywhere in Shelby Co. tried to assist this unknown operator; however, this operator would say everything but where he was at that time. The unknown operator continued to report a changing position and after the chase/ allegedly ended, no one heard from this unknown operator again. Austein stated he did not recognize the voice, and had no idea who he might be. He further reported that at no time did the unknown operator use any type of call letters so that he might be identified. A copy of Memo No. 39 is hereto attached and self-explanatory.

After reading the above letter and memo, I interviewed William Hubert Austein, M/ 22, residence [redacted] employed by [redacted] He stated that he was a licensed CB operator and that his FCC call letters were KDM-8637. He further stated that he owns a base station (home unit) and a mobile unit, and that his base station is located at [redacted]

He related that on April 4, 1968 at 5:00 p.m. he was at home and that he left there at approximately 5:40 p.m. He stated that he drove in his car that has a CB mobile unit in it, from his apartment to Zayre's on Poplar. He remained there until approximately 5:55 p.m. He then drove from Zayre's to Carlton's Esso Service Center on the corner of Madison & Bellevue. As he arrived at the service station, the announcement had just been made on the commercial radio station that Martin Luther King had been shot. He was there for approximately five minutes, and returned to his apartment. He left his apartment at approximately 6:12 p.m. to travel to the Steamfitter's Local No. 614 on Jackson Ave. near Douglas School. While enroute out Jackson, eastbound, and as he had just passed Springdale & Jackson, which was approximately 6:30 p.m., and was monitoring on channel 17 on xxx a CB radio, he heard a request from another mobile unit for a land line (phone) to the police department. This call was answered by a base station, who replied that he would immediately call the police and inquired of the nature of the call.

Austein further stated that at this time, because of the skip (radio interference due to atmospheric conditions) they were unable to maintain contact with each other. The mobile unit that was calling for help was evidently very close to his location because he was

putting a high reading on the signal strength meter on his CB radio. He stated that he told this mobile that he was close to him and had just spotted a police car and would relay his message to the policeman.

He further stated that the unknown mobile CB operator was chasing a white Mustang east on Summer and that the occupants of the Mustang were responsible for King's murder. He said he noticed the police car to pull in beside him in the parking lot of Loeb's Bar-B-Q at the intersection of Jackson & Hollywood. He told the police lieutenant who was driving the car that he was talking to a person on the radio who claimed he was following King's murderer. The lieutenant told him to call this person again to determine his present location. He called to this mobile unit by saying, "Mobile that is chasing the white Mustang, what is your present 10-20? (location)." He replied that he was approaching Highland on Summer Ave. at a high rate of speed. He related this information to the police lieutenant, who relayed this to his dispatcher. The lieutenant told him to keep talking to the man so that we would be continuously informed as to location and direction of movement. At this time he stated that he lost contact for a few seconds.

After calling him several times, he was finally able to read his transmission. He asked him what type of car he was driving so that the police would easily identify him when they saw him. He replied that he was driving a 1966 blue Pontiac and that the white Mustang was at that time exceeding 75 miles per hour, and that they had just turned north off from Summer Ave., and gave the name of the street that he could not recall at present.

He further stated that at this time there was some confusion as to his direction from this point because another CB base station tried to break and doubled with the mobile unit.

The next transmission that he could read from the mobile unit stated that he had turned north and that he was approaching Raleigh on Jackson Ave. Every transmission that he was able to read, he had immediately relayed to the lieutenant in the police car beside him.

Shortly after stating that he was approaching & Raleigh, he stated that he had just passed Stage Rd. on Austin Peay Highway and that he was being fired upon by the occupants in the white Mustang. He said his speed at this time was in excess of 100 miles per hour.

He further stated that he asked him if it was possible for him to get the license number of the Mustang. He replied that he was afraid to get that close because several shots had already been fired at him. On his last transmission he stated they had just passed the Millington exit, and the Mustang was gaining on him even though he had the Pontiac "flat out."

He further stated that he called him several more times, and when he was unable to raise him, another station started calling him, requesting his call letters and his location. He said as far as he knew, there were no other transmissions from the mobile unit at this time.

He further stated that he did not know the identity of the CB operator in the mobile unit but it was noticed that he was hesitant in denying the identity of the other operator. He stated that there was approximately 3,000 CB operators in Memphis and possibly that many more that are unlicensed.

He related that there was no doubt in his mind that this alleged chase by the CB mobile operator was a hoax. He gave as his reason for believing this, as several things, one being that there was not sufficient time for this person to travel the distance that he had stated, also the last two or three transmissions that this person made showed no change of signal strength on his S-meter, as would have been the case if he had been moving away from him. This indicated to him that the unit must have stopped moving, and that his signal strength indicated to him that he could not have been as far away as he claimed. Further, the time that he stated that he had turned north off from Summer Ave., his signal strength was very weak, and the short time thereafter, at approximately the time he reported that he was turning north off from Jackson Ave., his signal strength became higher. (Note: It has been learned from talking with Carroll Hatchfield, radio and TV repairman, and considered an expert in the field of Citizen's Band and ham operators, that due to the fact that Austein was sitting side by side with the police squad car, that every time the squad car would make a transmission, this would cause Austein's CB radio to do as he has indicated above. Further, that the mere fact that human beings were moving about his car, this would also cause his S-meter to fluctuate, as has been indicated by Austein, plus the fact that on this date the skip (radio interference) condition was bad.)

Austein was asked to explain what he meant by S-meter, and he stated that an S-meter on a CB radio indicates the relative strength of an incoming signal from another unit. He said

that he had a transisterized Lafayette 325, 23-channel radio, with a Hustler antenna mounted on the left rear fender of his car. (Note: It is a habit of all CBers that have S-meters on their radios to check this constantly while receiving transmission, as it is a habit among CBers to ask one or another what reading they are putting on the S-meter.)

He was asked if he checked his S-meter when he first heard the call for assistance, and he stated that he did, and that it was registering almost as high as it possibly could, which is a 30, and this indicated to him that the unit must be very close to him, anywhere from 150 ft. to approximately two blocks at the most. He said that after the last transmission was made by the unknown mobile, he noted his S-meter again and received a reading of over 15, and the modulation was strong and clear, which indicated to him that the unit was no more than two miles away.

He further related that during the chase, and observing his S-meter, he was of the opinion that the mobile chasing the Mustang was in the northeast section of Memphis and that he was familiar with that part of the town, and especially when he stated that he was northbound on Jackson Ave., as very few people, other than those who had lived or live in that area, as most people refer to it (Jackson Ave.) as being east and west.

As stated previously when questioning Austein as to the possible identity of the person responsible for this hoax, he appeared to be hesitant and showed an indication that he at least had a suspicion as to who this unknown CB operator was. After explaining to Mr. Austein the seriousness of the offense committed by the unknown CB operator, plus the fact that this incident would give CBers a black eye as far as the general public was concerned, he finally stated that he did have a person in mind that could may have caused this incident, but that he only knew his last name and where he was employed. He reluctantly stated that this person's name was [redacted] employed by [redacted] as an [redacted] and that he belonged to Steamfitter's Local No. 614 at 3754 Jackson Ave., which is right beside Gregg School, the same one that he belonged to. He further stated that [redacted] has a Citizen's Band radio in his car, the same type as his, and that his car is a blue 1966 Ford. He had a reason for being in this general area at approximately the time the transmissions were made, because he was going to the Steamfitter's Local 614, at 3754 Jackson Ave. and was due there by 7:00 p.m. Further, because his CB antenna is on a trunk mount on his car, which would make his signals directional, in other words, when he transmits, the signal will be stronger in one direction than in any other direction. The antenna is mounted in the center of the rear deck on an adapter that fastens into the front crack of the trunk lid. This will cause him to throw his strongest signal straightforward; his weakest signal will be to either side of the car, and his signal to the rear will be of only moderate strength.

He further stated that if [redacted] had been traveling eastward, or east on Sumner, and turned left on or north, his signal would have dropped because of the directional properties of the antenna. When the man who claimed he was chasing the Mustang stated that he was turning left (or north) off Sumner Ave., his signal strength did drop to the point that he had difficulty copying some of his transmissions. The last two or three transmissions that the man made, his signal strength remained constant or steady. According to the broadcast he was making, which was going east out of town and away from him, his signal strength should have been weak and dropping quickly, but instead, remained constant and strong. He stated his S-meter indicated 15 or over, which indicated that he could not have been more than possibly two miles from him, and sitting still.

He stated that after he left the lieutenant at Hollywood & Jackson, he proceeded east on Jackson to the Steamfitter's local building at 754 Jackson. When he arrived, he saw [redacted] car parked facing west near the Steamfitter's building. He had already gone inside.

When he arrived, he was questioned by [redacted] as to why he was late. He told him in the presence of several other apprentices, [redacted] included, that he had been relaying information from a car that claimed that he was chasing King's murderer, and that he could not leave the police officer until he lost the mobile unit signal. He said that at this time [redacted] became very angry at him for attempting to help the police and locate King's murderer. He said [redacted] was standing very close to him, also appeared to be very angry at him, as were several other apprentices who had overheard the conversation. [redacted] said to him, "Were you the one that I heard in that mess on channel 17?" He told [redacted] that he was the one attempting to relay the information to the police. [redacted] stated that if he had any sense at all, he would have helped the white Mustang escape. Austein told him that he had to live with his conscience and that if he had it to do over again, he would be forced to do anything he could to aid in the man's capture.

Austein then stated that [redacted] then made several derogatory remarks to the effect that he was stupid for helping the police catch the man who had performed a public service. [redacted] and several other apprentices also made similar remarks.

Austein stated that he did not see [redacted] again until approximately 45 minutes later, when they were dismissed early because of the curfew that had been called. As he and [redacted] were leaving the building, he called to [redacted] and told him that after he got into his car and turned on his radio to call him on the radio, as he wanted to see how his mobile sounded. He stated that this is a common practice among CBers. As they talked, he began a vague association with his voice and another that he had heard but could not place immediately. He stated that it was the next day before he realized that he had associated [redacted] voice with the man who claimed he was chasing the white Mustang.

He further stated that from Hollywood & Jackson where he was transmitting and receiving information from the CBer that was chasing the white Mustang to the Steamfitter's union hall at 3754 Jackson is approximately two miles, and that the unit in [redacted] would put about 15 on his S-meter, which was the reading that he was getting from the mobile unit. He stated that as far as he knew, [redacted] had never lived in that area, but he was not sure, and further, that he believed that [redacted] had a compass mounted on his dashboard and if [redacted] was the guilty party and was referred to his compass from the position that he was parked, the compass would have indicated north.

He stated that he regretted that this incident ever occurred, as the CBers in Memphis have had an excellent reputation with both the police department and the citizens as they were always "Johnny on the spot" in an emergency, and he is afraid that since this incident has occurred, that law enforcement agencies would be reluctant to depend on CBers in the future. He indicated that he was just as interested as I in finding the party responsible for perpetrating this hoax. He assured me that he would cooperate in apprehending the party responsible for this hoax, but did ask, since he was not absolutely sure, that I not mention his name to [redacted] if and when we talked with him.

A written statement was given by William Herbert Austein, the text of which has previously been stated. A copy of this statement will accompany this report.

On April 11, 1968 at 8:00 a.m., I went to the Dispatcher's officer and talked with Capt. Hicks Dowling in reference to the broadcast that was on the air April 4, 1968 between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in regard to the CB incident. He stated that he had a tape recording that had been taken from the original tape recording of the broadcast by the dispatcher relating to this incident. The tape was replayed by me, and the below is exactly as it appears on this tape:

160 -
Dispatcher - 160
160 - We have one of these mobile units at Jackson & Hollywood. He states he is talking to some fellow following a Mustang east on Summer [redacted] from Highland [redacted] that is supposed to have shot King.

Dispatcher - Does he have the license number?
160 - No license number.
Dispatcher - 160 has information from a complainant that a white male is east on Summer from Highland, a white male east on Summer from Highland in a white Mustang responsible for this shooting. 36,- 42 pull down, 28, subject is exceeding speed limit east on Summer from Highland. 413 location.
413 - Poplar & Hollywood, 413. Etupa
Dispatcher - Pull up to White Station and Summer.
413 - O.K., 413.
Dispatcher - 415
415 - Have a car pull up to White Station & Summer and it's supposed to be a (inaudible)
156 - 156 St. Joseph
Dispatcher - 415, you are being cut out, it's supposed to be a blue
160 - East on Summer from Waring.
Dispatcher - All cars stand by, 160 repeat.
160 - East on (inaudible) '56 Pontiac.
Dispatcher - 160, you're still being cut out. Repeat.
160 - 160, that's north on Mendenhall from Summer, blue '66 Pontiac.
Dispatcher - a blue '66 Pontiac, north on Mendenhall from Summer, north on Mendenhall from Summer -- 36
36 - 36
Dispatcher - 22
22 - 22

Dispatcher -- Blue Pontiac north on Mendenhall from Summer.
160 -- 160, this car is speeding over 65 miles per hour.
Dispatcher-- 160, advising that this car speeding 75 miles per hour north on Mendenhall from Summer.
160-- Occupied by three male whites, 160.
Dispatcher--There's three white males in the car, blue Pontiac, three white males occupying blue Pontiac. Exceeding 75 miles per hour, north on Mendenhall from Summer, and your location now, 160?
160--Stand by, 160.
415--415, put us on that Mustang call, we're at Perkins and Walnut----
Dispatcher -- O.K., 415. Advise that it is a blue Pontiac occupied by three male whites last seen north on Mendenhall from Summer at a high rate of speed.
415-- O.K.
28-- 28 in service.
Dispatcher--O.K., 28. 6:41. 160, any further information?
160--Speeding north on Jackson now.
Dispatcher--Blue Pontiac supposed to be north on Jackson. From where, 160?
160--On the way to Raleigh.
Dispatcher--Subject on the way to Raleigh north on Jackson, north towards Raleigh on Jackson, a blue Pontiac occupied by three white males, these subjects are supposed to be wanted for the shooting, 6:41 .
36--36, ask 160 if this could be a blue Pontiac convertible.
Dispatcher--160, is that a convertible?
160--It's unknown, 160, at this time.
Dispatcher--It's unknown, 36, at this time.
36--O.K., 36.
Dispatcher--6:42.
36--East on Macon, a blue Pontiac convertible occupied by three male whites, at Homer and Macon.
Dispatcher--36, advises that this Pontiac convertible with same white males in it going west on Macon from Homer.
25--25 in service.
Dispatcher--25 in service. 6:43.
160--160.
Dispatcher--Go ahead, 160.
160--That's a hardtop, he went through the light at Jackson and Stage Rd. at 95 miles per hour, continuing north on Austin Peay.
Dispatcher--160, advising that this is a blue Pontiac hardtop that was seen northbound at Jackson and Stage approximately 100 miles per hour. It's a white male in a blue Pontiac proceeding north at Jackson and Stage, at a high rate of speed. 6:44.
Dispatcher--160. Do you have a complainant with you there?
160--I have a mobile unit talking to the mobile unit following this car.
Dispatcher--Sheriff's Department advises that they have had that block up there and didn't see no Pontiac at all.
37--(inaudible)
Dispatcher--O.K. 37. 6:45 KIC306
44--44 in service.
Dispatcher--44 in service. 6:45.
160--160.
Dispatcher--160.
160--160, this white Mustang is shooting at the blue Pontiac following him. They should be going out Austin Peay.
Dispatcher--160, advising the blue Pontiac is shooting at the white Mustang following-- the white Mustang has a citizen's band--of following this blue Pontiac going on out Austin Peay. The subject is firing at the white Mustang.
160--160, they are approaching the Millington Rd., that road that goes on into the base on Austin Peay.
Dispatcher--160 advising that they are approaching the Millington Rd. that goes into the Naval base, the blue Pontiac is firing upon the white Mustang. The white Mustang is a citizen's band unit.
160--160, correction on that, the Mustang is shooting at the Pontiac.
Dispatcher--All care correction, 160 advising that the white Mustang, this is a white Mustang that is firing at the blue Pontiac. The white Mustang is firing at the blue Pontiac, approaching the Millington road that goes to the Naval base.
38--38 in service.
Dispatcher--38 in service. 6:48.

It is to be noted that the time element involved in this chase, so far as the Police Department is concerned, or when the Police Department became involved, was from 6:36 p.m. to 6:49 p.m., a time lapse of thirteen minutes.

On Thursday, April 11, 1968, at 12:30 p.m., FBI agent [redacted] came to the Homicide Office, and I brought him up on what had transpired since I last saw him, and it was agreed that [redacted] who I had learned to be [redacted] M/ 25, [redacted] ph. [redacted] employed [redacted] and was working on the [redacted] at [redacted] should be questioned at this time. We proceeded in [redacted] 61 cruiser to [redacted] where we searched the area, thinking that he would park his car in that vicinity, as where he was working was only a short distance away. When we could not locate his car, we then proceeded to the [redacted] which is under construction at [redacted] where we talked with [redacted] who is a bookkeeper for [redacted] the builders of the [redacted] and he stated that [redacted] was working on the twelfth floor, and that he would send for him. In several minutes [redacted] walked into the bookkeeper's office where we were waiting, and upon observing him, we noted that he was approximately 6'1" or 6'2", well built, with black hair, and when he walked into the office he said in an arrogant manner, "Who wants to see me?" It is to be noted at this time that we had found his car parked in the lower basement of this building and it was a 1966 or '67 light blue two-door hardtop Ford Galaxy 500, with Tennessee license [redacted] with the doors locked. We also noticed a base-loaded antenna mounted in the center of the car on the trunk. On looking inside of the car, we saw a 23 channel, transistorized Lafayette CB radio. We asked [redacted] to accompany us to his car, after identifying ourselves, and when we got to his car, we asked if this was his car, and he stated very arrogantly that it was. He then said, "What's this all about?" We told him that we were investigating an incident involving a CBer, and he said, "Well, I haven't done anything." He again asked for our credentials. He asked, before answering any questions, should he have an attorney, and if he was under arrest.

He was advised that he was not under arrest, that we were investigating a matter pertaining to a CBer and his name had been mentioned. It was at this time it was noticed that [redacted] outwardly appeared to be very calm, self-assured, but on close observation, it was noticed that the area around his mouth had turned white, and beads of perspiration were forming on his forehead. He was again advised that he was not under arrest, and we asked for his cooperation in clearing up an accusation that had been made against him, and asked him to accompany us to police headquarters.

He agreed to accompany us but asked for permission to go back on the twelfth floor to get some of his belongings, to which we agreed. On his return, we then proceeded to headquarters.

Due to another pressing matter, Agent [redacted] did not accompany us to the Homicide Bureau, where he was taken and interviewed.

On Thursday, April 11, 1968, at 1:15 p.m., [redacted] was interviewed and he stated that his step-father, [redacted] who had been married to his mother approximately ten years, residence, [redacted] was a CBer, and had FCC license [redacted] and that he monitors channel 11, and has been a CBer several years. He stated that he, personally, did not have a license to operate a CB radio, but he uses his father's call number instead.

He stated that he was born [redacted] and that his father was [redacted] who died in 1963, and that his mother was [redacted] and that she had married his step-father when he was in the tenth grade. They moved to Memphis from [redacted] when he was three or four months old, and he was raised in Memphis and finished high school at Central High. He said the only time that he has ever been out of Memphis was after he had finished high school, he worked in Helena, Arkansas for [redacted] store and for a placed called [redacted]

While in Helena, Arkansas, he met and married his first wife, [redacted] and lived with her from 1962 to 1965 when they were divorced. No children were born to them. He came back to Memphis where he met and married his second wife on June 18, 1966, [redacted] and that they had no children.

[redacted] denied that he had ever been arrested before, but admitted having received traffic tickets, and had been involved in one traffic accident, but had not received any type of citation for the past two years.

He stated that he belonged to United Association (UA) Union for the past five years and that he belonged to Local No. 614 Steamfitters' Union in Memphis. He said his average salary for forty hours per week is $136.80.

He further stated that he got interested in the Citizen's Band radio through his step-father, and bought his first unit, which was a mobile unit, this past Christmas, and installed it in his car right away. He said that he had not applied for his CB license, that he was using his father's call letters, but referring to it as a mobile, which he says is legal. He said that his step-father owns a Courier Royal 23 channel CB radio and that he uses it on base and mobile, and also owns a couple of walkie talkies. He stated that he does not have the facilities at his home to put his mobile unit on base and that he uses this radio for a hobby, for emergencies such as when he goes on trips. He stated that he had had his radio checked, and that it puts out three and one-half watts. He denied having an additional unit that would boost his total output of wattage.

He stated that on Thursday, April 4, 1968, he left home at 7:30 a.m., arrived at work at 7:40 a.m. He worked all day, getting off at 4:15 p.m., leaving [redacted] at 4:25 p.m. He went to Ellenburg's parking lot on N. Second, next door to the Goodwill Industries Store. He then walked up to the 100 N. Main Bldg., went to the sixteenth floor, where he picked up his wife, who works for [redacted] They left there at 4:50 p.m., went back to Goodwill Industries, where they picked up a next-door neighbor, [redacted] They then left for home at 5:00 p.m., arriving at home at 5:15 p.m., and remained there until 6:20 p.m. He stated that he had to attend school at the Steam-fitters' local No. 614, on Jackson Ave., and at 6:20 p.m., he left out the door of his home, and a boy downstairs who he thinks lives in Apartment 5, saw him leave.

He further stated that [redacted] who owns the apartment building, drove up in a green pickup truck, and they stood there talking, when his wife came out the door and said that she had been looking at TV on channel 3, and that they had just announced that somebody had shot Martin Luther King.

He stated that [redacted] his wife, and the boy that lives downstairs, discussed this shooting a few minutes, and he left going to school, as he had to be there at 7:00 p.m. He stated that he attends school, generally at Tech H.S., on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, but on this particular night it would be held at the Union Hall. He stated after leaving the house he went east on Vance to Linden, east on Linden to Cleveland, north on Cleveland to Union, east on Union to Union Extended, then to Walnut Grove Rd., continuing east on Walnut Grove Rd. to Holmes, north on Holmes to Broad, east on Broad to National, north on National to Jackson, east on Jackson to the Union hall, which is just across the viaduct at National Cemetery. When he arrived at the Union hall, he pulled onto the parking lot and parked his car facing east on Jackson. He stated that this was on the west side of the Union hall. He then got out of the car and went to a friend's car, [redacted] and saw [redacted] and [redacted] who is his instructor. He stated that they talked about the shooting of Martin Luther King and then went into the building. He estimated the time of his arrival at the Union hall between 6:45 and 6:50 p.m.

[redacted] further stated that he turned on his CB radio when he left the house, and was monitoring channel 11. He said that the first time he heard anything about a white Mustang, he was on National Ave. by a fruitstand on National ave. between Summer and Jackson. He further stated that all you could hear on the radio (CB) was about somebody shooting Martin Luther King. He denied knowing on what exact channel he heard it on, as he was channel-hopping (from one station to another). When he first heard about the white Mustang when he was on National, all he heard was/ 75/ that he heard somebody say something about police chasing a Mustang. He said he could not remember anything said, as there was so much being said about the assassination. (Note: It is common knowledge that when an emergency exists on the CB band, and when a CBer finds out what channel this emergency exists on, their first instinct is to go to that channel and stand by and listen.

He said that he was on Union Ave. at approximately Belvedere when he first heard on his CB radio about the shooting of Martin Luther King.

He then stated, "Man, you got me scared to death. I think I need a lawyer. Can I call my mother?" He was given the opportunity to call his mother, as he was not under arrest, but was unable to reach her because the line was busy. He was again told that

he was not under arrest, and that he was free to go at any time, but someone had made an accusation that he could be the party responsible for this CB incident, and if he was innocent, that I should have the benefit of all his knowledge of this incident and people that could give him an alibi.

He then stated that he was innocent, that he could not have been the person responsible, simply because he did not do it. He further stated that he knew of one CBer named Herbert Ahstein who works with him and was in the vicinity of where this incident took place, and that he had overheard him at the Union meeting on the night that King was murdered telling someone something about a blue Pontiac chasing a white Mustang. [redacted]

At the time of this writing none of his alibis have been checked because of additional information received that needed checking immediately, but his alibis will be checked and submitted on another supplement.

On Thursday, April 11, 1968, the Homicide Office received a copy of a letter written by Lt. J. T. Marbry, addressed to Inspector G. P. Hines dated April 11, 1968, in reference to information concerning Citizen's Band radio conversation. Attached to this letter was a handwritten statement from Mr. Carroll Satchfield, [redacted] MS 49, ph. [redacted] business address, [redacted] Carroll's TV Service.

Lt. Marbry reported that on April 10, 1968, he contacted radio engineer Green at Armour Station to determine if the CB call letters believed to be KDM6410, heard on channel 17, relating to the chase between the Pontiac and Mustang on the day of King's assassination could be identified. Green advised him that this call number was not familiar to him, and that they were unknown. He suggested that Marbry contact Russ Mellen, CB Center, 1027 E. Brooks, ph. 396-6666, which has a CB directory containing this information. Green further suggested that he contact Mr. Carroll Satchfield, [redacted] ph. [redacted] concerning information about this CB conversation.

Lt. Marbry contacted Mrs. Russ Mellen, who stated that the last CB directory they have was issued for the year 1966, and only went through the call letters KDM3128. She said, to her knowledge, there was no CB directory for Tennessee printed for the years 1967 and 1968.

On April 10, 1968, at 10:30 a.m., Lt. Marbry went to Carroll's TV Service, 196 S. Cooper, where he talked with Mr. Carroll Satchfield.

Mr. Satchfield said that he is a CB and Ham operator, using the ham call letters, W4OTJ, and the CB call letters KDM3614. He stated that his wife, son, and Harold "Andy" Anderson and himself were in the shop area of his firm when they first heard a call for assistance on channel 17. Lt. Marbry then had Mr. Satchfield to write a statement, which was also attached to this report and will be outlined later.

Mr. Satchfield further stated to Lt. Marbry that when he first heard of the stories by the news media, he did not recognize them to be the same conversations that he overheard on channel 17 on his CB radio on April 4, 1968. He stated that he was tired of hearing the rumors about this conversation, and thought that he could possibly straighten it out.

Mr. Satchfield said that there were five channels assigned by the FCC, channels 9 through 14, which are for intercommunication between stations of other call letters, and the balance of these channels, 23 in all, are supposed to be for business firms to use. He stated that they have experienced considerable horseplay by younger people using unauthorized channels.

Lt. Marbry further stated that Mr. Satchfield said that he had a young person in mind who could possibly be responsible for this communication, but he dare not mention it because this person has been in his shop, and his parents are his friends. He said that this young person was very sharp, and was capable of carrying on this type of conversation, and has done something of this nature previously, but not this serious.

Lt. Marbry further wrote that Mr. Satchfield impressed him as being very serious-minded about CB communications, and did not appreciate the misuse by others. He said that he would consider Mr. Satchfield to be a reliable person, based on his conversation with him. A copy of his letter will accompany this report.

The handwritten statement that was attached to Lt. Marbry's letter given by Mr. Carroll Satchfield on April 11, 1968 at 10:40 a.m. pertaining to the CB incident on April 4, 1968 at 6:30 p.m., in this statement he states:

"I was working in my shop monitoring the CB Channels when we heard a call on Channel 17 asking for assistance for anybody to call the P.D. - #1, they said they were in pursuit of a white Mustang out of town license plates occupied by 3 MM's going east on Sumner from Fwy at a high rate of speed. At this time we took field strength measurements of sta. asking for assistance. Our field strength measurement was 8.6-modulation, deviation was 92.6 (approx) which means this sta had high level modulation. #1 I am in pursuit of the car that killed Dr. King. About that time someone (#2) broke in and said we have a patrol car in sight - near the Alamo Plaza. Now we have stopped the patrol car. Now give us the exact location. We will designate the pursuing unit as #1 - the citizen radio car and police unit as #2 and KDE3614 as #3. No one gave any call letters or signs. At that time #1 gave the location Highland & Sumner - high rate of speed. #1 next said car turning north on Graham from Sumner. #3 called in asking #1 for more specifics about license numbers. #1 repeated he was blocked at the redlight and could not get close enough - could only tell it was out of town plates. At this time #3 Sta noticed that there had been no change in carrier level and no change of modulation deviation and this is where I began to suspect that Unit #1 had a fixed location (either fixed mobile or base location - not in motion). #3 unit asked for next location. #1 unit said going north on Jackson thru Raleigh doing 110 MPH. That is where I knew then that the #1 unit in contact had to be in a fixed location. #3 called for location to #1 - #1 replied, we are heading north on Austin Pasy Hwy and I (#1) am still 110 MPH - about this time #1 hollered I am being shot at - repeated twice - by shotgun and I will have to stay back. #3 Sta called and asked for opr sta license & Identification of opr of #1 unit. #1 unit replied - oh no because of general situation I don't have to give my name and call - and said he was now passing Old Millington airbase still in pur pursuit at 110. #3 sta requested same information - sta license number and name of opr. with no reply. Repeated same one other time. The last contact with unit #1 - unit #3 took the same field strength readings and modulation deviation readings and they were the same as the first transmission - 8.6 and approx. 92.6, indicating the same sta #1 was either fixed mobile or base in the vicinity of High Point Terrace. During this time it sounded as if 4 other stations asked if they could assist. After my third request for ID and no response I made the remark - "Boys you won't hear anymore from that(#1)station because he has not changed his location since he started and his carrier level has remained the same and his modulation has not changed. I also made remarks to the effect that it was a hoax or plot and person should be prosecuted. I did not know at this time that Dr. King was murdered.

"I believe it was 10 min. one way or the other of 6:30 p.m. when I first heard the call for assistance. I believe I have heard this voice in person before but not over the radio and do not know this person's name. I believe this person to be a MM between 14 and 19 yrs. of age.

"#1 unit said he was in a blue 55 Pontiac - I believe this was said when he was at Sumner and Highland. The

"There were no transmissions stating that this blue Pontiac was being chased by the Mustang. There was no mention of any accidents and no one being hit by shotgun pellets.

"While this was going on, #2 unit (not identified) was supposed to have been giving general information to a patrol car on Sumner Ave. - neither car being identified. I believe I asked for the patrol cars number but due to confusion of other stations breaking in, I did not receive the message.

"After I made the statement about the well rounded plot or hoax, the band just dropped dead.

"Other stations could have made transmissions that were not heard by me due to location. As far as I know, I am the only station that identified themself. I did hear some Calif stations break in wanting to know if King was killed but we did not answer because we did not know ourselves at this time that this was true.

"I believe the whole episode only took 10-15 minutes at the most."

The above statement was signed by Mr. Carroll Satchfield, and copy is attached to this report.

On April 11, 1968, at 6:00 p.m., Mr. Satchfield was contacted for an interview. He stated that the following day, Apr. 12, 1968, would be better for an interview, and we set up an appointment for 12:00 noon.

After talking with Mr. Satchfield, to arrange an appointment with him, I was given a Departmental Communication No. 137 by Lt. J. L. Harrison and it states that Lt. B. J. Johnson received a telephone call from Mr. Robert McCarty, MW, of [redacted] ph. [redacted] bus. ph., [redacted] at 12 8:20 a.m., April 11, 1968. Lt. Johnson reported that Mr. McCarty had stated that he would like to verify the fact that the broadcast had occurred as reported in the paper, and that after the news of the Martin Luther King death, he went to his CB radio and shortly after he turned it on, he heard someone say, that he was with a police car and would relay information to him. He also recalled hearing someone say that he was in a car chasing a Mustang north on Jackson, and someone else broke in and stated that Jackson runs east and west. Shortly after that, the auto that was following the Mustang, reported that he was being shot at. Later, he reported that three men got out of the car on the Naval Base at Millington.

After receiving this memo, I contacted Mr. McCarty at home and made an appointment with him for 4:00 p.m. this date.

At 4:00 p.m., April 12, 1968, I went to the home of Mr. Robert H. McCarty, [redacted] ph. [redacted] and he stated that he was an architect by trade and that he has a hobby of listening to a Hallicraft radio receiver that picks up shortwaves, and just about any other type of broadcast, including Citizen's Band radio. He stated that he had been listening to the news on the television on April 4, 1968 and decided to see what was on his Hallicraft radio and began tuning up and down the band, when he came to a spot and heard something about police cars and a CB mobile chasing a car, and it sounded interesting, so he stopped. His radio is tunable, and as the CBers were talking, he managed to tune his radio in on their conversation to a point that everyone that was talking was coming in loud and clear, with the exception of the mobile unit that was chasing the white Mustang. He stated that when this unit would come on the air, his transmissions were hard to read, as he would seem to fade out and never did have much volume. He stated to me the same as he had stated to Lt. Johnson with reference to what he had overheard, and said that if there was anything that he could do to assist further in this investigation, he would be glad to do so. He was asked if he thought he could identify the voice of the CBer that was following the white Mustang, and he said he did not know, but he would attempt to if requested. (Note: Mr. McCarty had been talked to previously by me, and he had indicated that he heard all of the other CB stations plainly, with the exception of the unit chasing the Mustang) As his radio was tunable, and it did not have an indication or marking to show what channel of the Citizen's Band radio that he was monitoring, I called Mr. Satchfield and he got on his CB radio and talked until Mr. McCarty had zeroed his radio in on channel 17. He was asked to leave it at that position, as we would be checking people in that location in an effort to learn the identity of the unknown CBer.

After talking with Mr. McCarty, I interviewed Mr. Carroll Satchfield, MW 49, of 196 S. Cooper, owner of Carroll's TV Service, 196 S. Cooper. In talking with him it was learned that he had been and still is a ham operator and a CBer. He stated that he has been fooling with radios for twenty-six years, and that he was one of the first in Memphis to get a CB radio, and has been working on them ever since. It is known by me, personally, that Mr. Satchfield has the reputation of being one of the best CB radio mechanics in Memphis.

Mr. Satchfield further stated that on April 4, 1968 sometime around 6:30 p.m., he cannot be sure of the exact time, he switched his CB radio from one channel to channel 17, and as soon as he turned onto channel 17 he heard a CB unit asking for any station that was listening at the time to call the police department and inform them that he was in pursuit of the white Mustang that was responsible for the shooting of King. He also stated that he was east on Sumner at Parkway. He had heard a minute or two earlier something about a shot being fired at King, but did not know that he had been hit.

To quote Mr. Satchfield exactly as he said it during the interview, he stated, "When I first intercepted this call, I heard this mobile unit-(it was at Sumner and E. Parkway) (Note: While talking with Mr. Satchfield, he is referring to a city map of Memphis, and to clarify the different units, he has marked himself as being #3, the unit on Tanglewood as #2, and #1 as being at Jackson & Hollywood, and the unit chasing the white Mustang as No. 4.) He further stated, " We intercepted the call here at E. Parkway and Sumner. #4 was asking for any station at that time to call the police department and tell them he was in pursuit of the white Mustang that was responsible for the shooting of King. At that time we (his wife and son, and an employee, Andy Anderson) had heard a minute or two earlier something being fired at King. It happened so quick, the time seemed to be around 6:30 p.m., we really didn't look at the time. Then I called out from my station #3 to unit #4 which was in pursuit to let him know that someone had copied him. I came back real quick because

I wanted to keep in contact with the mobile unit number 4. I called any station on the air, that could call the police department, and tell them that they (number 4 and the white mustang) was heading east on Sumner Avenue. Now this station right here answered, evidently turned out to be this fellow right here, number 2 station. He came back to me and he stated that he was on the telephone calling the police. I asked this fellow in number 4 his location again, and at the same particular time, I called out if there were any mobile units on Sumner, or any other place near by that could pull over a police car, at almost the very instant, after I completed my broadcast, unit number one came back and said he had a police car in sight, but he did not tell me the location. I thought he was near Alamo Plaza, but apparently he wasn't , I later found out that he was at Hollywood and Jackson."

To further quote Mr. Satchfield, he stated " at that particular time, I looked at the meter on my radio and it was reading 8.6, which indicated to me that it was a heck of a strong station. It was strong, clear, like you had a D104 mike with a pre-amp. (note; a D104 mike is a brand name for a desk mike used to broadcast with, and is considered the best, A pre-amp is a supplement added to the radio, to increase the power output or modulation) The number 4 unit would not say anything, unless he was asked a specific question, and then he would give an answer. When this number 4 unit got to Sumner and Highland, I told Andy Anderson that something's wrong here, because the signal strength on the number 4 unit was constant clear, no noise what so ever. If this had been a mobile unit, and was going east on Sumner Avenue, his signal strength would become less, and there would be noise from the mobile unit. I continued to call this number 4 unit to get his different locations and from the locations that he was giving me, and the time element that it took him to go from one point to another point, just could not be, he was moving too fast."

I asked Mr. Satchfield to describe what the voice of number four sounded like, and he stated "it sounded like some real smart, exceptionally high-Q child, that had been hearing the Broderick Crawford TV program and several other parrol type programs and was just brillant enough at that age, to concock something of this nature, not with a formular, but just routine matter, his voice was young, it was a shallow voice, high-pitched, youthful sounding voice, it didn't have any power behind it, like a older man would have, the frequency of his voice, was quite on the ghih side, like a child from the age of 15 to 18 years old, with his voice just on the verge of changing. The studio, or room, in which he was operating from was just as dead silent, as if he was completely sealed off from everything else. There wasnt any music, no sound of other people in the room, no sound of a police moniter, just as clear as if he were broadcasting in the room by himself. There was no detection of noise from his signal what-so-ever."

He was asked that if a man had a halicraft receiver with no transmitter, and the party listening to the halicarft radio, could hear the mobile unit at Hollywood and Jackson, could hear his station which is at Union and Cooper and the third station at Tanglewood and Southern, but was unable to have a clear copy on the mobile that was chasing the mustang at all times, could he explain that? He stated that it was possible that the station that claimed to be the mobile chasing the white mustang, was so close to the halicraft receiver, that it was overloading the halicraft radio, causing too much poder in-put, which would distort the halicraft receiver.

After talking with Mr. Satchfield, I contacted Mr. Green at Armour Radio Station, and after discussing this matter with him and bringing him up to date in what I had found out in reference to the halicraft receiver and the possibility that the CB Unit could be so close to it, that it overloaded the halicrafter receiver, he stated that this could and does happen and also stated that the CB unit would bleed over onto televisions, in some cases, completely cutting the audio and also onto regular AM, Stero, High-Fi and Amplifiers used by guitarists and so forth.

After receiving the above information, I took a city map of Memphis and outlined the area around the halicrafter receiver, bounded on the west by North Highland on the north by Sumner Avenue, on the east by Graham, and on the south by Walnut Grove Rd. I then took a ruler and using the scale of miles on the city map, I measured from the halicraft receiver to Hollywood and Jackson, where the mobile, CB, unit with car 160, and found that it was 2 and ½ miles. From the halicrafter receiver to union and Cooper, three miles, and from the halicraft receiver to Souther and Tanglewood, 3 and ½ miles. At each one of the above locations was a CB Unit broadcasting to the mobile unit behind the mustang, and the halicrafter receiver was picking them up loud and clear.

I made a systematic check of the area that has been previously outlined, checking each street and each time I found a CB antennae I checked with the neighbors and asked each one if they had problems with the CBer interferring with their television, radios and so forth. There was a total of nine units in this area and as I have been previously told, by Mr. Satchfield, that no one had a right to check these radios except the Federal Communications Commission, I noted their locations, the type of antennaes and did not bother to interview them.

While checking this area, a young male white, whom I later learned to be Mike Paul G. Welting 14, [redacted] approached me and asked if I wasn't a detective, and I told him yes. During our conversation, I told him that I was checking on the CB units in the neighborhood, and he then told me that he had a CB radio and pointed out his house. I had already noted this address, and had checked with the neighbors to see if they had had any interference from it, and found that no one had experienced any difficulty as a result of a broadcast made by this unit. In the course of our conversation, he invited me into the house, where I found that he had six channels, but did not have channel 17, which was the channel in which the broadcast was made in reference to the CBer chasing a white mustang. While talking with Mike his father came in from work, and in the course of conversation they both stated that there was one particular radio station (CBer) in the neighborhood that drowns out all the other units, because his station is so powerful. He stated that this unit was located on Highland Park Place near High Point Terrace.

I had previously noted the address and antennae on Highland Park Place, and had checked with the neighbors and found that this station had come over their telephone and television on occassion, but none of them recalled anything unusual on April 4, 1968. I proceeded to this location, [redacted] and on checking found no one at home. The next door neighbor said that these people were out of town and would return home on Sunday Afternoon.

On Sunday, April 14, 1968 I contacted the residence at [redacted], and talked with [redacted] by phone, [redacted] and asked if she had a young son, who used the CB radio at her home. She stated that she did, but that he would not be home until late in the evening. I asked if it would be possible to make an appointment with her and her son on Monday, April 15, 1968 in the AM, and this she agreed to do.

On Monday, April 15, 1968 at 9:30 AM, I went to [redacted] where I found [redacted] at home. After explaining to her that we were checking all of the CB radios in Memphis, and that this was the last one in this neighborhood to check, I needed to talk with her son. She said that her son, [redacted], had to go to school and would be home after 3:00 PM.

She then invited me into [redacted] room to check his radio stating that she knew nothing of the radio, and that maybe if I looked I could get the information that I needed without waiting for [redacted] to come home. I found that the parents of [redacted] had converted the attic into a room for [redacted] and it contained the usual bedroom furniture along with a ham radio set, and a CB radio set. She said that [redacted] had been fooling with radios since he was 14 years old and that he was now 17 years old and went on to complain about the expense of the hobby. She told me to go ahead and turn the radio on and check it all I wanted to, and this I did. I found that this radio contained 23 channels and had a D104 mike. It is also to be noted at this time, that this room is in an attic completely away from the other part of the house. After letting the CB radio warm up, I contacted Mr. Satchfield by phone, to check out this radio to see if it had the same reading on his meter as he previously stated and in checking his radio out, we found that he had a reading of 8.0.

After checking this radio, I made an appointment with Mr. Satchfield and Mr. McCarty the owner of the helicraft receiver, for 4:00 PM, April 15, 1968 and we would attempt to get [redacted] to get on Channell 17 and talk so that we might recognize his voice.

On April 15, 1968 at 3:15 PM, I received a telephone from [redacted] and during this conversation with him, he did not specifically indicate that he would not cooperate by broadcasting on Chanel 17, but he did state that if anyone knew anything about CB's radios they should know that it would be impossible to catch anyone making an illegal broadcast if they wanted to avoid being caught. He stated that the voice could be changed, the power output could be changed, that several things could be done to the CB radio to change up the power output. He agreed to broadcast, but thought it was ridiculus. Due to the fact that [redacted] had made the above statement and since he had been a CBer for three years, [redacted] radio operator and the fact that his mother had previously stated that he works on his own radio, It was decided not to conduct this test, however, Mr. Satchfield agreed to listen to his radio and if he ever hear the voice that he hear d the night of the chase he would immediately turn his tape recorder on, which he keeps near his unit, and notify this office.

On April 12, 1968 Insp. H. E. Zachary contacted the Federal Communications Commission in Atlanta, Georgia and talked with a Mr. Klein and requested that the FCC make an investigation into this matter in Memphis. Mr. Kline told Mr. Zachary that he would have to talk to his boss, and would return his call. As of this date, Mr. Kline has not returned the call to Inspecotr Zachary.

A city map of Memphis outlining the alledged route that the CB Mobile Unit was following the white Mustang, also outlining the different stations that were talking to the Mobile Unit, the halicraft receiver and the suspect's location is hereby attached in this report to aid and assist in better understanding the chase and why Eddie Montedonico is suppected.

The investigation pertaining to the CB radio is still open, however no further checks have been made of radio units, because after talking to experts in the field of electronics and radio, they all agree that the only way possible to pin down the person responsible for making this broadcast would be for someone to recognize the voice or come forward and admit it. As of this date, May 3, 1968, no one has come forward stating that they recognize the voice.

FBI

Date: 8/13/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (62-963) (P)

[redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING
(CO: TP)
(TP file 62-963)

KENSALT
(CO: LA)
(TP file 44-729)

MURKIN
(CO: ME)
(TP file 157-3231)

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, Los Angeles and Memphis dated 8/7/68 and captioned "KENSALT" and "MURKIN"; Tampa airtels to the Bureau, Los Angeles and Memphis captioned [redacted], INFORMATION CONCERNING", dated 6/11/68 and 7/19/68.

Attached are 11 copies of an LHM captioned [redacted] dated as above, for the Bureau.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2) (RM)
1 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
4 - Tampa (1 - 62-963 - [redacted]
(1 - 157-3231 - MURKIN)
(1 - 44-729 - KENSALT)
(1 - 80-139)

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C. A. Bishop
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54 AUG 30 1968

Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

ORIGINAL FILED IN 62-587

Investigation in the attached LHM was conducted by SA [redacted]

Copies of the LHM were disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla.; CSI, Robins AFB, Ga.; MI, Orlando, Fla. and NISO, Charleston, S. C., because they have cognizance.

LEADS

LOS ANGELES DIVISION

AT LONG BEACH, CALIF.

Will conduct credit and arrest checks in an effort to locate and interview the subject in accordance with instructions contained in re Bureau airtel.

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Will check credit and arrest files in an attempt to locate and interview the subject, as indicated above.

TAMPA DIVISION

AT ORLANDO, FLA.

Will maintain contact with the subject's wife, [redacted] in order to ascertain the subject's whereabouts, and set forth appropriate leads for an immediate interview.

Will maintain contact with Mr. [redacted], Orlando, for the above reason.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Tampa, Florida
August 13, 1968

[redacted]

Reference is made to prior communications in the captioned matter, the most recent one being dated June 19, 1968.

[redacted], son of the owner of [redacted], Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information on August 12, 1968:

[redacted] recently had his Florida driver's license revoked because he had been involved in an accident some months ago in North Carolina. [redacted] had to terminate his employment with the company as a color TV technician because he was unable to drive a car and his services were not needed on a full time basis in the shop. Because he was unable to do his job in Florida, he went to California to seek employment. At that time, he was not drinking and he was perfectly normal. He had just returned from a trip to North Carolina, where he had gotten his 1965 Buick automobile back from an automobile repair garage.

On Saturday, August 10, 1968, Mr. [redacted] had received a long distance telephone call from a manager of a motel in Long Beach, California. He could not recall the manager's name or the identity of the establishment which he represented. The manager inquired as to whether he should cash a check for [redacted] in the amount of about $200.00 and he refused to recommend cashing the check. He could not recall the name of the bank on which the check was drawn and he said he did not speak with [redacted] at the time, but he believed he was standing nearby during the telephone call.

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[redacted]

Mr. [redacted] said that he had no further information concerning Farrell at this time.

On August 12, 1968 [redacted] wife of [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] had his driver's license revoked for five years by the State of Florida because he had hit a bridge with his 1965 Buick in or near Fayetteville, North Carolina, or Clinton, North Carolina, during his last escapade. He had been charged with driving while intoxicated. [redacted] said that he had paid for the damages to the bridge, but his license was still revoked last week. [redacted] said that her husband tried to obtain bench work as a TV technician in the Orlando, Florida, area, but he was unsuccessful, since he had no driver's license and he could not travel throughout the city to do his work. She advised that he left Orlando on Monday, August 5, 1968, for California, in order to seek employment.

On Thursday, August 9, 1968, he called in the middle of the night, saying that he was in Los Angeles, California, working for an aircraft plant and making good money. He did not mention the name of his employer or the location of the aircraft plant. He told his wife that he wanted her and the family to fly out in the near future when he would send money.

On Saturday, August 11, 1968, [redacted] called about 8:00 P.M., saying he was in Los Angeles, California. He remarked to the effect that he had been out of the country and he had just gotten back, therefore, he had not gotten a permanent address. He did not state where he could be reached or the name of his employer. He did not say where he had gone while he was out of the country. [redacted] said she is bitter because her husband had run up about a $1,000.00 debt on his American Express Credit Card during his last escapade and he still has this card. She said that she wanted him to show good faith by supporting her and their child before she would decide whether or not to go to California. [redacted] said that she was not certain whether or not [redacted] had been drinking, but she was unable to detect that he was under the influence of alcohol from the sound of his voice on the two occasions on which he made calls. She said that if he does

[redacted]

not help support their child, she will change her telephone number to an unlisted telephone number in the near future to avoid getting telephone calls from her husband in the middle of the night. She explained that she has to go to work very early each day. She said that she did not believe [redacted] story about being out of the country and that he had possibly utilized the story to cover up for a period during which he had been drunk. She said that she could not believe but very little of any statements that [redacted] made to her and she, therefore, does not question him when he calls her. She said that she has no information as to her husband's exact whereabouts, the identity of his employer, or any of the details or location of the foreign trip that he allegedly made. She said that she did not believe him because he did not previously have a passport and he had not had time to obtain a passport before allegedly going out of the country. She said that she is waiting to see if he shows good faith by sending money for her and their child's support or whether he will go on another escapade and go deeper into financial trouble.

On August 12, 1968, Mrs. Mary Smith, Orange County Drivers License Office, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

[redacted] was issued chauffeur's license number H94422 on April 8, 1968. It was ordered revoked for five years by the Department of Public Safety, State of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida, for driving while intoxicated on the third offense within a ten-year period. It became effective May 27, 1968, but the order was not received and executed in Orlando, Florida, until August 6, 1968. The revocation resulted from [redacted] being convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicants in the State of North Carolina. One of his other suspensions of his driver's license was from August 18, 1967, until February 29, 1968, because he forfeited bond in the State of South Carolina, on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

Mrs. Smith said that she did not have a record of the third offense pertaining to [redacted]

On August 12, 1968, Mrs. LILA HOEQUIST, Orange County Auto Tag Office, Orlando, Florida, furnished the following information:

[redacted] obtained Florida automobile license registration number [redacted], on May 1, 1968, for a 1965 Buick, two-door sedan, and Florida license 7-1518 on the same date, for a 1966 Chevrolet, two-door sedan. The file contained no additional descriptive information pertaining to these automobiles.

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FBI

Date: 8/15/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, New Orleans (157-10673)

SUBJECT: BURKIN

Re Legat Ottawa airtel to Bureau, dated 7/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six (6) copies of a Letterhead Memorandum re this matter.

Enclosed for the Legat Ottawa are two (2) copies of photograph of [redacted] for dissemination to Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] is the subject of New Orleans file [redacted], Bufile [redacted]. Information pertaining to [redacted] is not being furnished in letterhead memorandum form unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

Information relative to telephone number [redacted] was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

ENCLOSURE

5-Bureau (Enc. 6)
2-Legat Ottawa (Enc. 2)
2-Memphis (Enc. 2)
2-New Orleans
HVH/cam
(7)

EX-110

44-38861-5095

2 copies of airtel & 2 copies of results of investigation conducted pursuant to Legat Ottawa's request to Memphis dtd 8-22-68

REC-43

AUG 19 1968

Leads of investigation

AUG 27 1968

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

Also sent 1 photo to Legat Ottawa

Information relative to telephone numbers 525-1335, 525-9661, 524-7373, 822-2414, and 242-1618, was furnished to SA [redacted] by [redacted]

LEAD:

NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will maintain contact with South Central Bell Telephone Company in an attempt to identify the subscriber to telephone number 242-1618 as of September, 1967.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

701 Loyola Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
August 15, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY;
I. O. # 4182, WF # 442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

The following investigation was conducted at New Orleans, Louisiana:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 8/15/68

The [redacted] contain the following information relative to telephone number 822-2414:

Listed to:	City Hall, New Orleans, Louisiana
Address:	241 Loyola Street
Date connected:	1960

This is a published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted], or his authorized representative.

2

On 8/13/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA [redacted] - TED/cam Date dictated 8/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 8/15/68

The [redacted] contain the following information relative to telephone number [redacted]

Listed to: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Date connected: September 30, 1965

Other data: The above number changed to [redacted] on July 5, 1968. Listed to the same individual.

This is a published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted],

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On 8/13/68 New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA [redacted] - TED/cam Date dictated 8/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 8/15/68

The [redacted] contain the following information relative to telephone number [redacted]

Listed to: [redacted]

Address: [redacted]

Other service: [redacted]

Other data: Was previously located at [redacted] in September, 1967.

This is a published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted].

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On 8/13/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA [redacted] - TED/cam Date dictated 8/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 8/15/68

The [redacted] contain the following information relative to telephone number 524-7373:

Listed to:	STEPHENS CHEVROLET, INCORPORATED
Address:	840 Carondelet Street,
Date connected:	1950

This is a published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena deces tecum directed to [redacted]

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On 8/13/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA [redacted] - TED/cam Date dictated 8/15/68

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 8/15/68

The [redacted] contain the following information relative to telephone number 525-9661:

Listed to:	Western Union Telegraph Company
Address:	334 Carondelet Street
Date connected:	1924

This is a published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena deces tecum directed to [redacted]

On 8/13/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA [redacted] TKD/cam Date dictated 8/15/68

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JAMES EARL RAY;
I. O. # 4182, WF # 442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

The Baton Rouge City Directory reflects that [redacted], Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is [redacted] for [redacted].

The New Orleans City Directory indicates that [redacted] is a [redacted] with offices in [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, and has his residence at [redacted], New Orleans.

The New Orleans City Directory reflects that [redacted] is an [redacted] located in the [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana, with business telephone number [redacted] and resides at [redacted], with home telephone number [redacted].

Investigation is continuing at New Orleans, Louisiana in an attempt to determine the subscriber to [redacted] as of September 16, 1967 inasmuch as the current subscriber is not the same person.

ENCLOSURE TO LEGAT OTTAWA from New Orleans (2)
Photos of JULES [redacted]

NO 157-10673

RE: MURKIN

New Orleans airtel to Bureau, dated 8/15/68.

1 Picture sent to Legat Ottawa 8-22-68

FBI

Date: 8/20/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (44-371) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re Bulet to PX, 8/14/68.

Enclosed for the Memphis Division are eight (8) copies of an investigative insert reflecting investigation conducted at Bisbee, Arizona.

One copy of the above described insert is enclosed for the information of the Bureau.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

EX-100

REC-75 44-38861-5096

3 - Bureau (Enc 1)
2 - Memphis (Enc 8) (44-1987)
1 - Phoenix

CCC:rs
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16 AUG 23 1968

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C. C. Bishop

79 AUG 28 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

TO Bureau, File # 44-38861
FROM PX, File # 44-371
RE
( ) Enc. to PHOENIX
Report, Letter, (Tunel)
dated 8/20/68 described
as 1cc insert

ENCLOSURE

44-38861-5096

PX 44-371
ME 44-1987
CCC:rs

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

AT BISBEE, ARIZONA

On August 16, 1968, [redacted] Bisbee, advised that during the early part of April, 1968, he was in the Cochise County Welfare Office in Bisbee and noticed a poster of JAMES EARL RAY. A few days later, possibly April 6 or 7, 1968, [redacted] was standing in front of the Hotel Golden on Main Street, Bisbee, when a man approached and asked him where he could find a place to stay for a short period of time. [redacted] suggested the Hotel Golden would provide him a room for less than $10.00 per week. The stranger left and walked into the hotel and a short while later returned to ask [redacted] where he could buy some groceries. [redacted] said that after the stranger approached him the second time, he never saw him again.

A couple of days following the above described incidents, it occurred to [redacted] that the stranger possessed a certain likeness to the poster of JAMES EARL RAY in the Cochise County Welfare Department. He reported the description of the stranger, along with his impression that he thought this stranger to be JAMES EARL RAY, to Chief of Police ARTHUR KENT, Bisbee Police Department.

[redacted] furnished the following description of the individual:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Height	6'
Weight	175 pounds
Hair	Dark in color, medium length, combed back
Eyes	Color unknown; wore glasses
Build	Slender

The vehicle which this individual was driving was light blue or off-white in color, recent model, of

unknown manufacture, bearing red license plates with white figures.

[redacted] said he could very easily have made an error in establishing the identity of the stranger as JAMES EARL RAY inasmuch as there was a period of days between the time he had first seen the poster of RAY and when he had been approached by the unknown individual. [redacted] stated that he thought that he would direct a letter to the District Attorney General PHIL CANATE, Washington, D. C., in order to clarify the matter in his own mind.

On August 16, 1968, Chief of Police ARTHUR KENT, Bisbee Police Department, advised that he had been notified by [redacted] that the latter had observed someone thought to have fit the description of JAMES EARL RAY. KENT advised that [redacted] is a [redacted] at the [redacted], is married, and has one daughter, [redacted]. He said [redacted] has contacted his office in the past and has been of assistance in providing the Police Department with various information concerning criminal activities in the Bisbee area.

KENT said that [redacted] first contacted his department concerning this matter shortly following the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING. When [redacted] told him the stranger was occupying a room at the Hotel Goldon, KENT stated he had a surveillance placed on the suspect immediately. He advised he had given instructions to his men on the surveillance to pick him up on the slightest infraction of the law in order that the suspect could be photographed and fingerprinted. The surveillance failed to accomplish this purpose, although complaints were received from the waitresses at the Bisbee Lunch that the suspect had an evil way of looking at the girls employed there.

Hotel records at the Hotel Golden revealed the suspect's name to be [redacted] and he had provided his previous address as Tucson, Arizona.

KENT advised that [redacted] stayed at the hotel for a period of about ten days and later rented a

run-down home at [redacted] in Bisbee. [redacted] stayed at that home until the end of April. KENT said that during April, [redacted] stayed in the Bisbee area and never developed any male or female associates. No one saw him leave the Bisbee area and he left with his rent paid.

KENT stated that after he and his police force first saw [redacted] he discounted the possibility of his being JAMES EARL RAY, inasmuch as he did not fit the description given for RAY on the wanted posters. He said the only reason the Police Department continued the surveillance on [redacted] was because he looked like a potential trouble-maker and that it appeared he may have had perverse sexual motives. He stated that he has not seen [redacted] in the Bisbee area since that time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: August 19, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

SYNOPSIS:

A radio transmission was made at 6:33 p.m., April 4, 1968, (date of assassination of King) by an unidentified individual on a citizens band radio stating he was in a vehicle pursuing the assailants in a Mustang responsible for the murder of King. Messages from the individual relayed through police radio and no police officers ever observed the chase of the vehicle. Extensive investigation conducted by Memphis Police Department and FBI in Memphis. Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C., states it is impossible to identify sender of transmission unless the sender identifies himself by name or call letters. Recommend no further investigation.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the extensive investigation conducted by the Memphis Police Department and our own independent investigation which fails to identify the person responsible for making the broadcast, and in view of the fact that a ranking official of the Memphis Police Department is of the firm opinion that this matter has no basis in fact and has no bearing on the assassination, it is recommended that no further investigation be conducted.

44-38861-5097

EX-100 REC 35

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BACKGROUND:

Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, at approximately 6:01 p.m. (Memphis time), April 4, 1968. As a result of this, police officers from the Memphis Police Department and officers of the

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Shelby County Sheriff's Office were positioned at numerous points within the city and county. At approximately 6:33 p.m., April 4, 1968, an individual approached one Lieutenant Bradshaw and stated that he had been listening to traffic on Channel 17 of his citizens band radio and the traffic was to the effect that an individual was presently involved in the chase of a white Mustang automobile; the automobile containing individuals responsible for the assassination of King. Lieutenant Bradshaw, at this point, provided this information by radio to the dispatcher at the Memphis Police Department and he in turn relayed this information to various units of the Memphis Police Department and the Shelby County Sheriff's Office in order to pinpoint the location of the alleged chase and for officers to intercept this chase to effect any possible apprehension. It is noted at this point that the information which came over the citizens band radio is not recorded on police tape, the only traffic being contained on the police radio tape is that of Lieutenant Bradshaw relating information and the orders given out by the dispatcher.

In brief, the individual making the transmission over the citizens band radio stated he was in a blue Pontiac chasing the individuals in the Mustang at the rate of from 75 miles per hour to 100 miles per hour and the individuals from the Mustang were shooting at thim. He could not get close enough to obtain the license plate data on the Mustang. He kept giving out information as to his location and direction of travel. The chase, according to the person making the braodcast on the citizens band, came to a climax as the individuals in the Mustang got away.

It is noted that numerous discrepancies exist in this entire situation being that the individual making the transmission never identified himself, his locations as given out by him were manned by officers and the officers never observed any such chase taking place or vehicles as described by this individual. The time of 6:33 was over thirty minutes from the assassination which would not lend credence to the chase, and the directional equipment observed by another individual indicates that the information was coming from a base station rather than from a mobile unit.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Inspector N. A. Zachary (National Academy) has personally listened to the Memphis Police Department tapes, as well as conducted interviews with individuals involved, including officers and possible witness, and Inspector Zachary advised that it is his confirmed opinion that the entire matter has no basis in fact and has no bearing on the assassination.

We have interviewed several individuals who could possibly have made this citizens broadcast. [redacted], age 18, of Memphis, Tennessee, considered to be most likely suspect by the Memphis Police Department and us, advised that there are thousands of licensed citizens band operators in Memphis as well as thousands of operators who are not licensed. He also told us there is no way for anyone, including the Federal Communications Commission, to identify the sender of a transmission such as that one unless the individual who made the transmission said that he was the individual who made the broadcast. He, of course, denied making such a broadcast.

Mr. M. Bolkoff, Chief of Investigations, Federal Communications Commission Headquarters, Washington, D. C., advised it is impossible to identify the sender of a transmission unless the sender identifies himself by name or by call letters.

It is noted that the father of [redacted] advised us his son does operate a citizens band radio and his son was home during the time the broadcast was made. It is further noted that [redacted] resides in the general area from which the broadcast was believed to have emanated and he operates a citizens band base station.

The Memphis Police Department, who made an extremely extensive investigation concerning this, is of the confirmed opinion that every possible minute aspect of this has been thoroughly investigated and checked out; and they feel that no further investigation is warranted. We have thoroughly reviewed this report with the Memphis Division independently with that of Memphis Police Department and our Memphis Office recommends that no further investigation be conducted. Memphis will, of course, make a thorough and complete investigation if any further complaints or information are received regarding this broadcast or any such allegations.

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

August 22, 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861) — 5097 1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN REC 36 EX-100

ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 7/29/68.

You should conduct no further investigation regarding the radio transmission made on a citizens band radio on April 4, 1968. You should, however, if any further complaints or information received regarding this broadcast, make a thorough and complete investigation and keep the Bureau advised.

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NOTE:

See Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum, 8/19/68, captioned "MURKIN", REL:sld:cs.

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PM DEFERRED 8-20-68 DJK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST NINETEEN LAST.

[redacted] ADVISES HE HAS MADE NO PROGRESS IN EFFORTS TO CONTACT SOURCES MENTIONED IN RETEL. EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [redacted] UNPRODUCTIVE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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EX-105

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is case involving murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached relates to state court appearance of SAC Jensen on 8-21-68, as a result of subpoena duces tecum received by him on 8-20-68, directing that he appear in state court Shelby County, Tennessee, and bring with him documents pertaining to Charles Quitman Stephens.

Stephens, a witness in this case, lived in a rooming house at which Ray stayed on 4-4-68.

Matter in court related to writ of habeas corpus in order that Stephens, who is being held by state as a material witness, might be released from incarceration. Subpoena discussed with Department, and as result, they sent telegram to SAC Jensen directing Jensen not to answer questions concerning investigation of King case, and if necessary, advise court he is under specific instructions of Attorney General and cite Departmental Orders.

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528[illegible] PM URGENT 8-21-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-3861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TEL AUGUST TWENTY LAST.

SAC, MEMPHIS IN RESPONSE TO SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM DID APPEAR BEFORE CIRCUIT JUDGE WILLIAM W. O'HEARN THIS DATE. SAC IDENTIFIED SELF BY NAME AND POSITION HELD. PRIOR TO ANY QUESTIONS BEING ASKED, SAC BEGAN TO ADVISE JUDGE OF DEPARTMENTAL RESTRICTIONS. BEFORE JUDGE O'HEARN WAS ABLE TO RESPOND, ATTORNEY FOR CHARLES Q. STEPHENS ADDRESSED BENCH AND ADVISED HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH DEPARTMENTAL RESTRICTIONS AND HAD NO INTENTION OF ASKING QUESTIONS REGARDING JAMES EARL RAY CASE OR POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT THEREIN OF HIS CLIENT AND INTENDED ONLY TO ASK QUESTIONS RE CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS. SAC RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY STEPHENS' ATTORNEY WHICH WERE [illegible] DID YOU KNOW STEPHENS, HAD YOU TALKED WITH STEPHENS, HAD STEPHENS BEEN COOPERATIVE, HAD STEPHENS INDICATED TO YOU THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE AND HAD STEPHENS INDICATED HE INTENDED TO FLEE.

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SAC RESPONDED THAT IN CONTACTS WITH STEPHENS, STEPHENS HAD BEEN COOPERATIVE, HAD INDICATED NO RELUCTANCE ON HIS PART AT ANY TIME TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT, HAD GIVEN EVERY INDICATION HE WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE AND THAT SAC HAD NO KNOWLEDGE RE POSSIBLE FLIGHT ON THE PART OF STEPHENS. SAC ON WITNESS STAND APPROXIMATELY SIX TO EIGHT MINUTES. STEPHENS' ATTORNEY IS HARVEY L. GIPSON.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL JIM BEASLEY ADVISED SAC MEMPHIS THAT JUDGE O'HEARN AFTER HEARING VARIOUS WITNESSES AND TESTIMONY OFFERED IN INSTANT CASE DID RELEASE CHARLES Q. STEPHENS. RELEASE OF STEPHENS MADE SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT ON HIS PART THAT HE WOULD NOT LEAVE JURISDICTION OF COURT AND THAT IF POLICE PROTECTION BECAME NECESSARY AT LATER TIME HE WOULD WILLINGLY SUBMIT TO SAME. STEPHENS RELEASED FROM CUSTODY THIS DATE. P.

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 8/23/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY
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IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original eight checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, payable to JOHN L. RAYNS plus a W-4 Form made out by JOHN L. RAYNS. One Xerox copy of each also enclosed to Bureau and Memphis.

These checks were paid to subject JAMES EARL RAY under the alias of JOHN L. RAYNS during his employment at the above restaurant from 5/3/67 till 6/24/67.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the signatures of JOHN L. RAYNS with known handwriting of the subject to determine if identical.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed checks and W-4 Form for latent prints and thereafter compare with fingerprints of subject.

In addition it is requested that any latents developed on check #5357 dated 6/25/67 also be compared

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(3) Bureau (Encs. 18)
1-Memphis (Encs. 9)
1-Chicago

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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with the fingerprints of subject's brother JERRY RAY previously submitted instant matter.

The Memphis and Chicago Divisions should be advised of the results of afore-mentioned examination and the enclosed items should be returned to Chicago upon completion of examination.

...ct of exemptions. However, if you expect to owe ... tax for the year than will be withheld if you claim ...mption to which you are entitled, you may increase the ...ding by claiming a smaller number of exemptions or you may ...r into an agreement with your employer to have additional amounts withheld. This is especially important if you have more than one employer, or if both husband and wife are employed.

2. CHANGES IN EXEMPTIONS.—You may file a new certificate at any time if the number of your exemptions INCREASES.

You must file a new certificate within 10 days if the number of exemptions previously claimed by you DECREASES for any of the following reasons:

(a) Your wife (or husband) for whom you have been claiming exemption is divorced or legally separated, or claims her (or his) own exemption on a separate certificate.

(b) The support of a dependent for whom you claimed exemption is taken over by someone else, so that you no longer expect to furnish more than half the support for the year.

(c) You find that a dependent for whom you claimed exemption will receive $600 or more of income of his own during the year (except your child who is a student or who is under 19 years of age).

OTHER DECREASES in exemption, such as the death of a wife or a dependent, do not affect your withholding until the next year, but require the filing of a new certificate by December 1 of the year in which they occur.

3. DEPENDENTS.—To qualify as your dependent (line 4 on other side), a person (a) must receive more than one-half of his or her support from you for the year, and (b) must have less than $600 gross income during the year (except your child who is a student or who is under 19 years of age), and (c) must not be claimed as an exemption by such person's husband or wife, and (d) must be a citizen or resident of the United States or a resident of Canada, Mexico, the Republic of Panama or the Canal Zone (this does not apply to an alien child legally adopted by and living with a United States citizen abroad), and (e) must (1) have your home as his principal residence and be a member of your household for the entire year, or (2) be related to you as follows:

Your son or daughter (including legally adopted children), grandchild, stepson, stepdaughter, son-in-law, or daughter-in-law;
Your father, mother, grandparent, stepfather, stepmother, father-in-law, or mother-in-law;
Your brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, half sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law;
Your uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece (but only if related by blood).

For further information consult your local District Director of Internal Revenue or your employer.

4. PENALTIES.—Penalties are imposed for willfully supplying false information or willful failure to supply information which would reduce the withholding exemption.

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EMPLOYEE'S WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE

John H. Evans, Social Security Account Number 3[illegible]-24-7098

Address 273[illegible] Sheffield City CHICAGO State

Received from Mr and Clara Klinger at Winnetka, Dec 12 8/23/68 8/23/68

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR WITHHOLDING EXEMPTION

1. If SINGLE, and you claim your exemption, write "1", if you do not, write "0" . . . . . .
2. If MARRIED, one exemption each is allowable for husband and wife if not claimed on anot
   - (a) If you claim both of these exemptions, write "2"
   - (b) If you claim one of these exemptions, write "1"
   - (c) If you claim neither of these exemptions, write "0"
3. Exemptions for age and blindness (applicable only to you and your wife but not to dependen
   - (a) If you or your wife will be 65 years of age or older at the end of the year, and you cla write "1"; if both will be 65 or older, and you claim both of these exemptions, write
   - (b) If you or your wife are blind, and you claim this exemption, write "1"; if both a claim both of these exemptions, write "2" . . . . . .
4. If you claim exemptions for one or more dependents, write the number of such exemption exemption for a dependent unless you are qualified under instruction 3 on other side.)
5. Add the number of exemptions which you have claimed above and write the total . . . .
6. Additional withholding per pay period under agreement with employer. *See* Instruction

EMPLOYER: Keep this certificate with your records. If the employee is believed to have claimed too many exemptions, the District Director should be so advised.

I CERTIFY that the number of withholding exemptions claimed on this certificate does not exceed the number to

(Date) 5-10- 1957 (Signed) John H. Evans

DIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

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No. 5357

TO THE ORDER OF John H. Evans DATE 6/25/67 $77.53

Seventy-seven 53/100 DOLLARS

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT
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No. 5283

TO THE ORDER OF [illegible] DATE [illegible] $[illegible]

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $54

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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Clara Klinger DATE 5-12-67 $45

Forty-five 45/100 DOL

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507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5007

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

:0711-0503: 338-065-9 #0000008

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5008

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

:0711-0503: 338-065-9 #0000008

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5009

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

:0711-0503: 338-065-9 #0000008

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5010

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

:0711-0503: 338-065-9 #0000008

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5011

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5012

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5013

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5014

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5015

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

:0711-0503: 338-065-9 #0000008

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5016

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5017

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5018

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5019

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5020

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

:0711-0503: 338-065-9 #0000008

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5021

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5022

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5023

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5024

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5025

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5026

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5027

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

:0711-0503: 338-065-9 #0000008

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5028

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5029

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5030

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5031

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5032

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5033

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

:0711-0503: 338-065-9 #0000008

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5034

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5035

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

:0711-0503: 338-065-9 #0000008

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5036

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5037

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5038

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5039

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5040

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5041

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5042

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5043

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5044

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5045

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5046

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5047

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Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5048

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5049

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5050

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5051

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5052

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Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5053

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5054

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5055

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5056

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5057

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John Rains DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5058

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5059

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Jack Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Harold A. Klinger

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INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5060

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Ralph Lyon DATE 5/12/67 $

Sixty-nine 69/100 DOL

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL

70-503
711

IAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5209

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John L Ryan — DATE 6/14/67 — $87.65

Golf Time — 63/112 — DOLLARS

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Hans A Klingbeil

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PAYROLL CHECK

70-503
711

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

No. 5130

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John L Ryan — DATE 6/14/67 — $87.62

Golf Time — 63/112 — DOLLARS

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Hans A Klingbeil

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8/23/68

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PAYROLL CHECK

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
507 CHESTNUT STREET
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS 60093

PAY TO THE ORDER OF John L Ryan — DATE 6/

DOLLARS

WINNETKA TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK
WINNETKA, ILLINOIS

INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, INC.
PAYROLL ACCOUNT

Helen E Klingbeil

John T. Ryan

Wilmetka Trust and Savings Bank
THE INDIAN TRAIL REST, INC.

AA 107 JUN 20 67 70-503

PAY TO THE ORDER OF
Wilmetka Trust and Savings Bank
THE INDIAN TRAIL REST, INC.
320-061-5

John T. Ryan

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SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: MEMPHIS

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Enclosed for the Laboratory is page "13" of a rooming house ledger and Registration Card No. 8075 from a hotel.

Page "13" was obtained from a rooming house at 2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, and on line 24 bears the signature JOHN LARRY RAYMS, who it is believed is identical with the subject.

Registration Card No. 8075 obtained from the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, bears the signature of JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked handwriting, believed made by the subject.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the signature JOHN LARRY RAYMS appearing on line 24 of the enclosed page "13" and the signature JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked writing on the enclosed Registration Card No. 8075 with the known handwriting and signatures of the subject to determine if the subject in fact signed page "13" and the Registration Card.

The Laboratory is requested to return the enclosures to the Chicago Office upon completion of this examination.

FX-103 44-38861-5101

3 - Bureau (Encl.1)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
1 - Chicago

REC-52 28 AUG 26 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

61 SEP 3 1968

FBI

Date: 8-22-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

There are enclosed newspaper clippings re captioned matter, one of which reflects the release of CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS from custody as a material witness in captioned matter.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 8)
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1cc for CR Unit.

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AUG 23 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Key Witness In Ray Case Walks Free After Ruling

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

Charles Q. Stephens, 57-year-old key witness in the coming trial of the man charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., walked free from the Shelby County Jail yesterday after a Circuit Court judge ruled his imprisonment as a "material witness" was illegal.

Judge William W. O'Hearn held that Mr. Stephens' imprisonment for the past 30 days was without legal justification and ordered his instant release.

"Can you imprison a man because he is the victim of circumstances?" Judge O'Hearn asked. "Mr. Stephens promises to cooperate as a state witness. He has not violated the statutes. He cannot be imprisoned on conjectures as to what he might do."

Mr. Stephens is supposed to have seen a man identifiable as James Earl Ray, charged with Dr. King's murder, run from the second floor of a South Main Street rooming house from which the fatal shot was fired April 4.

Asst. Atty. Gen. James C. Beasley told the court the prosecution has no other witness who "can testify to the same material facts."

Mr. Beasley said Mr. Stephens was placed in jail "to keep him from being disposed of—to speak plainly." However, Police Chief Henry Lux said a three-shift bodyguard detailed to guard the witness in the Shelby County Jail would be discontinued. "We haven't the men to supply a bodyguard for Stephens," Chief Lux said.

Mr. Stephens was freed on a writ of habeas corpus. During the hearing Judge O'Hearn observed, "It would be naive not to consider that something could happen to him (if he is released)."

[illegible] Memphis office of the FBI replied, "No comment," when asked if Mr. Stephens will be given a bodyguard, which he said he is willing to accept. He had a bodyguard outside the jail from July 5 to July 22.

On July 22 Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, who will preside at Ray's trial, ordered Mr. Stephens held in default of a $10,000 material witness bond. Until 3:30 p.m. yesterday he had been held in an air conditioned private room on the fifth floor of the Shelby County Jail.

It was the first of several pretrial orders issued by Judge Battle to be tested in another court.

Jay Fred Friedman, one of Mr. Stephens' attorneys, quoted his client as saying, "I'm going underground — out of circulation. Last time I opened my mouth they put me in jail. This time I'm going to keep my mouth shut."

Mr. Friedman said Mr. Stephens, a former heavy machinery operator drawing a partial disability pension of $112 from the Veterans Administration, will remain in Shelby County as ordered by Judge O'Hearn and will be on hand to testify when the Ray trial opens Nov. 12.

Mr. Stephens testified he agreed to "take a room" at the jail upon being assured he could leave occasionally under

ENCLOSURE

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

PAGE 56+62

COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 8/22/68
Edition: Final
Author:
Editor: FRANK D. AHLGREN
Title:

Character:
or
Classification: 44-1987
Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

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police protection and could have visitors. He said he had been allowed no visitors except his two attorneys.

Harvey L. Gipson, co-counsel for Mr. Stephens, objected that his client had been allowed fewer visitors than accused criminals and convicts.

Mr. Stephens who has a drinking problem, appeared in excellent health. He appeared 10 to 20 pounds heavier than when he went on jail fare.

He wore a blue, grey and white-checked sport shirt, gray slacks and soft - finished loafers.

—Order Frees Key Witness—

A confinement of 40 days that began voluntarily and ended with Charles Quitman Stephens (right) a prisoner was over yesterday when the man who has been identified as a key witness in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. left the Shelby County Criminal Courts Building with Harvey L. Gipson, one of his attorneys. A writ of habeas corpus ordering the release was granted by Circuit Court Judge William O'Hearn.



(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

'Lead' Claimed In King Slaying

Arthur J. Hanes, defense lawyer in the King murder trial, told The Press-Scimitar he received a letter this morning that is "one of the best leads yet in the case."

Hanes quoted the writer as saying: "I would have contacted you sooner, but I'm in public work. I can't stick my neck out too far."

Hanes said in Birmingham, his home, that he received the letter there yesterday, and it was postmarked Memphis.

"I want to develop the truth of this thing," Hanes said, though he confirmed that he believes the lead in favor of his client, James Earl Ray, who is held in the Shelby County jail on a charge of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The writer was anonymous, but asked Hanes phone number and exact address — phone (205) 324-8536 at Room 617 Frank Nelson Bldg., Birmingham.

The lawyer declined to reveal the lead, saying the evidence must wait for the trial.

"It directly bears on the case," he said.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MEMPHIS PRESS SCIMITAR

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 8-21-68
Edition: HOME
Author:
Editor: CHAS. H. SCHNEIDER
Title:

Character:
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Classification: 44-1987
Submitting Office: Memphis

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

235PM URGENT 8-22-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYONE LAST.

[redacted]

AND [redacted] CONTACTED. INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT A [redacted] BELIEVED A QUOTE WEAK LINK END QUOTE AMONG ASSOCIATES [redacted] AND [redacted] HAS LEFT THE STATE BECAUSE SOMEONE IS QUOTE OUT TO GET HIM END QUOTE.

[redacted] DUE FOR TRIAL MADISON COUNTY COURT ON BURGLARY CHARGE.

WHEREABOUTS OF [redacted] AND [redacted] UNKNOWN TO INFORMANTS OR ASSOCIATES.

REC 54 44-3811-5103

MAIL COPIES SENT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

END.

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FBI WASH DC

1C AUG 26 1968

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Mr. Tolson
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 20, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] International School of Bartending, Los Angeles, California, advised he has been approached by one [redacted] Potomac, Maryland, for information regarding the Murkin case. It is noted that subject as Eric S. Galt attended this school from January 19, 1968, to his graduation on March 2, 1968.

[redacted] identified himself as a writer for Bantam Books and he displayed a letter of identification signed by Mark C. Jaffe, the Senior Vice-President of Bantam Books, New York. Blair explained to [redacted] he was writing a book regarding James Earl Ray and he desired to obtain information from [redacted] regarding Ray's attendance at the International School of Bartending.

[redacted] stated he told Blair he had received a court order from Memphis in which he was forbidden to discuss any information he had regarding the King assassination until after the trial of Ray. [redacted] stated he had no intention of violating the court order and told Blair he would furnish him no information.

ACTION:

Memphis is being instructed to furnish the above information to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution of Ray. Department being advised.

RMR:jms

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

August 20 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861)

REC 74 5105

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

ST-105

ReLAairtel to the Bureau dated 8-16-68.

You should advise Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, of the contents of referenced communication in view of the fact that he is handling the state's prosecution.

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NOTE:

See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 8-20-68, captioned, "Murkin."

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Date: 8/16/68

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Via AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

THOMAS REYES LAW OFFICE [redacted] International School of Bartending, Los Angeles, California, advised on 8/16/68 that he had been approached by an individual named CLAY-BLAIR, JR., 11901 Piney Glen Lane, Potomac, Maryland 20854, for information regarding the MURKIN case.

BLAIR identified himself as a writer for Bantam Books. BLAIR displayed to [redacted] a letter of identification signed by MARK C. JAFFE, Senior Vice-President, Bantam Books, New York.

BLAIR explained to [redacted] he was writing a book regarding JAMES EARL RAY and solicited information from [redacted] regarding [redacted] knowledge of RAY and RAY's attendance at the International School of Bartending.

[redacted] stated he told BLAIR he had received a court order from Memphis in which he was forbidden to discuss any information he had regarding the MARTIN LUTHER KING assassination until after the trial of RAY. [redacted] stated he has no intention of violating this court order and told BLAIR he would furnish him no information.

1 - Bureau (AIR MAIL)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(AIR MAIL)
1 - Baltimore (44-669)(Info.)(AIR MAIL)
1 - New York (Info.)(AIR MAIL)
1 - Los Angeles
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AUG 19 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 8/23/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS (2);
The Bank of Alton,
Alton, Illinois
7/13/67
BR
OO: SPRINGFIELD

On 8/21/68, circulars regarding laundry and dry cleaning marks obtained at captioned bank robbery were furnished to all laundries in the Chicago Division through the Illinois Launders Association, mailing list and to all dry cleaners in the Chicago Division, through the National Dry Cleaning Institution mailing list furnished by the Baltimore Office.

C. C. - Bishop

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1 AUG 26 1968

(3) Bureau
(1-91-27494)
2-Springfield (44-561)
(1-91-3698)
2-Chicago
(1-91-5378)
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Special Agent in Charge

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FILED IN CHICAGO OFFICE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: August 21, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Special Agent in Charge Robert Jensen of our Memphis Division received a subpoena duces tecum on August 20, 1968, requesting his appearance in court at Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee on August 21, 1968, and to bring with him documents pertaining to Charles Quitman Stephens. Stephens, a witness in this case, lived in a rooming house at which Ray stayed on April 4, 1968.

The matter in court relates to writ of habeas corpus in order that Stephens, who is being held by the state as a material witness, might be released from incarceration.

This matter has been discussed with the Department, and they advised they are sending to SAC Jensen a telegram to the effect that he is to appear in court as directed, he is not to take any documents with him, he is not to answer any questions concerning investigation conducted regarding the assassination of King, and if necessary advise the court he is under specific instructions of the Attorney General and cite Departmental Orders. The Department also advised a representative of the United States Attorney's Office in Memphis will be in court.

Memphis has been advised of the discussion with the Department.

ACTION:

For your information. You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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MAL:jmb

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COPY MADE FOR MR. TOLSON

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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AUG 21 1968

TELETYPE

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FBI WASH DC

351PM URGENT 8-21-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY LAST.

[redacted] WHO FURNISHED ORIGINAL INFORMATION INDICATING [redacted] WAS ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON, STATED TODAY HE KNOWS JAMES EARL RAY AND IS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN RAY WAS NOT IN ALTON DURING JULY NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN; THAT INFORMATION REGARDING [redacted]'S COMPLICITY IN BANK ROBBERY ACCURATE AND THAT THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN [redacted] AND RAY. INFORMANT INTENSIFYING INQUIRY TO FURTHER ELABORATE ON INFORMATION.

MAIL COPY TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

END.

44-38861-5108

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AUG 29 1968

FBI WASH DC

AUG 30 1968

8-19-68

1 - Mr. Long

Airtel

To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 5109

MURKIN REC 38 SI-106

Re Birmingham airtel dated 8-13-68.

If not already done, you should advise appropriate Birmingham officials of the fact that Arthur Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, purchased two .38 caliber Colt Detective Specials from Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, and stated that he needed them for protection for both himself and his son because of harassing telephone calls.

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NOTE:

DONALD WOOD

[redacted] Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, who sold the rifle found at the scene of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., advised that Arthur Hanes, the attorney for James Earl Ray, came into his store and stated [redacted] "my man is so shook up, he can't remember exactly what time he was in this store on that Friday and Saturday afternoon. Can you remember what time he was in here?" [redacted] replied "He was in here sometime in the afternoon." WOOD

WOOD

[redacted] stated that Hanes came in his store about two or three weeks ago and purchased two .38 caliber Colt Detective Specials from him and stated that he needed them for protection for both himself and his son because of harassing telephone calls.

Bureau officials and the Department have been advised of the conversation between [redacted] and Hanes. Birmingham being instructed, if not already done, to advise appropriate authorities in Birmingham re purchase of two pistols by Hanes.

SENT FROM D. C.
TIME 5:20 PM
DATE 8-19-68
BY G.E.U.

6 SEP 1968

TELETYPE UNIT

FBI

Date: August 13, 1968

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

(MURKIN)

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Re Birmingham telephone call to Bureau August 13, 1968.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination, setting forth information received from Mr. [redacted] DON WOOD witness, this case.

One copy of the above-mentioned letterhead memorandum is being designated for the Memphis Division for information purposes.

3-Bureau (Enc.5)(AM)
1-Memphis(44-1987)(Info.)(AM) (Enc.1)
1-Birmingham
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AUG 16 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Birmingham, Alabama, 35203

August 13, 1968

Re: James Earl Ray;
Reverend Martin Luther King - Victim

Mr. Don Wood, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, Alabama, telephonically contacted Special Agent [redacted] of the Birmingham office of the FBI and furnished the following information:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/13/68

Mr. DON WOOD, Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, telephonically contacted Special Agent [redacted] and furnished the following information:

WOOD stated that at approximately 5:15 or 5:30 p.m., on August 12, 1968, ARTHUR HANES, Attorney, appeared at the Aeromarine Supply Company and requested to speak with him. WOOD advised that he was busy and when he had completed his sale, he spoke with Mr. HANES, who made small talk for a few minutes and then said "DON, my man is so shook up, he can't remember exactly what time he was in this store on that Friday and Saturday afternoon. Can you remember what time he was in here?" WOOD advised that he told HANES that "he was in here sometime in the afternoon."

WOOD stated that following this exchange, HANES thanked him very much and then left the store. At no time did HANES refer to his client, JAMES EARL RAY or anyone else by name but left no doubt in his (WOOD's) mind that he was referring to his client, JAMES EARL RAY.

WOOD stated also that HANES came in his store about two or three weeks ago and purchased two .38 caliber Colt Detective Specials from him, and stated at the time that he needed them for protection for both he and his son because of harassing telephone calls.

On 8/12/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740

BH 44-1827

By [redacted] Date dictated 8/13/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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FBI

Date: 8/16/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

ReBucab 8/8/68.

The Barclays Bank slip, copy of which was received from Memphis, has been reexamined by Chief Inspector [redacted] and Sgt. [redacted], New Scotland Yard. Both officers state they remember the slip being in subject's property at the time of his arrest.

[redacted] checked with Barclays Bank at London Airport on 8/15/68 and the following information is known:

The bank is located in the terminal building opposite the exit for passengers arriving in the country after they have cleared Immigration and Customs.

The primary function of this branch of the bank is to change foreign currency into English currency for travelers arriving in England.

The date stamp on the slip indicates the date of the transaction, which in this case is 5/17/68, the day RAY arrived in England from Lisbon. The word "Europa" on the stamp indicates in which terminal at London Airport the bank is located, Europa being the departure and arrival building for European flights.

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2 - Bureau
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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ST-[redacted]

17 AUG 21 1968

C. C. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

57 AUG 28 1968

The bank personnel state that the slips are always written in long hand and usually they don't bother with name and address except where there is a large amount of money involved. In this instance £84-15-8 is $213.48, at $2.40 to the £. Bank personnel state thousands of transactions are conducted daily and they would not be able to recall any particular person or transaction.

8-12-68

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [redacted]

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [redacted]

RE: [redacted]
PAROLE VIOLATOR
MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to St. Louis, 8/6/68, captioned [redacted] Parole Violator.

Enclosed herewith is an investigative insert reflecting the interview of [redacted] by Agents of the St. Louis Office on 8/5/68.

3 - Bureau (Encs. 1)
2 - St. Louis
(1 - 76-3733)
(1 - 44-775)

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76-3733-14

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

SL 44-775
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[redacted] was a parole violator in case in which Phoenix was origin. He had previously made telephonic contact with [redacted] of the Phoenix Office and made arrangements to surrender himself to agent [redacted] at St. Louis on August 5, 1968.

On the morning of August 5, 1968, [redacted] called the St. Louis Office from the Municipal Airport at St. Louis stating he had just arrived by plane from Tampa, Florida, and desired to surrender to the FBI. He was subsequently taken in custody by [redacted] and [redacted] and upon interview furnished the following information:

[redacted] has remarried and his wife, who is pregnant, is living and working in Tampa, Florida. [redacted] has been working as a salesman for a book company which he declined to name and stated he has been doing very well financially. Until around the first of December [redacted] was living and working in the Atlanta, Georgia, area. Around the first or second of December, 1967, as he was leaving the Federal Building in Atlanta after having made his regular contact with his probation officer, he was hailed on the steps of the Federal Building by an individual, unknown to him. This person asked if he was [redacted] and when he replied in the affirmative, this individual stated he had a message for him from [redacted] understood [redacted] to be [redacted] who had advised him while they were fellow inmates at Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, that $100,000 had been offered by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to be paid to anyone who would kill MARTIN LUTHER KING.

The person accosting [redacted] on the steps of the Atlanta Federal Building then stated that apparently somebody had done some talking and [redacted] assumed he made reference to information that he had furnished to the FBI in Sherman, Texas, in April, 1967. Before any more conversation transpired, the individual who had transported [redacted] to the Federal Building called to him from across the street and the unknown individual immediately walked away from him. It was [redacted] assumption that this person thought the individual calling him might be an FBI agent or police officer and did not desire that his identity be learned.

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[redacted] described the individual accosting him as white male, age 30-35, 5'10", 165-170 pounds, blond hair, cut medium short, and slightly wavy. He stated he was extremely well dressed in obviously expensive clothes.

[redacted] went on to state the more he thought about this incident, the more alarmed he became and left the vicinity of Atlanta shortly thereafter and obtained other employment. The only other incident which served to arouse his suspicion were telephone calls made for him to his place of employment in which the individual calling declined to reveal his identity. [redacted] stated he considered relating above facts to his parole officer at Atlanta but resolved against it since he did not trust his parole officer too much and was afraid his parole might be revoked automatically. He also considered contacting the FBI Office in Atlanta but decided against this also. According to [redacted] he felt uncomfortable and worried in the Atlanta area in view of the information he had furnished in connection with the bounty on MARTIN LUTHER KING and the fact that the Ku Klux Klan was reportedly strong in that area. He stated it was his understanding that the Deputy United States Marshal, name unknown to him, who went to work about the time he started reporting to his parole officer at Atlanta was supposed to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

With reference to information furnished him by [redacted] while at Leavenworth Penitentiary, [redacted] stated that in one conversation, [redacted] told him that if, after his arrival at Atlanta, he could find out MARTIN LUTHER KING's travel route and itinerary, he could earn $100,000 for himself.

1 - Mr. Long, Div. 6
8/21/68

airtel

To: SAC, Memphis - Enc.

From: Director, FBI 44-38861-

[redacted]

PAROLE VIOLATOR

MUREIN

Enclosed for Memphis is one copy of investigative insert reflecting interview of subject by Agents of the St. Louis Office on 8/5/68. It is noted that [redacted] claims that he absconded and therefore violated his parole because he possesses information concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr., assassination and therefore fears for his life. [redacted] has apparently made this claim to his probation officer who in turn has furnished same to the U. S. Board of Parole.

Memphis is requested to prepare letterhead memorandum for dissemination to the U. S. Board of Parole outlining the results of the interview of [redacted] by St. Louis Agents on 8/5/68. Also include in the letterhead memorandum other information bearing on [redacted] claim. In this regard if investigation has not substantiated the alleged contact by individual allegedly representing [redacted] same should be clearly set out in the letterhead memorandum. Handle promptly and furnish to Bureau by airtel.

2 - St. Louis
1 - Phoenix

NOTE: This has been coordinated with General Investigative Div.

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AUG 21 1968
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WAS. ROOM ☒ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

36 AUG 23 1968

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 8/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

6 RMX 2986

Since May, 1968, daily intensive investigation has been conducted concerning the robbery of the Bank of Alton on 7/13/67 with a view to determining if JAMES EARL RAY was a participant and used his share of the loot to finance his subsequent travel and activity.

A summary of investigation conducted is as follows:

1. Clothing recovered after the robbery of the Bank of Alton as well as hair samples were compared at the FBI Laboratory with evidence recovered in the MURKIN case. The laboratory reported that the hair samples in the two matters were not identical.

2. Canvass of rooming houses, apartments, hotels, and motels including display of photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and associates was conducted without effecting an identification.

3. Photographs of RAY and his associates were displayed to witnesses at the Bank of Alton without effecting identification.

4. Neighborhood investigation in the vicinity of the Bank of Alton and on 4th Street in the

REC 36 44-38861-571

3 - Bureau (44-38361)
2 - Springfield (2;44-561)
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51 AUG 30 1968

Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M Per _____

vicinity where clothing and the shotgun were recovered was intensified and photographs displayed. No identification was made as the result of this investigation.

5. Laundry and dry cleaning establishments in the Greater Alton area were canvassed. Laundry and dry cleaning symbols not positively identified and photos of RAY and his associates were unfamiliar to persons contacted.

6. Informants, particularly [redacted] and [redacted] have been given definite assignments in connection with this matter. Information developed by them has tended to indicate earlier suspects [redacted] were involved in the bank robbery and that RAY was definitely not involved. [redacted] stated he personally knows RAY and believes he would have known if RAY had been in the Alton area subsequent to April, 1967.

7. Area police departments have contacted informants and have been unable to come up with any information to indicate either that RAY took part in the bank robbery or was in the Alton area subsequent to April, 1967.

8. Parole officers [redacted] and [redacted] contacted parolees and probationers assigned to them and were unable to develop any information suggesting that RAY had been in the Alton area subsequent to April, 1967.

9. [redacted] Alton Evening Telegraph, was confidentially contacted on several occasions during the course of this investigation and he advised that sources of the newspaper and public call-ins have been monitored since the MURKIN case broke, however, because of the great deal of publicity attached to JAMES EARL RAY and the Alton area, additional emphasis was placed o[redacted]

developing information concerning RAY. [redacted] stated that sources of the paper and public call-ins developed no information to indicate that RAY had returned to Alton after his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

10. Review of public records in Alton and at the county seat of Madison County in Edwardsville, Illinois, were made against the name JAMES EARL RAY and all known aliases without developing any positive information.

UACB since investigation has failed to date to link JAMES EARL RAY with the robbery of the Bank of Alton, Springfield will discontinue submission of the daily teletype. In its stead, weekly summary airtels will be submitted and continued emphasis will be placed on this matter.

August 22, 1963

Airtel

1 - Mr. Schutz
1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Seattle [redacted]

From: Director, FBI

[redacted]

OO: BUTTE

Re Seattle airtel 8/16/63 and letterhead memorandum attached thereto, a copy of which is being forwarded to the Los Angeles and Memphis Offices.

In view of the allegations contained therein Butte should expedite its interview of [redacted] and submit results of same by FD-302 under appropriate caption to both Los Angeles and Memphis.

Seattle immediately resubmit information contained in letterhead memorandum on appropriate FD-302. All offices should insure that in the future appropriate communications be utilized in setting forth results of investigation dealing with either Konsalt or Murkin.

1 - Butte
1 - Memphis - Enclosure (Murkin)
1 - Los Angeles - Enclosure (Konsalt)

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Date: 8/16/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE [redacted] (P)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ITSMV
OO: BUTTE

RE Butte teletype to Seattle dated 8/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Butte are four copies and two copies respectively of LHM setting forth allegations regarding participation in murder of KENNEDY and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Enclosed for the Butte Division are nine (9) copies each of insert reflecting investigation at Colfax, Washington, and nine (9) copies each of two (2) FD-302s reflecting interview with [redacted] and [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau and the Butte Division, in the statements given by [redacted] and [redacted] they stated that on 8/13/68 as they were leaving Walla Walla, Washington, en route to Spokane, Washington, they picked up a hitchhiker who gave his name as [redacted] age 19, who stated he was on his way to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. [redacted] got into the back seat of the vehicle, a 1937 Chevrolet two-door hardtop, while both girls remained in the front seat. They proceeded toward Spokane, Washington, and near Colfax, Washington, [redacted] advised the girls he had a gun pointed at [redacted] head and would shoot unless they did as told. While continuing to drive toward Colfax, Washington, [redacted] asked the girls if they had heard of the KENNEDY killing and the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. The girls answered they had. [redacted] told the girls that he had been in on these killings and thus was not afraid to use a gun.

The girls stated that [redacted] also mentioned that he had killed two policemen and had wounded other [redacted] The girls stated that they did not believe those statements [redacted] as he seemed to be simply attempting to frighten [redacted] by his own ego.

Enclosures (2)
2 - Bureau (Encl. 4)
Approved: Butte (Encl. 29)
2 - Sea Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] ordered the girls to turn on the highway leading to Albion, Washington; and approximately three to four miles up the road, he ordered them to stop the vehicle and get out. After getting out of the vehicle, [redacted] who was still holding the gun, ordered the girls to undress and start walking down the road towards Albion. At no time did he attempt to molest either girl. The girls stated that they walked down the road until out of sight of the car lights and then hid in a side ditch. After approximately ten minutes [redacted] drove past them in the vehicle and continued on the road toward Albion. The girls then proceeded to a nearby farm house where they received clothing and had the farm couple notify the Whitman County Sheriff's Office regarding the theft of their vehicle.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted] was arrested near Lewiston, Idaho, on [redacted] following a high speed chase from Pullman, Washington. Whitman County Sheriff's Office has charged subject with assault and grand larceny. Investigation being conducted regarding ITSMV violation. Subject in custody Nez Pierce County Jail, Lewiston, Idaho.

LEADS

BUTTE DIVISION
At Lewiston, Idaho

Will interview the subject regarding his alleged participation in the assassination of KENNEDY and MARTIN LUTHER KING.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Seattle, Washington
August 16, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

RE: [redacted]
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 15, 1968, [redacted] Spokane, Washington, and [redacted] Spokane, Washington, advised that on August 13, 1968, they were en route from Milton Freewater, Oregon, to Spokane, Washington. Upon leaving Walla Walla, Washington, they observed a young man hitchhiking near the outskirts of town. As it was approximately 11:30 PM, they decided to give the man a ride as they felt sorry for him being out so late hitchhiking. The man gave his name as [redacted] and advised that he was going to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to work in a lime plant.

[redacted] got into the back seat of the 1967 Chevrolet two-door hardtop being driven by [redacted] sat behind [redacted] who was sitting in the passenger side of the front seat.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that approximately three miles from Colfax, Washington, [redacted] said something to the effect that he had a gun pointed at [redacted] head and that he was naked and for neither girl to look back or he would shoot. He told [redacted] to keep driving the vehicle but he did not give any directions. [redacted] advised that as they entered Colfax, Washington, she turned toward Pullman, Washington, instead of turning toward Spokane. She stated that she knew the traffic would be heavier between Colfax and Pullman and there were more farm houses in the event [redacted] left the girls in the country as he was indicating he planned to do. [redacted] assured the girls that he did not intend to molest them but did intend to take their money and their vehicle. [redacted] and [redacted] stated that as they proceeded toward Pullman, Washington, [redacted] told them that he had killed two policemen and had wounded other men. He then

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ask[redacted] them if they had heard of the KENNEDY as[redacted]ssination and the killing of MARTIN LUTHER KING. The women said that they had and [redacted] told them that he had been in on these killings so he wasn't afraid to use a gun. Both women stated that he did not indicate which KENNEDY he meant but they assumed that he meant the killing of Senator ROBERT KENNEDY due to the fact [redacted] had told them that he was only 19 years of age.

[redacted] and [redacted] advised that they thought that [redacted] was not telling the truth when he informed them that he had killed two policemen and had participated in the assassination of KENNEDY and KING. They stated that they got the feeling that he was attempting to frighten them and at the same time to build up his own ego. [redacted] informed them that he did not kill women but instead planned to leave them in the country, and take their money and the 1967 Chevrolet.

[redacted] made [redacted] turn off the highway on a road leading to Albion, Washington, and proceed down that road until out of sight of the highway. He then ordered both women out of the vehicle and ordered them to completely undress. [redacted] stated that as she was undressing she noticed that [redacted] had a gun in his hand and did not have a shirt on, although he had a pair of dark trousers on. After having both women undress, [redacted] ordered them to walk down the road to Albion. The women proceeded down the road until out of sight of the car headlights at which time they hid in a side ditch beside the road. A short time later [redacted] drove past them in the vehicle proceeding toward Albion, Washington. The women then proceeded to a nearby farm house where they obtained clothing and notified the Whitman County Sheriff's Office.

[redacted] was arrested on [redacted], during the early morning hours near Lewiston, Idaho, following a high speed chase from Pullman, Washington.

The [redacted] is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a Subpoena Duces Tecum received by SAC Jensen of our Memphis Office requesting his appearance in Shelby County Tennessee Court on 8-21-68. The matter in court relates to Writ of Habeas Corpus in order that Charles Quitman Stephens, who is being held by the state as a material witness, might be released from incarceration.

This matter will be discussed with the Department and Memphis will be accordingly advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3 P

MURKIN

SHORTLY BEFORE NOON THIS DATE, SAC, MEMPHIS RECEIVED SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM. SUBPOENA ADDRESSED TO AGENT JENSEN OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, FEDERAL BUILDING, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, REQUESTING HIS APPEARANCE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST TWENTYONE, SIXTYEIGHT, AT TEN A.M., BEFORE JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT, SHELBY COUNTY DIVISION EIGHT, COURT SITTING IN CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING, DIVISION THREE, CITY OF MEMPHIS. SAC REQUESTED IN SUBPOENA TO BRING WITH HIM ANY AND ALL WRITTEN STATEMENTS, ORAL STATEMENTS REDUCED TO WRITING, TAPED STATEMENTS REDUCED TO WRITING, OR ANY PAPER WRITINGS OF OR PERTAINING TO CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS. 44-38461-5112

STEPHENS, AS BUREAU IS AWARE, IS WITNESS IN MURKIN CASE WHO LIVED IN ROOMING HOUSE AT WHICH SUBJECT STAYED ON APRIL FOUR, SIXTYEIGHT. STEPHENS HAS BEEN HELD IN CUSTODY AS MATERIAL WITNESS. WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ORDER THAT STEPHENS WILL APPEAR IN COURT AND MIGHT POSSIBLY BE RELEASED AS MATERIAL WITNESS. ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA TO SAC WAS DISCUSSED WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE AND ASSISTANT ATTORNEY

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GENERAL JAMES BEASLEY. DISTRICT ~~AG~~ Attorney General CANALE ADVISED SAC NOT TO RESPOND TO SUBPOENA. CANALE STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED COMPARABLE SUBPOENA AND THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO APPEAR IN COURT HIMSELF NOR DID HE INTEND TO PERMIT ANY DOCUMENTS OF ANY SORT TO BE INTRODUCED. CANALE SAID IN EVENT ANY INFORMATION NEEDED HE WAS OF OPINION THAT STEPHENS COULD SO TESTIFY HIMSELF. CANALE ALSO SAID IN EVENT COURT INTERESTED IN ANY STATEMENT OF STEPHENS COURT WOULD BE ADVISED THAT AFFIDAVIT HAD BEEN FURNISHED BY STEPHENS PERTAINING TO HIS KNOWLEDGE IN THIS CASE AND THAT SUCH AN AFFIDAVIT HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXTRADITION HEARINGS HELD IN LONDON. CANALE SAID HE WAS OF OPINION THIS WAS PUBLIC RECORD AND THEREFORE NO NEED FOR SAC TO RESPOND TO SUBPOENA.

Assistant Attorney General ~~AAG~~ BEASLEY STATED WITH CANALE'S PERMISSION HE WOULD REQUEST COURT QUASH ALL SUBPOENAS IN INSTANT CASE, SINCE REQUEST FOR WRITTEN STATEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL NOT MATERIAL TO ISSUE. HE STATED ISSUE IN INSTANT CASE IS WHETHER OR NOT STATE COULD HOLD STEPHENS AS MATERIAL WITNESS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION IRRELEVANT. BEASLEY ALSO STATED

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THAT SHOULD THERE BE ANY CHANGE IN MATTER HE WOULD SO ADVISE THIS OFFICE. BEASLEY OF OPINION JUDGE BEFORE WHOM CASE WOULD BE HEARD WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO QUASHING SUBPOENAES.

BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI

Date: 8-23-68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

Mr. Holmes	
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Mr. Callahan	
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Mr. Felt	
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Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Enclosed are original and one copy of news clipping from 8-23-68 issue of "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, reflecting Memphis Police providing full-time protection for CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS, witness in captioned matter.

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1 MEMPHIS
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Special Agent in Charge

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Guard Ordered For Witness

Memphis Police Providing Full-Time Protection For Charles Q. Stephens

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

At the request of Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale, Police Chief Henry Lux yesterday ordered a round-the-clock bodyguard for Charles Q. Stephens, expected to be a key witness in the trial of James Earl Ray, charged with fatally shooting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"In spite of a critical shortage of personnel we are providing security to the best of our ability for Mr. Stephens," Chief Lux said.

"We point out, however, that we have no legal authority to influence the movements of Mr. Stephens to enhance his security. This was adjudged in Circuit Court yesterday (in a habeas corpus order issued by Judge William W. O'Hearn). Stephens was held in Shelby County Jail from July 22 until last Wednesday when Judge O'Hearn ordered him released.

"We further emphasize that maximum security for an individual who moves about at will is at best less than dependable."

Chief Lux said that at any time Mr. Stephens, who is known to have a drinking problem, decides to move outside the Memphis city limits, where the police have no jurisdiction, police security will cease.

"Our past experience taught us," Chief Lux said, "that security for Mr. Stephens was difficult and posed problems, as evidenced by our support of an attempt at court action to hold him in order to provide maximum security. This, in our opinion, was the only way we could provide maximum security.

"We also point out that the security we are providing necessitates diverting men from the investigation and suppression of crime, for which they are sorely needed in this area."

Mr. Stephens was a resident of the South Memphis rooming house from which the shot that killed Dr. King is said to have been fired April 4. Mr. Stephens told police he saw a man leaving a second floor communal bathroom seconds after the shot was fired.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 8-23-68

Edition:

Author: FRANK P. AHLGREN

Editor:

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Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/22/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (26-26371)(RUC)

SUBJECT: [redacted]
ITSMV

OO: BUTTE

Re Seattle airtel to the Bureau dated 8/16/6..

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Butte are 2 copies of LHM and 9 copies each of FD-302's reflecting interviews with Officers [redacted] and [redacted] Pullman Police Department, Pullman, Washington, and with subject.

ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Bureau (Encl 4)
2 - Butte (Encl 3)
1 - Seattle
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Seattle, Washington
August 27, 1968

RE: HOWARD PHILLIP ETHRIDGE
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 18, 1968, [redacted] inmate, Whitman County Jail, Colfax, Washington, stated that on August 13, 1968, he was hitchhiking from Walla Walla, Washington, to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. [redacted] stated that he was picked up by two girls outside Walla Walla, Washington. He stated that near Colfax, Washington, he produced a gun and threatened the two girls. [redacted] stated that he told the girls that he had killed two policemen and wounded other men and that he had also participated in the assassination of Kennedy and the killing of Martin Luther King. [redacted] stated that he made this comment only as a means of scaring the two girls. He stated that he has never harmed anyone and is definitely not capable of killing anyone. He stated that he has no knowledge of the assassination of Kennedy and Martin Luther King other than what he has seen in newspapers. [redacted] stated that he thought that by making such a statement it would frighten the girls into cooperating with his demands and that he made the statement for no other purpose.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

DATE: August 21, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

With reference to the dissemination to the Department of investigative reports in this case, such reports fall into two categories: a) reports containing information of evidentiary value pertinent to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved; and b) reports containing the results of the extensive fugitive investigation conducted to locate and apprehend the subject, James Earl Ray.

All reports pertinent to the prosecution of the Federal violation involved, and in which the Department has a legitimate interest, have been disseminated promptly to the Department and there has been absolutely no delay in doing so.

The remaining reports contain the results of our extensive fugitive investigation to locate and apprehend Ray. Copies of these reports were not disseminated to the Department since they relate solely to the fugitive aspects of the case, and contain no evidentiary material or information of value to the Department in the discharge of its prosecutive function relative to the Federal charge involved.

There are twenty such reports involving approximately 2,000 pages. They contain background data and results of extensive interviews and/or other investigation conducted to locate Ray. Although they do not relate to the prosecution aspect of the case, they will none the less be furnished to the Department in accordance with Mr. Pollak's specific request.

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In this connection, by letter dated July 12, 1968, received at the Bureau July 15, 1968, Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson, Jr. of the Criminal Division requested we review the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary pertaining to Ray, and summarize references to Ray's family background; education; physical, medical and psychiatric examinations and disciplinary proceedings. (E confi-

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dentially came to our attention before Vinson's memorandum was written that British prison authorities had asked Vinson for information of this type in connection with their responsibility to maintain Ray's custody and the extradition proceedings.)

We had, of course, reviewed such records in the initial phase of the fugitive aspect of the investigation, and the results had been set forth in the fugitive reports dated May 15, 1968, and June 14, 1968, submitted by our Kansas City Office. Copies of these reports, which contained in full the information requested by Vinson in his letter, were furnished to him on July 19, 1968. Since the Attorney General had requested that information relating to the case be furnished to both Vinson and Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak of the Civil Rights Division, copies of the pertinent reports were also furnished to Pollak.

It should be noted Vinson did not furnish Pollak a copy of his (Vinson's) July 12, 1968, letter to the Bureau and consequently Pollak is apparently completely unaware the pertinent Kansas City reports were furnished to him and Vinson in answer to Vinson's specific request. This is another typical example in the Department of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing and explains why Pollak has gone off half cocked in erroneously accusing us of delay in disseminating the reports in question.

As a further example of this lack of coordination between Pollak and Vinson as relates to this case, it is noted that after Ray was turned over to state authorities in Tennessee we inquired of Vinson by letter whether the Federal process against Ray should be dismissed since the extradition order did not cite the Federal Civil Rights charges and it was our understanding that Ray could not, therefore, be prosecuted on Federal charges. A copy of our letter was furnished to Pollak.

Vinson in reply advised us that he felt the Federal process should be dismissed; however, Pollak, apparently unaware of Vinson's position, subsequently advised us that he felt the process should not be dismissed pending disposition of the state murder charges against Ray. It was necessary for us by memorandum to point out the discrepancy in the two views and request clarification in the matter.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

Attached for approval is an appropriate letter to Pollak straightening him out in line with the above.

This is typical of the ineffective service

Route to AG CRD, Crim Div 8/28/68 gm

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

1:44 PM URGENT 8-23-68 MEM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY-TWO LAST.

[redacted] ALTON PD, ADVISED NO INFORMATION DEVELOPED THAT JAMES EARL RAY IN ALTON SUBSEQUENT TO ESCAPE FROM MSP. FURTHER, THAT HE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY WRITERS PREPARING BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON RAY AND IN CONVERSATION THE INDICATE THEY HAVE INTERVIEWED INNUMERABLE PERSONS AND ONE CAN PLACE RAY IN ALTON.

[redacted] ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO SOURCES OF THE PAPER OR CITIZENS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FURNISH ANY INFORMATION INDICATING RAY PARTICIPATED IN ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON OR WAS EVER IN ALTON AREA IN NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN.

MAIL COPY OT CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

CC: MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Laboratory is page "13" of a rooming house ledger and Registration Card No. 8075 from a hotel.

Page "13" was obtained from a rooming house at 3731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, and on line 24 bears the signature JOHN LARRY RAYNS, who it is believed is identical with the subject.

Registration Card No. 8075 obtained from the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, bears the signature of JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked handwriting, believed made by the subject.

The Laboratory is requested to compare the signature JOHN LARRY RAYNS appearing on line 24 of the enclosed page "13" and the signature JOHN L. RAYNS and other inked writing on the enclosed Registration Card No. 8075 with the known handwriting and signatures of the subject to determine if the subject in fact signed page "13" and the Registration Card.

The Laboratory is requested to return the enclosures to the Chicago Office upon completion of this examination.

2 - Bureau (Encl.1)
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
1 - Chicago

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AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY
FC-A5498-BX
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original eight checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, payable to JOHN L. RAYNE plus a W-4 Form made out by JOHN L. RAYNE. One Xerox copy of each also enclosed to Bureau and Memphis.

These checks were paid to subject JAMES EARL RAY under the alias of JOHN L. RAYNE during his employment at the above restaurant from 5/3/67 till 6/24/67.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the signatures of JOHN L. RAYNE with known handwriting of the subject to determine if identical.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed checks and W-4 Form for latent prints and thereafter compare with fingerprints of subject.

In addition it is requested that any latents developed on check #5357 dated 6/25/67 also be compared

2-Bureau (Encs. 18) (RM)
1-Memphis (Encs. 9)
1-Chicago

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with the fingerprints of subject's brother JERRY RAY previously submitted instant matter.

The Memphis and Chicago Divisions should be advised of the results of afore-mentioned examination and the enclosed items should be returned to Chicago upon completion of examination.

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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TELETYPE URGENT

TO SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYTHREE SUBMITTING EIGHT CHECKS FROM INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT, WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, NUMBERED FOUR EIGHT THREE EIGHT, FOUR NINE ONE THREE, FOUR NINE EIGHT SEVEN, FIVE ZERO FIVE EIGHT, FIVE ONE THREE ZERO, FIVE TWO ZERO NINE, FIVE TWO EIGHT THREE AND FIVE THREE FIVE SEVEN AND W DASH FOUR FORM DATED MAY TEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS." ALSO REAIRTEL CG AUGUST TWENTYFOUR SUBMITTING REGISTER PAGE THIRTEEN, BEARING SIGNATURE-"JOHN LARRY RAYMS" ON LINE TWENTYFOUR AND REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE DATED JUNE EIGHTEEN, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN AND SIGNED "JOHN L. RAYNS."

2 - CHICAGO (44-1114)
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TELETYPE TO MEMPHIS
MURKIN
44-1987

CONCLUDED JAMES EARL RAY, K ONE SEVEN ONE, K TWO ONE ONE, K TWO FIVE SEVEN, PREPARED THE RAYMS SIGNATURE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF REGISTER PAGE; THE QUESTIONED INKED WRITING ON REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER EIGHT ZERO SEVEN FIVE; THE QUESTIONED HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING ON W DASH FOUR FORM. ALTHOUGH SIGNIFICANT SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS EXCEPT CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE WHEN COMPARED WITH RAY'S KNOWN WRITINGS, PRESENCE OF UNEXPLAINED VARIATIONS, INSUFFICIENT COMPARABLE MATERIAL AND DISTORTION IN SOME OF HANDWRITING PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION WHETHER RAY PREPARED ENDORSEMENTS ON SUBMITTED CHECKS. ENDORSEMENT ON CHECK NUMBER FIVE TWO ZERO NINE TOO DISTORTED FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. ALTHOUGH SOME SIMILARITIES NOTED IN THE DATE ON LINE TWENTYFOUR OF THE REGISTER PAGE BESIDE THE RAYMS SIGNATURE WHEN COMPARED WITH COMPARABLE WRITINGS OF RAY, THE LIMITED AND OVERWRITTEN NATURE OF THIS DATE PRECLUDED A DEFINITE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER RAY PREPARED THIS DATE. SUBMITTED EVIDENCE TO BE FORWARDED TO CG AFTER COMPLETION OF REQUESTED LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATIONS. COPIES MAILED TO CG. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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FBI WASH DC

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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TELETYPE

FBI CHICAGO
4:56 PM URGENT 8-24-68 PMS
TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)
FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

MURKIN, OO: MEMPHIS.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS AUGUST TWENTY-THREE LAST.

MRS. GLORIA DONNELLY [redacted] OWNER, TWO SEVEN THREE [redacted] NORTH SHEFFIELD [redacted] CHICAGO, PRODUCED RENT RECORDS WHICH SHOW A JOHN LARRY RAYMS RENTED ROOM ON APRIL THIRTY, SIXTY-SEVEN. MRS. DONNELLY [redacted] ADVISED RAYMS RENTED REAR BASEMENT APARTMENT. RENT RECORDS DO NOT SHOW WHEN RAYMS LEFT, HOWEVER, NEXT PERSON TO OCCUPY APARTMENT MOVED IN ON MAY SEVENTEEN OR JUNE SEVENTEEN SIXTY - SEVEN - CONFUSION AS TO DATE DUE TO FIRST DIGIT OF DATE WRITTEN OVER. THIS DIGIT IS EITHER FIVE OR SIX. ROOM RENTED TO RAYMS BY JEAN WILES [redacted] DONNELLY'S AUNT. WILES [redacted] DIED ON MAY ONE LAST. DONNELLY [redacted] STATED RAYMS CAME TO APARTMENT THROUGH AD IN NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSPAPER. RAYMS HAD NO FRIENDS OR ASSOCIATES. LEFT THE HOUSE DAILY BEFORE SEVEN A.M. DONNELLY [redacted] CANNOT RECALL RAYMS HAVING A CAR. RAYMS HAD LOTS OF BOOKS AND COOKING UTENSILS, VERY FEW CLOTHES. SOME COOKING UTENSILS

END PAGE ONE

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LEFT BEHIND. RAYMS RECEIVED ONE LETTER DURING STAY. THIS LETTER FROM UNKNOWN PLACE IN CANADA. DONNELLY [redacted] STATED RAYMS LEFT SAME DAY HE RECEIVED LETTER. RAYMS STATED HE WAS GOING TO CANADA TO WORK. ALSO MENTIONED GETTING A JOB ON A SHIP.

DONNELLY [redacted] SHOWN GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS. UNABLE TO PICK OUT PHOTO OF RAY. DESCRIBED RAYMS AS LATE TWENTIES, EARLY THIRTIES, DARK HAIR, TALL AND THIN.

DONNELLY [redacted] STATED ONE PHONE IN APARTMENT NOT CONNECTED AND BELIEVED TO BE DISCONNECTED AT TIME RAYMS IN APARTMENT. STATED CALLS IF ANY PROBABLY MADE AT CORNER DRUG STORE. PHONE NUMBERS OF THESE PHONES OBTAINED.

DONNELLY [redacted] MADE AVAILABLE REGISTRATION SHEET SIGNED BY RAYMS.

EDWARD SHELTON [redacted] SECOND FLOOR, TWO SEVEN THREE ONE [redacted]

M. SHEFFIELD [redacted] ADVISED HE RECALLED RAYMS AND PICKED PHOTO OF RAY FROM GROUP OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWN AS RESEMBLING RAYMS.

SPELTA [redacted] ADVISED RAYMS SPOKE TO NO ONE AND DID NOT HAVE ANY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES.

END PAGE TWO

EEL

[redacted] SECOND FLOOR, 2723 N. [redacted] SHEFFIELD [redacted] UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION RE RAYMS.

[redacted] WHO RESIDED FRONT BASEMENT APT., [redacted] SHEFFIELD UNTIL MAY TEN, SIXTY - SEVEN, UNABLE TO RECALL OR IDENTIFY RAYMS.

[redacted] LINCOLN APT. HOTEL, ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT W. LUNT, CHICAGO, CHECKED RENT RECORDS AND DETERMINED A JOHN L. RAYNS, [redacted] N. SHEFFIELD CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, CHECKED INTO ROOM ONE ZERO FIVE ON JUNE EIGHTEEN, SIXTY - SEVEN. REGISTRATION CARD MARKED "RENTED FOR ONE WEEK." [redacted] UNABLE TO IDENTIFY PHOTOGRAPH OF RAY AND CANNOT RECALL RAYNS. ROOM RENTED BY [redacted] WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. REGISTRATION CARD OBTAINED.

REGISTRATION CARDS BEING SUBMITTED TO LABORATORY THIS DATE FOR HANDWRITING COMPARISON.

PHONE RECORDS UNAVAILABLE WILL BE CHECKED WHEN FIRST AVAILABLE, MONDAY NEXT.

OTHER PERSONS WHO MIGHT BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY RAY AT EITHER ADDRESS UNAVAILABLE UNTIL MONDAY WHEN THEY WILL BE INTERVIEWED.

END

SLB

FBI WASH DC

P. McCALLIE
W. B. [illegible]
By [illegible] Time [illegible]

CC: Mr. Conrad

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

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Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
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PM URGENT 8-26-68 DJE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWENTYTHREE LAST.

SUSPECT [redacted] ARRESTED BY ALTON PD THIS DATE FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR ON BENCH WARRANT ISSUED L. A. COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, ARISING OUT OF BURGLARY CHARGE. [redacted] TRANSPORTED TO MADISON COUNTY JAIL AND EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN HIS RELEASE BY ASSOCIATES. EFFORTS MADE TO INTERVIEW BUT UNSUCCESSFUL. 44-38861-5119

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. McDonough

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 5120

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MURKIN

Reurairtel 8-19-68.

You should continue to maintain close contact with [redacted] in order to secure complete details presently [redacted] as well as any additional subsequent information [redacted] may develop in this matter.

You should also alert Mr. Phil Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, to the pertinent information developed [redacted] and advise him that any additional details obtained will also be furnished to him.

SuLHM suitable for dissemination to Department within two days.

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NOTE:

See memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach captioned, "Murkin," dated 8-26-68,,REL:jms.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: R. Rosen

DATE: August 26, 1968

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Sullivan

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] Memphis Office has advised that [redacted] at a rally of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan [redacted] Robert M. Shelton, Imperial Wizard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, concerning James Earl Ray.

[redacted]

ACTION:

Memphis is being instructed to keep in close touch [redacted] so that all details currently in [redacted] possession and additional details [redacted] obtain will be furnished the Bureau. Memphis is also being instructed to alert Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution of Ray, of this information and further advise him any additional details will be furnished to him. Department will also be advised.

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EX 110

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 8/19/68

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Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

[redacted] a rally of the United Klans of America, Inc., [redacted] Ku Klux Klan (UKA) [redacted] ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, concerning JAMES EARL RAY.

[redacted]

Airtel 1 - Bureau (RM)
1 - Birmingham (105-722) (RM)
1 - Memphis (2 - 44-1987)
(1 - 170-154) (CRM 313-R)

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Special Agent in Charge

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI WASH DC

233PM] URGENT 8-28-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

HOBKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU EIGHT TWENTY SEVEN LAST.

[redacted] CONTACTED TODAY RE INFO ON [redacted] FURNISHED BY EAST ALTON P.D. INFORMANT SUBSTANTIATED PREVIOUS INTELLIGENCE INDICATING [redacted] PREFERS FORTY FIVE CALIBER AUTOMATIC. STATED [redacted] HAS WIDE ACQUAINTANCE AMONG CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN GREATER ALTON AREA AND COULD WELL HAVE ACCESS TO ENOUGH INFO ABOUT THE BANK OF ALTON TO PULL BR. EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT [redacted] WOULD PULL BR. STATING HE PREFERRED BURGLARIES.

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[redacted] CONTACTED AND GIVEN ASSIGNMENT TO DEVELOP INFO ON [redacted] AND [redacted]

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END.

GJB

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: August 23, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Gale

SYNOPSIS:

This case involves the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. [redacted] furnished us information on June 2, 1967, based upon rumor he heard, of a $100,000 bounty placed on King's head. Investigation failed to verify this. After the slaying of King, leads were set out to interview [redacted] to determine if he had learned of any more information concerning such an offer. It was determined [redacted] was declared a Federal Fugitive parole violator on April 2, 1968. He turned himself in to Agents in St. Louis on 8/5/68, and furnished no additional information regarding the $100,000 bounty. [redacted] advised a probation officer he violated parole because of information he possessed concerning King bounty. Special Investigative Division submitting letterhead memorandum to U. S. Parole Board containing interview of [redacted]

ACTION:

For your information. You will be advised of pertinent developments.

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DETAILS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

15 AUG 29 1968

We have been, in the past, investigating every complaint and allegation of a conspiracy nature regarding the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. We have had several instances where persons incarcerated at various times advised that King had a bounty of $100,000 placed on his head. We, of course, are continuing to thoroughly check out every allegation of this nature.

On June 2, 1967, [redacted] advised our Dallas Office that while incarcerated at Leavenworth Penitentiary, he heard rumors that $100,000 had been offered by

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi to anyone who would kill Martin Luther King, Jr. Subsequent investigation never uncovered any information which would, in any way, verify the $100,000 offer. However, after the slaying of King, leads were set out to interview [redacted] to determine if he had learned of any more information concerning such an offer.

It was determined that [redacted] was declared a Federal fugitive parole violator on April 2, 1968. On July 31, 1968, [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] of the Phoenix Office, and arrangements were made for [redacted] to surrender himself to [redacted] at St. Louis on August 5, 1968. At this time [redacted] planned to stop in St. Louis on that date en route to an In-Service class at the Bureau beginning August 12, 1968. St. Louis was instructed to interview [redacted] should he surrender as planned.

[redacted] turned himself in to Agents at St. Louis on August 5, 1968, and stated his decision to do this was prompted partly by fear for his safety after having furnished information to the FBI concerning the alleged offer mentioned and partly by his desire to "get things straightened out" since he is now married and his wife is pregnant. [redacted] said he had received no new information concerning the alleged offer for the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr., since interviewed by Dallas Agents on June 2, 1967.

This matter has been coordinated with the Special Investigative Division in view of his fugitive status. The Special Investigative Division directed a communication to St. Louis to the effect that an official of the United States Board of Parole advised that they received information from the Probation Officer in St. Louis to the effect that [redacted] is claiming he absconded and violated parole because he possesses information concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr., assassination and fears for his life.

The Special Investigative Division requested the St. Louis Division to furnish the results of the interview of [redacted] They then intend to submit an LHM/to the United States Board of Parole. letterhead memorandum

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI SPRNGFLD

345PM URGENT 8/27/68 PAM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (PP. 1)

MURKIN

RE SI TEL TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYSIX, LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED TODAY HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH [redacted] CONCERNING [redacted] ACTIVITIES AND KNOWLEDGE OF ROBBERY THE BANK OF ALTON. INFORMANT STATES HE FEELS [redacted] HAS DEFINITE KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING BR THROUGH NOT ACTIVE PARTICIPANT. INFORMANT INSTRUCTED TO CONTINUE CONTACT OF [redacted]

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END

BJP

FBI WASH DC

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Legat, London

August 28, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. McDonough

MURKIN

ReBulet 8-8-68.

Advise status.

1 - Foreign Liaison (cleared with [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. Cotter

DATE: 8/27/68

FROM: G. A. Strong

SUBJECT: MURKIN

[redacted] who resides in San Diego, California, and is known to the San Diego Office, personally contacted me in Washington, D. C.

She stated she was en route New York City, New York, from Memphis, Tennessee, where she had been visiting relatives. She related while in Memphis she had received thirdhand information to the effect that James Earl Ray was not the individual who killed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. [redacted] advised that the person who did kill Dr. King, according to information she received, was the brother of an individual who owned a sporting goods store near the place of the murder.

She stated Ray was in the rooming house across from Dr. King's motel to shoot Dr. King in the event the other individual did not. In addition, [redacted] advised that the landlady of the rooming house where Ray was allegedly seen is a [redacted] who reportedly grew up with Ray in Missouri.

[redacted] further advised that rumors were being circulated in Memphis to the effect that [redacted] had received $2,000 from persons unknown to testify in court that she did not recognize Ray.

The above conversation with [redacted] was of short duration and in an establishment not conducive to thorough and exhaustive interrogation and only the above information was obtained.

[redacted] was in a travel status and her exact date of return to San Diego is unknown.

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ACTION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be forwarded to the [redacted] handling this matter.

1 - Mr. Rosen

6 - [illegible]

AA. MURKIN

O'Murkin

August 28, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[redacted] Shelton Imperial Wizard of the United Klans, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted]

[redacted]

This information is being furnished to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution of Ray. This is for your information.

1 - Civil Rights Division via 6-94 (F)

1 - Criminal Division via 6-94 (F)

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COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI WASH DC

221PM URGENT 8-29-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT LAST.

INFORMANTS AND PCIS AT ALTON, ILLINOIS, UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHEN CONTACTED TODAY.

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END.

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Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT
of the
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1114
FBI FILE NO. 44-38681
LATENT CASE NO. 91078

August 30, 1968

TO: SAC, Chicago

RE: TURKIN
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 8-23-68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago
SPECIMENS: Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., Q100 through Q106
Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate, Q406

Specimens examined and one latent fingerprint of value developed on check, Q104. REC-63 44-38681-5129

See attached page for result of comparison.

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Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Mr. Rosen
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FBI

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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Your File No. 44-1114
FBI File No. 44-38861
Latent Case No. 91075

August 30, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405342C

The latent print developed on the check #5289, Q404, is identical with the right thumbprint of James Earl Ray.

The check is enclosed.

8/23/68

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38361)
ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY
PC-A5493-BX
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original eight checks from the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, payable to JOHN L. RAYNS plus a W-4 Form made out by JOHN L. RAYNS. One Xerox copy of each also enclosed to Bureau and Memphis.

These checks were paid to subject JAMES EARL RAY under the alias of JOHN L. RAYNS during his employment at the above restaurant from 5/3/67 till 6/24/67.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the signatures of JOHN L. RAYNS with known handwriting of the subject to determine if identical.

The Latent Fingerprint Section is requested to process enclosed checks and W-4 Form for latent prints and thereafter compare with fingerprints of subject.

In addition it is requested that any latents developed on check #5357 dated 6/25/67 also be compared

(3)-Bureau (Encs. 13) (RM)
1-Memphis (Encs. 9)
1-Chicago
[redacted]
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with the fingerprints of subject's brother JERRY RAY previously submitted instant matter.

The Memphis and Chicago Divisions should be advised of the results of aforementioned examination and the enclosed items should be returned to Chicago upon completion of examination.

F B I

Date: 8/13/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Legat, Ottawa airtel to Bureau, dated 7/25/68.

A review of referenced communication along with attached RCMP report and telephone company documents fails to reveal any investigation to be conducted by Newark.

It is to be noted that Newark has no knowledge of this avenue of investigation.

The Bureau is requested to advise Newark of what investigation, if any, should be conducted.

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3-Bureau
2-Newark
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 8-19-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

(O) MURKIN.

Submitted herewith for information and assistance of the Bureau is a press clipping which appeared in the "Memphis Commercial Appeal" on the morning of 8-18-68. This article indicates that WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE has obtained book and movie rights for an account from handwritten notes of JAMES EARL RAY regarding the Dr. KING murder.

On 8-18-68, Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS JR [redacted] advised SAC, Memphis, of certain information that had come to his attention in connection with JAMES EARL RAY. Sheriff [redacted] showed SAC a MORRIS copy of a questionnaire prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, intended for subject RAY. The initial paragraph of this questionnaire indicated that JAMES EARL RAY had furnished information to [redacted] regarding an employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant for an approximate period of two months. This restaurant located in Winnetka, Illinois. The tenor of the material indicated that RAY had had this employment in Winnetka, Illinois, shortly after his escape from the Missouri Prison on 4/23/68. In addition, the introductory paragraph also indicated that RAY had left prison, gone to Chicago, Illinois, and thereafter to Toronto, Canada.

This questionnaire was a new item, and Sheriff MORRIS [redacted] advised that Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE was cognizant of this information. Sheriff [redacted] advised that WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE had told him that he had paid HANES to represent RAY so that he could get the story from RAY first hand. Sheriff MORRIS [redacted]

(3) BUREAU (Enc. 2) MEMPHIS ENCLOSURE

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E. C. Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

was of the opinion that the information which appeared in the initial paragraph of the questionnaire was information which Attorney HANES had delivered to HUIE. This may well place this type material in the nature of privileged information.

In addition, Sheriff [redacted] advised that JAMES EARL RAY is a little more at ease with the guards at the present time than he was during his earlier incarceration. In fact, Sheriff [redacted] stated that JAMES EARL RAY had informed the guards that he was most embarrassed when he had been arrested for jay-walking in Toronto. RAY told the guards that he and two buddies had been arrested at the same time for jay-walking. No date or time given by RAY for this arrest in Toronto.

The reported employment in Winnetka, Illinois, shortly after RAY's escape from Missouri State Pen, appears to be new information. It is not felt that verification of this employment would add anything to the investigation of the murder of Dr. KING, per se. It is felt that inquiry by the Bureau at this time for the verification of this employment might only add material to WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE's ultimate story. Memphis at this time recommends that no investigation by the Bureau be conducted to verify this employment.

Insofar as the jay-walking arrest in Toronto, since this information came via the guards at the Shelby County Jail, it is felt that inquiries should be made of the Toronto Police to ascertain whether or not they have such an arrest record. If such an arrest record is available, the identities of the so-called two buddies should be determined. Since no date was given as to the time of this alleged arrest, it is felt investigation should be held in abeyance. In the event this jay-walking arrest occurred at the time of RAY's first visit in Canada, here again it is not felt that extensive investigation would necessarily add anything to the investigation of the murder of Dr. KING. If, however, this jay-walking arrest did occur after the shooting of Dr. KING, the Memphis Office is of the opinion these so-called two buddies should be located and interviewed.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

August 28, 1968

The Attorney General

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

For your information, I am enclosing a communication which may be of interest to you.

Upon removal of the enclosure, if classified, this transmittal form becomes unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOT RECORDED
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Enc. (20)

Enclosed are twenty additional reports in this matter. Copies of these reports have also been furnished to the Criminal and Civil Rights Divisions in accordance with the request of Mr. Pollak.

2 ENCLOSURES SEP 4 - 1968

Civil Rights Division

August 28, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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NOTE: Enclosed are twenty additional reports in this matter. Copies of these reports have also been furnished to the Attorney General and the Criminal Division in accordance with the request of Mr. Pollak 44-38567-

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Criminal Division

August 28, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

EJM:sld

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ENCLOSURE

44-3[illegible]-JL 6-98

8-29-68

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Reurairtel 8-24-68, submitting fingerprints of Ruby [redacted] and [redacted] for elimination purposes.

Latent fingerprints previously reported on [redacted] Hotel registration cards, Q349 and Q350, are not identical with fingerprints of [redacted] or [redacted]

Submitted prints enclosed.

Enc. (2)

1 - Mr. Rosen

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FBI

Date: 8/7/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (P)

BURKIN

Re Las Vegas airtel to Director, 8/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by [redacted] on 8/7/68, in Washington, D.C.

Officer [redacted] Identification Bureau, Metropolitan Police Department said he was unable to locate any record concerning [redacted] SCOTT OWEN BELL

[redacted] Selective Service System, District of Columbia, 806 G St., N.W., said she was unable to locate any information concerning [redacted] SCOTT OWEN BELL [redacted] registered with any Local Board in the District of Columbia. She added he would not have to register until within five days of his eighteenth birthday, 8/7/50. Also the District does not have a Local Board # 43. The address he furnished for his Local Board is 1916 G Street, North West, which is the National Headquarters of the Selective Service System.

[redacted] Information Clerk, St. Elizabeth's Hospital said SCOTT OWEN BELL, born [redacted] was a patient in February, 1968. He escaped in March, 1968, and was readmitted on 4/1/68. He was discharged on 5/1/68.

BELL MAY HAVE SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

2- Bureau (44-38861)
1- Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
1- New York (44-) (Info)
1- Las Vegas (187-133) (Info)
1- WFO (44-703)
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GC- Bishop

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Special Agent in Charge

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8/30/68

Airtel

To: SAC's, Chicago (44-1114)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

URGENT

Re Chicago airtel 8/24/68, submitting sheet from rooming house ledger, Q407, and registration card, Q408.

One latent fingerprint and two latent palm prints developed on Q407, and ten latent fingerprints developed on Q408. Latent prints not identical fingerprints and palm prints of James Earl Ray, FBI #4059420.

Q407 and Q408, enclosed to Chicago.

Laboratory reporting separate.

Enc. (2)

1 - Mr. Rosen

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TELETYPE UNIT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: August 28, 1968

FROM : Legat, Rome (44-2)(P) ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68 and Romlet 8/1/68.

The following is set out for the information of the Bureau:

(1) MAN HOURS

Regular - Agent	0
Overtime - Agent	0
Regular - Clerical	0
Overtime - Clerical	0

(2) MILEAGE

Bureau cars	0
Personally owned cars	0

(3) UNUSUAL COSTS 0

(4) NUMBER OF AGENTS WORKING ON CASE 0

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4 - Bureau (1 - Liaison)
1 - Rome
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

FBI

Date: 8/30/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (44-854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Legat, Ottawa airtel to Bureau, 7/25/68;
NK airtel to Bureau, 8/13/68;
Bureau call to NK, 8/29/68.

A review of RCMP report and telephone company documents revea the following:

Photostat marked "D"

The call on 9/29 to New Orleans, La., telephone #504[redacted] appears to have originated from "Woodbg, N.J" which is believed to be Woodbridge, N.J.; however, the call was charged to Montreal, Canada, number 514-[redacted] and no New Jersey number is indicated.

Photostat marked "E"

This reflects a 9/29 call to New Orleans, La., telephone #504[redacted] from Union City, N.J., but is charged to Montreal #514[redacted] and no New Jersey number is indicated.

Photostat marked "F"

A call on 9/29 to New Orleans, La., telephone #504[redacted] from Union City, N.J., telephone #863-????

2 Bureau
2- Newark
[redacted]:lgl
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Special Agent in Charge

NK 44-854

Last four digits not recorded. Call was charged to Montreal #514-[redacted]

In view of the fact that there are no New Jersey telephone numbers listed in any of the records submitted by RCMP, there is no investigation which can be conducted by NK.

FBI

FBI

Date: 8/28/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the following motions filed by Hanes and Hanes, attorneys for the defendant:

1. Motion to produce firearms, automobiles, records, etc., pertaining to this case which are now in the possession of the attorney for the State.

2. Motion for leave to withdraw plea and to quash indictment for carrying a dangerous weapon.

3. Motion for leave to withdraw plea and to quash indictment for murder

The Court has made no ruling on these motions.

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Teletype

1 - C. C. Bishop

2 - Bureau (Encs. 3)

1 - Memphis

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

One copy each of three motions filed by Hanes and Hanes, attorneys for the defendant.

REF: MM airtel to Bureau, 8/28/68.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias.

No. 16645
(Murder)
FILED
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY D. C.

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW PLEA
AND TO QUASH INDICTMENT

Comes now the defendant in the above styled case, by and through his attorney of record, and respectfully moves This Honorable Court for leave to withdraw his plea heretofore entered and, if that be granted, defendant further moves that the indictment heretofore returned in this case be quashed and as grounds therefor assigns the following:

1. There have been written reports, articles and publications in magazines, newspapers and books of wide and general circulation published and distributed within the juridiction of this court, throughout the State of Tennessee and throughout the United States concerning defendant, the alleged crime committed and the purported victim thereof, said reports, articles and publications being calculated to and having the effect of creating widespread public excitement and animosity toward crimes of the type herein alleged and toward the defendant and his alleged crime in particular.

2. Radio and television networks and stations within the jurisdiction of this court, throughout the State of Tennessee and throughout the United States have from, to-wit, April 4, 1968, until the present date, by way of both regular and special programming, frequently and continually broadcast programs and parts

thereof which so canonised and so depicted the victim of the crime herein charged, and so described the crime and defendant herein charged that widespread public outrage and hatred have been generated toward any person charged with the crime alleged herein and toward this defendant in particular.

3. Said publications and broadcasts have been so pervasive and widespread within this jurisdiction and throughout the entire United States that most if not all prospective jurors chosen within the jurisdiction of this court or within the jurisdiction of any court throughout the United States will have read and/or heard the said prejudicial matter on many occasions and will have been repeatedly exposed to published matter tending to influence public opinion in favor of defendant's guilt and tending to remove the presumption of innocence which must accompany him to trial.

4. Defendant has not had opportunity to confront or cross-examine the persons who have published and broadcast said prejudicial matter or the persons who revealed information upon which said publications and broadcasts were purportedly based, and has had no opportunity to rebut said publications and broadcasts; further, that said publications and broadcasts have represented as fact matters which are controverted and controvertible and prejudicial matters which are not relevant to or admissible in the trial of this case.

5. The above stated publications and broadcasts, as shown in part by the exhibits attached hereto and hereby incorporated, have created such widespread prejudicial publicity that defendant

has been effectively precluded from receiving a fair and impartial trial within any jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.
Attorney for Defendant.

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing motion on the Attorney General for the State in this case. This the 16 day of August 1968.

Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.

FBI

Date: 8/29/68

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

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Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau 8/19/68 and Bureau airtel to Memphis 8/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of a LHM pertaining to information furnished by [redacted] on 8/19/68 to [redacted]

Information contained in the enclosed LHM has been orally furnished to Mr. PHIL CANALE, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Close contact is being maintained with [redacted]

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ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Encs.4)
3 - Memphis
(2 - 44-1987, MURKIN)
(1 - 170-154 Sub, ME 313-R)

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cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-4
1 cc CIV. RIGHTS UNIT

SEP 4 1968

C. C. Bishop

Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
August 29, 1968

Re: JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

During August, 1968, [redacted] obert M. Shelton, described by the source as being the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, had stated that he [redacted]

(A characterization of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA), is set forth in the Appendix section.)

APPENDIX

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The first source and a second source advised in July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. (The organization is directed by ROBERT SHELTON, Imperial Wizard, and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)

Second source advised that at a meeting in Prattville, Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Third source advised on May 7, 1968, that the UKA is currently an active organization with klaverns in several states. This source said that ROBERT M. SHELTON is the Imperial Wizard of this organization and was elected to this position on September 3, 1967, at a National Klonvocation in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966, the national office was moved from Suite 401, Alston Building, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of SHELTON's residence, #18 Lake Sherwood, Star Route, Northport, Alabama, which space he had converted into a room.

APPENDIX

JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
August 29, 1968

Title JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Reference Memorandum prepared at Memphis, Tennessee, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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FBI

Date: 8/30/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: Legat, Buenos Aires (173-1) (RUC)

MURKIN
COST DATA

ReBucab July 2, 1968, and Buairtel July 31, 1968.

This matter has required no investigation by this office during the month of July. There is no cost data to report. UACB this monthly airtel is being discontinued since there is no indication that investigation will be conducted on subject matter by this office. If investigation is made or expenses incurred Bureau will be advised.

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1 - Buenos Aires
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FBI WASH DC

416PM URGENT 8-30-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SI TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED AUGUST TWENTY NINE LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED HE HAS MADE INQUIRY RE

[redacted] STATES [redacted] N GREATER ALTON

AREA AND WILL SET HIM UP FOR INTERVIEW.

NO OTHER NEW INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES SENT TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

END

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FBI WASH DC

44- [illegible] 5138

SEP 4 1968

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Re: action letter

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FBI

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: Aug

FROM : Sol Lindenbaum
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

SUBJECT:

James Earl Ray

The Attorney General will not require these copies since copies are available in the Criminal and Civil Rights Divisions.

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EX-105

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EXP. PROC.

DA SEP AUG 1968

Dear Sirs

I wish to remain anonymous, but I firmly believe Mr. [redacted] recently promoted to [redacted] College, [redacted] is capable of being the James Earl Ray that shot Martin Luther King. At any rate he swindles students at that school and smears their character to expel them. There is no law on the mountain, so they can get by with almost anything. They can juggle their money to confiscate student government loans, without question the place is dangerous, and the cheated students are too afraid to speak up in their own defense. I know of two, who were smeared by him and goodness how many more.

In one of Martin Luther King's last speeches, he remarked, " Let Freedom ring from different points to different points mentioning Lookout Mountain, Tennessee" Please investigate this matter and you might get a lead on Communism among students inluding funds for the Communists in this country. I'm sure he is robbing and exploiting certain students there some of which will not return this year. Please believe me matter is serious and dangerous.

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PM 5 AUG 1968

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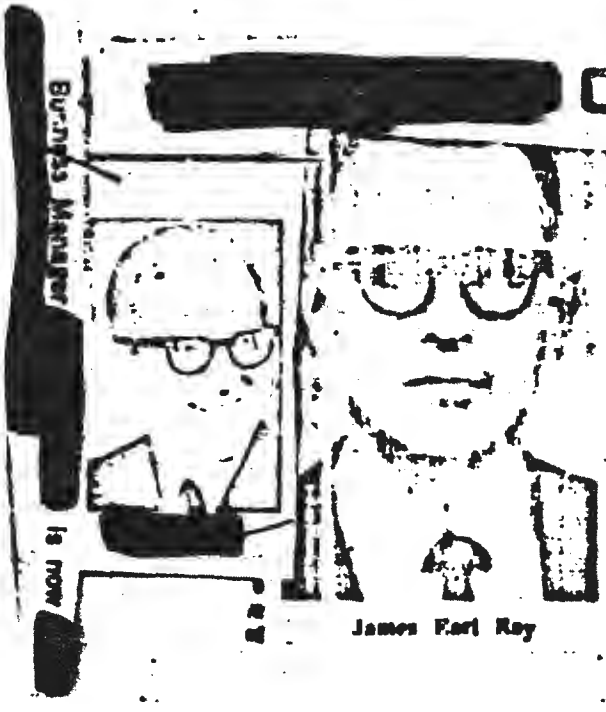
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Washington ,D.C.

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44-38561-5140

1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: September 4, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680826086 JK
D-680826101 JK

Examination requested by: Chicago

Reference: Airtels, 8/23/68 and 8/24/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

A separate report is being furnished regarding the results of the latent fingerprint examination and return of Q398 through Q408.

This report confirms and supplements Bureau teletype to Memphis dated 8/27/68.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Chicago (44-1114) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: September 4, 1968

FBI File No. 44-38861-5141

Lab. No. D-680826035 JK
D-680826101 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., payable to JOHN RAYNS or JOHN L. RAYNS, further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT
Q398	4838	5/7/67	$84.89
Q399	4913	5/14/67	84.89
Q400	4987	5/21/67	84.89
Q401	5058	5/28/67	84.89
Q402	5130	6/4/67	89.63
Q403	5209	6/11/67	89.63
Q404	5283	6/18/67	95.19
Q405	5357	6/25/67	77.53

Q406 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number 318-24-7098 and signed "John L. Rayns"

Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Q407 Sheet from rooming house ledger, page 13, bearing on line 24 the signature "John Larry Rayns"

Q408 Registration card, No. 8075, dated 6/18/67, bearing the signature "John L. Rayns"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257 prepared the questioned Rayns signature on Q407; the questioned handwriting on Q408 and the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q406. Although significant similarities were noted in the endorsements on Q398 through Q405, except the

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endorsement on Q403, when compared with the known writings of RAY, the presence of unexplained variations, insufficient comparable material and distortion in some of the questioned endorsements precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared the endorsements on Q398 through Q405.

The endorsement on Q403 is too distorted for comparison purposes. Although some similarities were noted in the date on line 24 on Q407 beside the Rayms signature when compared with the comparable writing of RAY, the limited and over-written nature of this date precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared this date.

Q398 through Q408 have been photographed and will be returned to Chicago separately.

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

William Bradford Huie, author whose books include "Three Lives for Mississippi," dealing with the murder of three civil rights workers in June, 1964, has reportedly bought James Earl Ray's story and is preparing an article to appear in "Look," proofs of which are to be ready 9-10-68.

Ray escaped from Missouri State Penitentiary, 4-23-67, and his whereabouts from 4-23-67, until he appeared in Montreal, 7-17-67, have previously been unknown.

This will be discussed with the Department to determine if material given Huie by Ray through his attorney can be seized as evidence and if Federal action in this regard is not possible, it will be discussed with state authorities who will also be informed so the local judge can determine whether his order against discussing the case is being violated. Above action will be taken, if approved, and Department will also be asked to consider bringing Huie before a grand jury.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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FBI CHICAGO

1154PM URGENT 8-23-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM CHICAGO (44-1114)

-MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
MURKIN. OO: MEMPHIS

OFFICE OF ORIGIN (ORIGIN)

HARVEY A. [redacted] AND CLARA S. KLINGEMAN OWNERS OF INDIAN TRAIL [redacted] RESTAURANT WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, INTERVIEWED THIS EVENING AT WINNETKA POLICE DEPARTMENT PD FOLLOWING CONTACT BY THEM WITH WINNETKA CHIEF [redacted] (NATIONAL ACADEMY (NAT) DONALD OSENTAG.

THEY WERE CONTACTED TUESDAY, AUGUST TWENTY, LAST, BY [redacted] WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, AUTHOR OF "THREE LIVES FOR MISSISSIPPI" AND "LOOK" MAGAZINE PHOTOGRAPHER HANSEN. HUIE EXHIBITED LETTERS PURPORTEDLY FROM SUBJECT RAY ADDRESSED TO RAY'S ATTORNEY AND GIVEN TO HUIE. HUIE SAID HE HAS OBTAINED ALL COMMERCIAL RIGHTS TO RAY'S STORY AND IN RETURN IS UNDERWRITING COSTS OF RAY'S DEFENSE. LETTERS WRITTEN ON HALF SHEETS OF YELLOW LEGAL FOOLSCAP AND [redacted] CLAIM RECOGNIZED SUBJECT RAYS HANDWRITING BOTH [redacted] POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF SUBJECT RAY AS MAN EMPLOYED BY THEM FROM MAY THREE, SIXTYSEVEN, TO JUNE TWO FOUR, SIXTYSEVEN, AS DISHWASHER AND COOKS HELPER, WITH TOTAL PAY OF ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY DOLLARS. WAS EMPLOYED UNDER NAME JOHN L. RAYNE, SOCIAL SECURITY NO. THREE ONE EIGHT DASH TWO FOUR DASH SEVEN ZERO NINE EIGHT.

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LEFT EMPLOYMENT SAYING GOING TO WORK ON BOATS WITH HIS BROTHER AND SUBSEQUENTLY MAILED LETTER TO RESTAURANT REQUESTING PAY DUE BE SENT TO HIS BROTHER IN NORTHBROOK, ILLINOIS. [redacted] DID MAIL CHECK WHICH WAS CASHED. ALL PAY CHECKS OBTAINED AND WILL BE FURNISHED FBI LAB ALONG WITH FORM W DASH FOUR. GAVE LOCAL ADDRESS OF TWO SEVEN THREE ONE, SHEFFIELD, CHICAGO, BUT CHECK MAILED TO BROTHER CONTAINS ADDRESS ONE SIX FOUR EIGHT LUNT, CHICAGO WITH DATE JULY THREE, SIXTY SEVEN.

SUBJECT WAS EXCELLENT EMPLOYEE, QUIET, HAD NO FRIENDS OR VISITORS, BUT RECEIVED THREE OR FOUR PHONE CALLS DURING LAST WEEK OF EMPLOYMENT FROM PERSON STATING HE WAS BROTHER.

AUTHOR HUIE SHOWED LETTERS FROM RAY TO [redacted] IN WHICH HE LISTED EMPLOYMENT AT [redacted] AN OLD, LARGE, UPPER CLASS RESTAURANT OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION).

HUIE DESCRIBED METHOD OF ESCAPE OF SUBJECT FROM JEFFERSON CITY VIA BREAD TRUCK AND CLAIMED RAY WALKED TO CHICAGO, BECOMING VERY SORE FOOTED. [redacted] RECALLS WHEN RAY EMPLOYED HE HAD SORE AND SWOLLEN LEGS). AFTER BECOMING EMPLOYED, HUIE ALLEGES RAY WAS CONTACTED BY CONSPIRATORS WHO THREATENED TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY AND CAUSE HIS RETURN TO PRISON IF HE DID NOT WORK

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FOR THEM. HUIE SAYS RAY WAS GIVEN TWELVE HUNDRED DOLLARS DURING INITIAL CONTACTS AND ULTIMATELY WAS PAID FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS, BUT WAS TO RECEIVE MORE.

UPON LEAVING RESTAURANT EMPLOYMENT, HUIE ALLEGES RAY MADE TWO TRIPS TO CANADA THROUGH DETROIT TUNNEL, TESTING DIFFICULTY OF ENTERING AND LEAVING CANADA. HE ALSO MADE THIRD TRIP TO CANADA AND ACCORDING TO HUIE, "WAS INSTRUCTED" TO OBTAIN FORTY YEAR OLD NEWSPAPER, OBTAIN NAMES OF MALES BORN, THEN SEARCH CURRENT PHONE BOOKS FOR SIMILAR NAMES. THEN SURVEIL INDIVIDUALS WITH SIMILAR NAMES TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEIR PHYSICAL DESCRIPTIONS MATCHED HIM. THEREAFTER HE TELEPHONED PERSONS OF HIS LIKE DESCRIPTION USING PRETEXT AND FOUND MAN WHO HAD NEVER APPLIED FOR PASSPORT. THEN APPLIED FOR PASSPORT IN THIS NAME.

HE WAS THEN GIVEN MORE MONEY TO PURCHASE CAR, WHICH WAS TO BE DRIVEN TO ACAPULCO, MEXICO, TO OBTAIN TOURIST STICKER, THEN DRIVEN THROUGH MEXICO TO WEST COAST. HUIE CLAIMS RAY WAS FLOWN TO ATLANTA FROM WEST COAST, BUT TIME WAS NOT RIPE, SO WAS RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA. HE WAS GIVEN MONEY TO BUY BINOCULARS AND SHOTGUN AND WAS TO GO TO MEMPHIS AT CERTAIN TIME AND

[redacted]

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HUIE ALLEGES A NEGRO CALLED KING TO BALCONY, WHERE HE WAS SHOT. ACTUAL MURDERER WAS NOT RAY, ALTHOUGH RAY WAS PRESENT, AND AT LATER TIME RAY WILL IDENTIFY MURDERER. RAY DID PICK UP RIFLE, RAN TO HIS CAR AND PROCEDED TO RENDEZVOUS AT ATLANTA, HOWEVER, CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR WITH REMAINING "BUNDLE OF MONEY."

RAY WAS THEN TO FLEE TO MEXICO, BUT IMMEDIATELY FLY NORTH TO THROW OFF PURSUIT AND TO STEER ALL INVESTIGATION TO MEXICO. SINCE CONSPIRATORS DID NOT APPEAR, HE FLED TO CANADA AND HUIE ALLEGATIONS THEN FOLLOW SUBSEQUENT NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS. HUIE DID SAY RAY ROBBED BANK IN LONDON BECAUSE HE GOT REAL LOW ON MONEY.

HUIE DID NOT AT ANY TIME IDENTIFY ANY ALLEGED CONSPIRATORS.

HUIE SWORE [redacted] TO SECRECY, SAYING HE WOULD MAIL THEM "LOOK" PROOFS ON SEPT. TEN, NEXT, COPIES OF WHICH WILL BE FURNISHED BY [redacted] TO CHICAGO FBI, AND STORY IS TO BE IN "LOOK" NOVEMBER TEN, NEXT, ISSUE. [redacted] BROKE PROMISE OF SECRECY UPON REFLECTION, BELIEVING THEIR PUBLIC DUTY WAS TO CONTACT POLICE. HUIE NOT AWARE OF THEIR TALKING WITH FBI AND THEY WILL NOT TELL HIM WITHOUT APPROVAL OF FBI THROUGH [redacted] NA.

CHICAGO SUGGESTS BUREAU CONSIDER NOTES AND LETTERS FROM

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-RAY IN POSSESSION OF HUIE MAY CONSTITUTE EVIDENCE OF FEDERAL CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS, NOTABLY CONSPIRACY, AND EVEN THOUGH OBTAINED BY RAY ATTORNEY LOSE THEIR PRIVILEGE WHEN SHOWN TO OUTSIDERS. KLINEMANS [redacted] ARE ELDEDERLY, REPUTABLE CITIZENS, WHO ARE WILLING TO ASSIST BUREAU IN ANY WAY DESIRED.

HUIE OBTAINED PHOTOSTATS OF PAYROLL LEDGERS AND TOOK MANY PHOTOGRAPHS AT INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT AS WELL AS AT RAY'S CHICAGO RESIDENCE, ACCORDING TO KLINGEMANS [redacted]

CHICAGO CONTINUING INVESTIGATION INCLUDING ADDRESSES MENTIONED.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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cc - McFarland

FBI

Date: 9/3/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

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Re telephone call from Bureau Supervisor [redacted] General Investigative Division, to Buffalo, 8/24/68, during which Supervisor [redacted] advised that highly confidential information had been received indicating that the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, might have been arrested by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, during June or July, 1967, on a charge of jaywalking.

On 8/27/68, Inspector [redacted] NA), Head of the Central Identification Division of the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department (MTPD), was requested to make the necessary record checks to determine whether RAY was, in fact, arrested in Toronto for jaywalking, and in connection with this request, was furnished with all known aliases used by RAY in the past.

On 8/28/68, Inspector [redacted] advised that subject, under his true name and all aliases, had been checked through the Central Identification Bureau, the Records and Inquiry Bureau, and the Letter File of the MTPD; and no information was developed indicating an arrest in Toronto at any time under any of RAY's aliases.

In addition, Inspector [redacted] pointed out that it was not the practice of the MTPD to arrest individuals for jaywalking but that on infrequent occasions, a police officer would issue summonses for this offense. Inspector [redacted] had all available records of the MTPD checked regarding summonses issued for jaywalking and determined that no unanswered summonses were on file for the offense of jaywalking in the City of Toronto during the months of June and July of 1967.

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1 - Bureau (AM)
1 - [redacted] (AM)
1 - Buffalo
1 - [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

Inspector [redacted] pointed out that ordinarily if a person failed to appear in answer to a jaywalking summons, a bench warrant would be issued for his arrest and that the records of the MTPD contained no outstanding warrants based upon this type of violation during the pertinent period.

For the further assistance of the Bureau in connection with Supervisor [redacted] inquiry concerning innocuous calls previously received by the individuals in Toronto whose identities subject assumed while in Toronto during the period from April 8 to May 6, 1968, attention is called to Buffalo airtel to the Bureau dated 6/11/68 with which were forwarded two copies of a memorandum setting forth a chronology of subject's activities while in Toronto insofar as was known at that time and which included specific references to the innocuous calls received by the individuals whose identities RAY assumed. More detailed data concerning those calls was undoubtedly submitted by Legat, Ottawa, since the RCMP in Toronto are known to have prepared a lengthy report for Legat, Ottawa, including that type of information.

The same situation exists insofar as the third point raised by Supervisor [redacted] in referenced telephone call, that is, the availability of vital statistics information utilized by RAY in connection with the assumed identities while in Toronto.

FBI

Date: 8-30-68

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Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

O MURKIN

Enclosed is clipping from 8-30-68 final edition of the "Commercial Appeal" newspaper, Memphis, Tennessee, captioned "Ray and Attorney Confer on Motions."

(2) BUREAU (Enc. 2)
1 MEMPHIS

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1- Memphis 44-1987-8

2 ENCLOSURE

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Special Agent in Charge

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Ray And Attorney Confer On Motions

Publicity, Evidence Access Are Included

James Earl Ray, charged with slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., conferred at the Shelby County Jail yesterday with his attorney, Arthur J. Hanes Sr., on preliminary defense motions to be argued next Friday before Judge W. Preston Battle.

Neither defense nor prosecution will present witnesses at the hearing, it was learned, but will rely on legal arguments.

One of Mr. Hanes' motions asks the court to void Ray's first degree murder indictment on the ground that "pervasive and widespread publicity" has made it impossible for him to receive a fair trial. This is true, the motion argues, not only in Shelby County but throughout the United States.

Another motion asks Judge Battle to direct Atty. Gen. Phil Canale to give defense counsel access to all records, physical evidence and witnesses the state expects to use in the trial.

One witness Mr. Hanes wants to talk to is Charles Quitman Stephens, held in jail here for a month under a $10,000 material witness bond. Circuit Judge William W. O'Brien last week ordered Mr. Stephens released on a writ of habeas corpus alleging illegal deprivation of liberty.

Mr. Stephens, like three other material witnesses, is reported to have accepted police protection outside jail. Mr. Hanes contends he has a right to see all such witnesses. Whether they want to talk to him is for them to decide.

Although Ray has been convicted of several crimes such as larceny or robbery, the jury in the King case would be technically uninformed about this unless Ray took the witness stand.

If he declined to take the witness stand, Judge Battle would be asked to instruct the jury to disregard anything they might have heard or read in regard to a criminal record.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 8-30-68
Edition: Final
Author:
Editor:
Title: FRANK P. ALGREN

Character:
or
Classification:
Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

☐ Being Investigated

44-38861-5144

ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: September 4, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The New Orleans Division, on August 30, 1968, received a telephonic inquiry from Mr. Ken Zimmerman, Associated Press (AP), New Orleans, Louisiana, as to what records were taken by the FBI from the Provincial Motel in New Orleans concerning Eric Starvo Galt. He was advised that we had no comment to make. It is noted that the subject, in December of 1967, resided at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans for a few days under the name of Eric Starvo Galt, and we do have the motel records.

Mr. Zimmerman was queried as to his reason for wanting this information. He advised that his New York Headquarters was endeavoring to obtain all information concerning the whereabouts of subject Ray from the time he escaped from the penitentiary on April 23, 1967, and Headquarters of AP had instructed various AP offices to develop all information they could.

ACTION:

For information.

REL:jmg
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FBI

Date: 8/30/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

For information of the Bureau and Memphis, New Orleans received a telephonic inquiry on 8/30/68 from Mr. KEN ZIMMERMAN, Associated Press, New Orleans, as to what records were taken by the FBI from the Provincial Motel in New Orleans concerning ERIC STARVO GALT. He was advised this office had no comment to make.

When queried as to his reason, ZIMMERMAN advised that his New York headquarters was endeavoring to obtain all information concerning the whereabouts of subject from the time he was released from the penitentiary, and had instructed various AP offices to develop all information they could.

Above for information.

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
2 - New Orleans

JTS:sam
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION

SEP 3 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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539PM URGENT 9-3-68 DJH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38661)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST THIRTY LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED [redacted] HAS FLED THE STATE AND PRESUMABLY RETURNED TO CALIFORNIA TO ANSWER BURGLARY CHARGES THERE AND TO AVOID RECRIMINATION FROM PERSONS WHO ARE ATTEMPTING TO "GET HIM".

SUBJECT [redacted] RELEASED FROM MADISON COUNTY JAIL ON BOND AND ALLEGEDLY LIVING IN OLD SHAWNEETOWN AREA.

EFFORTS BY [redacted] TO LOCATE [redacted] UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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FBI WASH DC

SEP 11 1968

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44038861) DATE: 8/30/68

FROM LEGAT, PARIS (100-2082) (RUC)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR HUMAN INTEREST ITEMS ON ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)
BUDED: 9/20/68

ReBulet to Atlanta 8/23/68.

This office possesses no information not previously incorporated in official reports.

4 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
(1 - Atlanta, Info.)
1 - Paris
NWP:AM
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CRIME RECORDS

8 SEP 1 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

August 26, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-3599)

FROM: Director, FBI
MURKIN

News media report that attorneys for James Earl Ray have filed a motion in court at Memphis, Tennessee, that murder charges against Ray be dropped because "pervasive and widespread" publicity on the case has ruined chances for a fair trial for Ray anywhere in the United States. The news media also report that several other motions have been filed in Shelby County Court by Arthur J. Hanes, Jr., including a request for the prosecution to produce all its physical evidence and to drop the second charge against Ray, carrying a dangerous weapon.

Determine if the above is correct, submit to the Bureau copies of available motions. Keep the Bureau advised of court action.

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REL: bcp
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SEP 5 1968

ENCLOSURE

The Washington Capital News Service in its press release states that attorneys for James Earl Ray have filed several motions before the court in Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

Memphis being advised to determine if motions have been filed, and if possible, to obtain copies of them. They are also being requested to follow this matter and keep the Bureau advised.

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RAY)

MEMPHIS, TENN.--ATTORNEYS FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ACCUSED ASSASSIN OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., ASKED TODAY THAT MURDER CHARGES AGAINST RAY BE DROPPED BECAUSE "PERVASIVE AND WIDESPREAD" PUBLICITY ON THE CASE HAS RUINED CHANCES FOR A FAIR TRIAL FOR RAY ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

ARTHUR J. HANES JR. OF BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FILED MOTIONS WITH THE SHELBY COUNTY CLERK OF COURT TO HAVE RAY'S INNOCENT PLEA WITHDRAWN AND THE FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE DROPPED.

THE MOTION SAID THE PUBLICITY IN THE CASE WAS "CALCULATED TO AND IS HAVING THE EFFECT OF CREATING WIDESPREAD PUBLIC EXCITEMENT AND ANIMOSITY" TOWARD RAY.

IT ALSO SAID RADIO AND TELEVISION NETWORK PROGRAMS "SO CANONIZED AND SO DEPICTED THE VICTIM OF THE CRIME (KING)" THAT "WIDESPREAD PUBLIC OUTRAGE AND HATRED HAVE BEEN GENERATED" TOWARD RAY.

HANES, WHO WITH HIS FATHER ARTHUR HANES SR., FORMER MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM, ARE RAY'S DEFENSE ATTORNEYS, FILED TWO OTHER MOTIONS IN THE CASE.

ONE ASKED THAT CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE PRESTON W. BATTLE ORDER THE PROSECUTION TO PRODUCE ALL ITS PHYSICAL EVIDENCE FROM FINGERPRINT RECORDS TO BALLISTIC TESTS ON THE RIFLE SLUG THAT KILLED KING FOR INSPECTION BY THE DEFENSE.

THE MOTION ALSO ASKED THAT PROSECUTION WITNESSES BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONING BY DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.

THE THIRD MOTION ASKED THE COURT TO DROP THE SECOND CHARGE AGAINST RAY, CARRYING A DANGEROUS WEAPON. IT SAID RAY WAS EXTRADITED FROM LONDON WITHOUT BEING CHARGED WITH THAT CRIME AND THEREFORE COULD NOT BE TRIED FOR IT.

KING WAS KILLED BY A SINGLE RIFLE BULLET APRIL 4 AS HE STOOD ON THE BALCONY OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL. RAY WAS THE OBJECT OF AN INTENSIVE MANHUNT AND WAS ARRESTED AT A LONDON AIRPORT IN EARLY JUNE.

THE MOTION TO DISMISS THE MURDER CHARGE AGAINST RAY SAID THAT PUBLICITY ABOUT HIM AND THE CASE HAS BEEN "SO PERVASIVE AND WIDESPREAD WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION AND THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES THAT MOST IF NOT ALL PROSPECTIVE JURORS...WILL HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY EXPOSED TO PUBLISHED MATTER TENDING TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC OPINION."

IT ALSO SAID RAY HAS HAD NO CHANCE TO "CONFRONT OR CROSS EXAMINE" THE SOURCES ON WHICH THE ARTICLES AND BROADCASTS WERE BASED."

AS A RESULT OF ALL THIS, THE MOTION SAID, RAY HAS "BEEN EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDED FROM RECEIVING A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL TRIAL WITHIN ANY JURISDICTION."

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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MEMPHIS	MEMPHIS	8/22/68	4/12/68 - 8/16/68

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
JAMES EARL RAY, aka; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM	SA JOE C. HESTER	wp
	CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY	

REFERENCE

Report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 6/10/68 at Memphis.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

The report of SA JOE C. HESTER dated 6/10/68 at Memphis reported pertinent investigation up to and including subject's arrest at London, England, on 6/8/68. The investigation conducted by New Scotland Yard to locate the subject, as well as statements taken after his arrest, is contained in a report dated 7/22/68, prepared by the Flying Squad (C-8 Branch), Criminal Investigation Department of New Scotland Yard. Inasmuch as the Bureau, the Justice Department, and Mr. PHIL CANALE,

EXP. PROC.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED NONE						ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC.	AUTO.	FUG.	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☒ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☒ NO

APPROVED: Special Agent in Charge

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3-Birmingham
(1 - USA, Birmingham)
2-Memphis (44-1987)

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Disposition:

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District Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee, have received copies of the New Scotland Yard report, it is not being reported herein.

The period of this report pre-dates the period of the last report submitted by the Memphis Office as this report contains the results of investigation conducted in Mexico during the period 4/12/68 - 7/18/68.

INFORMANTS

The first confidential source abroad mentioned in LHM dated 7/24/68 is [redacted]

The second confidential source abroad is [redacted]

The third confidential source abroad is [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

LEADS

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will maintain liaison with the District Attorney General's Office and will report prosecutive action taken in this case by Tennessee authorities.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U. S. Attorney, Birmingham, Alabama

Report of: SA JOE C. HESTER Office: Memphis
Date: August 22, 1968

Field Office File #: ME 44-1987 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Synopsis: Following subject's arrest on 6/8/68 by officers of New Scotland Yard, London, England, extradition proceedings were begun by the United States Department of State, and on 7/18/68 subject was released to FBI Agents for return to the United States via military aircraft. Subject landed, United States Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee, on 7/19/68, and was released to custody of Sheriff, Shelby County, Tennessee. Subject now lodged Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tennessee, awaiting trial for murder. Investigation in Mexico set forth.

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DETAILS:

Following the subject's arrest on June 8, 1968, at London, England, by officers of New Scotland Yard, extradition proceedings were begun by the United States Department of State. On July 18, 1968, the subject was released by English authorities to the custody of FBI Agents JOHN MINNICH, GEORGE ZEISS, HAROLD LIGHT, and WILMER MARTINDALE. Subject was placed aboard a military aircraft of the United States and was flown to the United States Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee, where at 4:00 a.m. on July 19, 1968, while still aboard the aircraft, he was turned over to Sheriff WILLIAM MORRIS, Shelby County, Tennessee. Subject was then taken to the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tennessee, where he is being held awaiting trial for murder.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 24, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, aka

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Information set forth below covers the established activities of captioned individual who, as ERIC STARVO GALT, visited Mexico during October and November, 1967.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT RECORDS

On April 11, 1968, at Atlanta, Georgia, a 1968 white Mustang bearing Alabama license 1-38993, was recovered. This car had vehicle identification number 6T07C180647, and on the car was Mexican tourist sticker bearing Folio number H284406, showing that the car had crossed the border at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas.

Investigation at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, on April 12, 1968, showed that this automobile crossed the border on October 7, 1967. Documents for the automobile were issued to ERIC S. GALT, who had tourist card number 7475449 and listed his address as 2608 Highland, Birmingham, Alabama.

At Mexico, D.F., Mexico

On April 24, 1968, a confidential source abroad advised that contact with an official of the Inspection Service of Mexican Immigration in Mexico City disclosed that this agency had searched records for all departures

by land from Mexico during the second half of November, 1967. This search included all exit points from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico, and no record was located of the departure of GALT bearing tourist card mentioned above.

On July 18, 1968, the source advised that the same official was contacted on that date and reported that efforts to locate the Mexican tourist card, which should have been surrendered by GALT upon his departure from Mexico, had been unsuccessful. The official stated that his office had directly contacted every exit point along the border between Mexico and the United States, in an attempt to locate this card, with negative results. He stated, therefore, that GALT probably left Mexico without surrendering his tourist card, which is a fairly common occurrence because of the volume of traffic at all of the border crossing points.

On July 18, 1968, this same source advised that contact had been maintained on a regular basis, since April 12, 1968, with headquarters of the Mexican Federal Automobile Registration Bureau at Mexico, D.F., the agency where all documents issued to vehicles of tourists are eventually received and filed. Officials of this agency have advised that, despite extensive review of their records, the tourist importation permit for the 1966 Mustang which was issued to GALT at the border on October 7, 1967, had not been returned to that agency from any border crossing point. It was the conclusion of these officials, therefore, that GALT left Mexico in the Mustang without surrendering this document.

HOTEL RECORDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

A second confidential source abroad advised on April 14, 1968, that on that same date [redacted] EDUARDO [redacted] Hotel Rio, Morelos 86, advised that [redacted] GALT was a guest in that hotel from October 18, 1967, through November 5, 1967. [redacted] stated that, [redacted]

according to his recollection, GALT was alone, and [redacted] did not recall anything concerning GALT's car or possible friendships with other guests.

On April 15, 1968, [redacted] Hotel Rio, furnished the registration card for ERIC S. GALT, giving his address as 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. He occupied Room 212 at the rate of 60 pesos ($4.80 U.S.) per day. The card shows his arrival on October 19, 1967, and that he checked out on November 6, 1967. It also bears the signature "ERIC S. GALT."

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined two photostatic copies of the registration card of the Hotel Rio in the name of ERIC S. GALT and concluded that the questioned writings on the registration card were prepared by the writer of other specimens received in this matter which have been attributed to ERIC S. GALT.

[redacted] also advised on April 15, 1968, that there were no long-distance telephone calls charged to GALT's room.

On April 17, 1968, [redacted] stated that he remembered GALT as a "loner" at the hotel. He said GALT was never seen around the hotel during the day and did not stay around the hotel in the evening. He did come in to eat. He was always alone, with the exception of one occasion on which [redacted] bartender from another hotel, came to the Hotel Rio one morning trying to find GALT since he, [redacted] stated he had left some important papers in GALT's car.

On May 9, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in California in early 1968 was shown to [redacted] He identified this photograph as the same person who had lived in the Hotel Rio as ERIC S. GALT.

The source advised that [redacted] was interviewed on April 25, 1968, and stated that she was formerly employed as a maid at the Hotel Rio. She recognized photographs of RAY as an individual who had been a hotel guest some

months ago and recalled that he had a white sports car. She said he was friendly but never asked her for a date. She said she did not recall ever seeing anyone visiting the Subject and could not recall the type of luggage he was using. She said she never observed any weapons in his room, but did recall that there were several nights when he apparently had not slept in his bed. She said she mentioned this to the hotel owner, but that there are no records kept concerning incidents of this nature and she was unable to recall the dates when GALT did not spend the night in his room.

The same source advised that the records of the Hotel "Tropicana" were reviewed on April 15, 1968, and showed that ERIC GALT, with an address of 2308 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, registered there on November 7, 1967, and departed on November 13, 1967. He occupied Room number 417 and paid 90 pesos ($7.20 U.S.) per day. [redacted] made these records available for review and stated that there were no long-distance telephone charges appearing on this account.

On May 10, 1968, [redacted] Hotel "Tropicana," advised the source that, according to the hotel accounting department, GALT probably checked out between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on November 13, 1967.

The Document Section of the FBI Laboratory examined two photostatic copies of the registration card of the Hotel "Tropicana" in the name of ERIC GALT. It was reported that although handwriting characteristics noted indicate the common authorship of the questioned "Galt" signature on this item and the other signatures in this name, a definite conclusion was not reached, partly because of the indistinctness of the photocopies and partly because of the presence of some variations.

On April 23, 1968, [redacted] Telefonos de Mexico, Central Exchange, advised the source that all toll tickets for long-distance calls made by anyone from the Central Exchange in Puerto Vallarta during the period from October 15, 1967, through November 20, 1967, had been forwarded to the company's offices at Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico, and were kept on file there.

JAMES EARL RAY, aka

At Mazatlan, Sinaloa, Mexico

On May 17, 1968, a third confidential source abroad advised that a review had been made of over twelve thousand toll tickets on file at the Telefonos de Mexico offices in Mazatlan. These toll tickets represented long-distance telephone calls made from the Central Exchange in Puerto Vallarta during the period in which GALT is known to have resided there. The source stated that no record was located of any calls in the name of GALT.

BANK RECORDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

On April 19, 1968, the second source caused the records of the Banco Industrial de Jalisco, S.A. to be reviewed and no account was located for ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER. Employees of this bank were unable to recognize a photograph of the Subject.

On April 19, 1968, the same source was advised by [redacted] Banco de Comercio de Guadalajara, S.C., that no record could be located in the files of that bank for any transactions by ERIC S. GALT, JOHN WILLARD or HARVEY LOWMYER. Employees of this bank were unable to recognize a photograph of the Subject.

On April 25, 1968, [redacted] Banco de Comercio de Guadalajara, S.A., advised the source that no record is kept in that bank of travelers checks issued or cashed there. He said that he had personally reviewed the files of all Americans opening accounts in the bank for the past year without encountering the name of any individual who might be identical with GALT.

JAMES EARL RAY, aka

At Mexico, D.F., Mexico

On June 28, 1968, an official of the Special Investigations Department of the Bank of Mexico advised the first source that there is only one bank in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, with safety deposit boxes, and this is the Banco Industrial de Jalisco, S.A. This official determined that no safety deposit boxes had been rented at that bank in the second half of October or the first fifteen days of November in 1967. He also determined that the bank has no safety deposit boxes rented to anyone but Mexican citizens.

ASSOCIATES AND GIRLFRIENDS

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 15, 1968, LUIS GARCIA, bartender [redacted] Hotel Oceano, advised that he knew ERIC GALT when the latter was staying in Puerto Vallarta. He said that GALT came to the Oceano Hotel bar several times. He said GALT told him he had served nine years in the U. S. Army, but never went anywhere and was now just traveling around. He said GALT spoke little Spanish, had a serious demeanor, and his walk was slow and very erect. He also described him as an individual who was dark from sunburn, had a sharp nose, and wore his hair in a crew cut.

GARCIA [redacted] said that he and GALT had gone out together on two separate occasions after [redacted] finished GARCIA work. He said GALT always drank screwdrivers, but only one or two at a time. He said GALT was not a big spender and recalled that GALT once paid a bill with a U.S. five dollar bill, but usually paid in pesos.

GARCIA [redacted] told of a night when he and GALT were at the Posada Vallarta to see a floor show and, upon leaving, saw a girl named [redacted] waiting for a bus to ELCY return to downtown Puerto Vallarta. They offered this girl a ride and the three went to the Club Los Lobos where GALT became drunk or a little ill and went

out to sit in the car. Afterwards, GALT took [redacted] GARCIA to the latter's home [redacted]

[redacted] described the car as a white Mustang with automatic transmission and a red interior. He said the car had blue license plates with letters of another color. He said he told GALT that the plates said "La Habana," and joked with him about FIDEL CASTRO. GALT corrected him, replying that the plates were from Alabama. [redacted] also recalled that GALT complained that one tire on the car was too large.

[redacted] said that he went to GALT's room at the Hotel Rio on the morning after he and GALT had picked up [redacted] He said he saw a portable typewriter there, but no firearms.

On May 9, 1968, the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY which was taken in California in early 1968 was shown to [redacted], and he told the source that this photograph was identical with ERIC GALT.

On April 23, 1968, [redacted] employed at the Casa Susana, Matamoros 503, advised the second source that she recalled the Subject, but could not remember his name. She said she also used the name [redacted] She said the first night that Subject came to this house, which she estimated as being in October or November, 1967, he told her he was on a forty-day vacation in Puerto Vallarta, but did not say where he came from or where he was going. She explained that she has a very limited capability in the English language and that he could speak hardly any Spanish. She said he told her he had a car outside and wanted to take her to the Posada Vallarta [redacted] She refused to leave the car [redacted]

Continuing, [redacted] said that she was absent from the city about eight days, and that

when she returned, the Subject was going with [redacted] another girl employed at the Casa Susana. She recalled that one day when the Subject came in, [redacted] was drunk and Subject tried to renew his association with [redacted] She told him he had better stay with [redacted] but he replied that he was through with [redacted] He then left the Casa Susana and she never saw him again.

On May 9, 1968, a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY taken in California in the early part of 1968 was shown to [redacted] and she stated that this was the same individual about whom she had furnished the above information.

On April 23, 1968 [redacted] employed at the Casa Susana, advised the second source that she remembered the Subject as having come to the Casa Susana in about November, 1967, but did not recall his name. She said she saw him at least three times in one week [redacted] but that he was mainly interested in [redacted] She recalled that he had a white Mustang automobile and invited her to go to Yelapa, a nearby recreation area on the coast, but she refused to go. She recalled that he was using both pesos and U.S. dollars in paying his bar bills, but was not able to remember the denominations of the bills he used.

On May 10, 1968, [redacted] examined one photograph of JAMES EARL RAY in which the Subject was wearing sunglasses, and a second photograph which was taken in California in early 1968. She said she recognized the photograph with sunglasses as the person about whom she furnished the foregoing information, but she did not think the second photograph was a very good likeness.

On April 23, 1968, [redacted] Casa Susana, advised the second source that he recalls the Subject and that at one time he was talking about buying the Subject's Mustang. He said that he did not have sufficient money for the car and had discussed trading some land for it. He said he went out in the car with the Subject and [redacted] and the three of them went

to see some lots which [redacted] owned. He said that they looked at the lots, but that no serious discussion regarding the trade ever took place. He said the Subject invited him to go to Mismaloya, a beach area near Puerto Vallarta. He said that he and the Subject and [redacted] all went there and spent some time at the beach.

[redacted] also stated that, while at the Casa Cusana, Subject usually drank tequila and Squirt, or a drink made from Bacardi rum. He did not recall that the Subject smoked, and stated that he knew nothing about the Subject seeking or using marijuana.

On April 23, 1968, the second source was advised by [redacted], Boca de Mismaloya, that [redacted] and his brother [redacted], operate a cantina and beach-front recreation area. He recalled the American with the white Mustang who came to the beach with [redacted] a cabaret girl, and [redacted] a bartender from Puerto Vallarta, several months earlier. He said he did not get a good look at the American because the latter stayed on the beach, but that [redacted] said that the American was spending a great deal of money on [redacted]

[redacted] said the American came back two more times and that he had a different American girl with him on each occasion. He did not know these girls and presumed they were tourists. He said all of this activity was within the space of about one week's time, and took place several months ago.

On May 3, 1968, [redacted] Boca de Mismaloya, advised the second source that he immediately recognized the photograph of the Subject with sunglasses as a man who had been at this beach several months earlier in a white Mustang, accompanied by [redacted] a bar girl, and a Mexican whom he believes was [redacted] from the Casa Cusana in Puerto Vallarta. He stated that this man had a noticeable scar on his forehead. He recalled that the Subject was fully dressed at all times and did not wear sunglasses that day. He said that the Subject spoke very little Spanish.

JAMES EARL RAY, aka

On April 17, 1968, [redacted] photographer, Posada Vallarta, advised the second source that [redacted] had been a cigarette girl at the Posada Vallarta and also worked as a camera girl. He remembered that she told him that she had an American boyfriend with a nice car, some kind of Ford. He said this man gave [redacted] enough money to get a place to live by herself so he could visit her but, instead, she took the money and left for Guadalajara.

On May 3, 1968, [redacted] Posada Vallarta, stated to the second source that he recalled the Subject only vaguely and knew very little about him or his activities. He said he did recall that the Subject was dating a girl named [redacted] who worked in the bar selling cigarettes. [redacted] stated that one evening [redacted] asked him to write a note for her in English to the Subject, whose name [redacted] could not recall. He said it seemed that [redacted] had accepted some 500 pesos ($40 U.S.) from the Subject to rent an apartment for them, but that she had used the money to take two of her children to Guadalajara. The note was to explain to the Subject how she had spent his money and to ask his pardon. He recalled that the Subject came into the bar, perhaps that same evening, and [redacted] delivered the note to him. [redacted] said all this took place about four or five months ago, and that he did recall the Subject had a white Mustang. He did not remember ever seeing him again, and was not certain that he could even recognize him if they should meet.

On April 18, 1968, the second source was advised by [redacted] proprietors of a cheap motel at Playa la Gloria, that they remembered an American who drove a white Mustang and came to the hotel in about November 1967 [redacted] They said he came to the hotel once [redacted] and took a corner room. He left about dawn and returned sometime later, locking himself in the room all day. They stated that they considered this very strange behavior.

Mrs. MEZA also stated that she recalls the same individual coming back a fourth time with a prostitute whose name she did not know. She said this woman had left Puerto Vallarta for Tijuana, Baja California, some time ago.

At Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

ELISA ARELLANO TORRES On April 18, 1968, the third source advised that [redacted] age 20, was located at Guadalajara on the night of April 17, 1968. She was living at [redacted] and stated that she was born on January 9, 1948, at Durango, Durango, Mexico.

ELISA ARELLANO [redacted] said that she had been employed as a cigarette girl and photographer at the Posada Vallarta at Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, in November, 1967. She said that one night after work she was offered a ride back to the central part of town by the bartender of the Oceano Hotel and a white male American, who later identified himself to her as ERIC STEVO GALT. She said that GALT at that time lived at the Hotel Rio, but later moved to the "Tropicana" Hotel. She recalled his automobile as a white Mustang with Alabama license plates. She stated that after this first meeting she had marital relations with GALT for about five days at a place she identified as the Hotel Las Glorias, which is located on the road to the airport from Puerto Vallarta.

ELISA ARELLANO [redacted] said that she parted company with GALT because he wanted her to buy marijuana, which she refused to do. She said he told her he had made various trips to Yelapa in order to buy marijuana. She said she saw him around Puerto Vallarta for about fifteen days after they parted company. She described him as a white male American, about 36 years old, five feet eleven inches tall, regular to slender build, brown hair and a thin nose.

On April 18, 1968, ELISA ARELLANO [redacted] told the third source that while she and GALT were going together, he had asked her to rent an apartment. She said he gave

her 600 pesos ($48 U.S.) and was to get more money from the bank. She said she went to a person called [redacted] in the main restaurant of the Posada Vallarta, and asked him to write a letter to GALT apologizing and stating that she could not see him again.

Continuing, [redacted] said that she recalled that GALT only had two or three drinks during the time she spent with him, and recalled that he had a screwdriver or a vodka and tonic. She said he did not smoke, and she never saw him smoking marijuana. He told her that he had gone to Yelapa several times and he seemed to have a lack of energy, and it appeared to tire him to carry on a conversation. She described him as a complete introvert. She said he did not like noisy crowds or sounds, and stated that he did not like children. One of his favorite expressions was that he was very tired, and she thought that he might be a mental case. She said that he had no scars on his body and appeared to have thin legs with a heavy upper trunk.

On June 6, 1968, [redacted] advised the third source, after examining photographs of the subject wearing sunglasses and the photograph taken in California in early 1968, that she recognized both of these photographs as being the same individual whom she knew in Puerto Vallarta, but that in the California photograph he appeared heavier than when she knew him.

On April 21, 1968, the third source advised that [redacted] who was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, had been identified as [redacted] She was born on December 26, 1943, at Rancho San Isidro, which is in the municipality of Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico.

At Atotonilco, Jalisco, Mexico

On April 23, 1968, [redacted] advised the third source that she was formerly employed at the Casa Susana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco [redacted]

[redacted] She identified a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY as the individual known as ERIC GALT whom she had met one night at the Casa Susana. She said she could not be certain of the date, but thought it might have been about October 24, 1967. She recalled that during this first visit, GALT spent the evening with [redacted] LA CHILINDRINA

LA CHILINDRINA MANUELA

The next day, GALT came to the house looking for [redacted] who was out of town. He then began his friendship with [redacted]

She recalled that GALT was very methodical and had allowed himself 100 pesos ($8 U.S.) for drinking money and another 100 pesos each day for a girl. She recalled that he drank beer during the daytime and gin at night. She said he invited her to go to Mismaloya, a nearby beach, and that, after postponing the trip for two or three days, they did go to Mismaloya with [redacted], the bartender. She described GALT's automobile as a white automobile with Alabama license plates, and as having a red interior with reclining seats. She said this was a two-door automobile, but she could not remember the make. She said that after swimming, drinking beer and having a seafood lunch, they began the return trip to Puerto Vallarta at about 4 p.m. About half-way along the distance from Mismaloya to Puerto Vallarta, GALT stopped the car and took what appeared to be a new Polaroid camera from an ice chest in the back. He said that this was one of the first rolls of film in the camera and that there were only two pictures left. He mentioned that the camera had cost him a little less than $80. He took a photograph of [redacted] seated at the steering wheel of the car with her skirts up. This photograph was bad and he destroyed it. A little farther on, they stopped at a place called Punta Negra, where GALT took another photograph which was also bad, and he tore it up. She recalled that this was a Saturday and that they arrived back at the Casa Susana about 5 p.m. and GALT departed saying that he would not return that night.

MANUELA

On the next day, a Sunday, [redacted] stated that GALT arrived at the Casa Susana about 9 p.m. She believed that this might have been on October 29, 1967. GALT drank with [redacted] and noted that there were four Negroes and some white people seated at a nearby table. These were sailors from a yacht or private boat which had stopped at Puerto Vallarta.

She said that one Negro was very tall and another was short and fat, about five feet four inches tall. The latter was very drunk, and the whole group was rowdy and having a good time. GALT appeared angry at the Negroes and said insulting things concerning them. He said he hated Negroes. He left his table, said something insulting to the short Negro and returned to his table. All of the individuals at the other table appeared to be talking about GALT.

[redacted] said that GALT then went to his car and came back to the table. He went again to the table where the Negroes were seated and insulted them and returned to his own table. He asked her to feel his pocket and she felt what appeared to be an automatic-type pistol. She believed it to be something similar to a Walther .380 automatic. GALT said he was going to kill them. The tall Negro came to GALT's table and said something in a peaceful manner, but GALT replied in an insulting manner. The tall Negro then returned to his table and took the shorter Negro in his arms and took him out of the house. GALT wanted to go after them, but [redacted] told him this would not be a good idea since it was about 10 p.m. and the police were scheduled to visit the house momentarily. GALT said he wanted nothing to do with the police.

[redacted] said that GALT visited the house again on the following day and told her that he would not see her for several days. He said he wanted to rest and would only sleep and eat. He next returned on what [redacted] recalled as a Thursday of the same week and told her that he planned to move to the "Tropicana" Hotel. He spent more than 200 pesos ($16 U.S.) for drinks and left about midnight.

On the following day, according to [redacted] GALT arrived between 8 and 9 p.m. and she was drunk [redacted] GALT remained to drink at one of the tables and there was a photographer present, causing [redacted] to request that a photograph be taken of GALT with her. GALT did not want his photograph taken, but she insisted. He told her that he planned to go to Yelapa on Saturday or Sunday, and that he did not like to go out in Puerto Vallarta on Saturday or Sunday because there was so much noise and so many people around.

She said that GALT arrived at the house between 8 and 9 p.m. on the following Monday. He invited [redacted] for one drink and was very serious and impolite. He was angry with her for her actions on the previous Friday. He asked her to marry him and she refused. She said that he had previously asked her to marry him. He said that if she would not marry him he was going to invite out some of the other girls. He spent the rest of that evening with [redacted]

[redacted] said that she saw GALT again about three days later, but did not talk with him. She said she did not believe that he saw [redacted] or any of the other girls again, and that she herself did not see him again.

She recalled that GALT drank gin or whatever other drink the bartender at the Casa Susana served him. He did not smoke, and sometimes stated that he did not smoke anything except marijuana. She stated, however, that she never saw him smoke marijuana.

[redacted] said that GALT spoke practically no Spanish and the bartender interpreted for him. She said that GALT had an old pair of sandals that he liked very much and which he said had been bought in Europe. She said she told him to throw the sandals away and buy new ones, but he did not want to get rid of them. She recalled that he definitely could not dance.

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MANUELA AGUILAR made available the photograph of GALT wearing sunglasses, which had been taken at the Casa Suzana in Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, on or about November 3, 1967. She said the photograph was taken by a traveling group known as "Foto Rapida."

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco

On April 22, 1968, CARLOS PEREZ FOTO TAURINO Hotel Oceano, advised the second source that Foto Rapida was a concern made up of four or five men who came to Puerto Vallarta in the fall of 1967 and were there less than a month. This group spent most of its time in the nightclubs, bars and other places frequented by tourists. They used only Polaroid cameras, and there were no negatives or records kept of the photographs taken. He said all members of this group had left Puerto Vallarta and that their current whereabouts was unknown.

On April 24, 1968, LEOPOLDO CESNEROS Assistant Manager Dairy Queen Shop, Main Plaza, advised the second source that in the fall of 1967 this shop was known as the Discotheque Cafe. He recognized a photograph of the Subject immediately as an almost daily customer for a period during the fall of 1967. He said that Subject came in for three or four weeks about 3 p.m. each day and had a hamburger and a Pepsi Cola. He said that the Subject, in the beginning, usually ate a half-dozen small green chilies with his hamburger. After he stopped ordering these chilies, he told [redacted] that a doctor had advised him to stop eating them.

[redacted] recalled that the Subject drove a white Mustang which he parked outside the shop. He said he had also seen the Subject around the Hotel Rio. He said that on two occasions, the Subject was accompanied by a heavy-set Mexican man whose name was not known to [redacted] said this man had been a regular customer in the past and is believed to be a United States citizen. Then [redacted] asked the Subject whether he had known this man in the United States, the Subject replied that he was just someone he had met on the beach.

With regard to the information that the Subject may have consulted a physician in Puerto Vallarta, the second source contacted the following doctors on the dates indicated with negative results:

Date	Name
April, 1967	
24	[redacted]
24	[redacted]
24	[redacted]
26	[redacted]
26	[redacted]
26	[redacted]
26	[redacted]
28	[redacted]

JAMES EARL RAY, aka

FIRESTONE DELUXE CHAMPION TIRE, SIZE 7.50 X 14

In connection with the recovery of the white 1966 Mustang at Atlanta, Georgia, on April 11, 1968, it was discovered that the right front tire on this car was a Firestone Deluxe Champion, size 7.50 x 14, six-ply rating. Stamped on the tire were the words "Hecha en Mexico," with the following identifying numbers: 2-ME-2; BD-33595; N20Z031154. The tube of this tire had a stamp thereon: "G7, General Popo 7.50 x 14. Made for Helke Poc, General Popo, S.A., Mexico D.I."

At Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

On May 7, 1968, [redacted] advised the second source that he operates a gasoline station at the corner of [redacted] and that his wife operates a [redacted] tire store which he owns at [redacted]

On May 7, 1968, [redacted] proprietor of the [redacted] Store, advised the second source that she did not personally recall seeing the Subject or his car since she was upstairs in her apartment at the time of the transaction. She did recall that an American came in several months earlier to buy a 7.45 x 14 tire and, since they did not have one in stock, the clerk sold him a 7.50 x 14. Mrs. [redacted] said that this man asked for a discount because the tire was the wrong size, and the clerk called up to the [redacted] apartment for authority to give the discount. Mrs. [redacted] said she authorized a ten percent discount on the sale.

[redacted] could recall nothing further about the actual sale, and stated that her brother had mounted the tire on the car, but could recall nothing of the incident. She said the store kept no record of tire serial numbers except to note them on the sales slip at the time of the sale for guaranty purposes. She searched invoices of tires received by the store from the [redacted] factory and noted that there were no serial numbers in these invoices. She was, therefore, unable to state whether a particular tire had ever been in their inventory.

TERESA FERNANDEZ, clerk, Firestone [redacted] Store, [redacted] advised the second source on May 7, 1968, that the photograph of the Subject wearing sunglasses was immediately recognizable as a man who came into the store one morning to buy a tire. She said he had apparently come from the [redacted] Tire Store two doors away. She could not recall the date, but believed that it was in January, 1968.

MISS FERNANDEZ [redacted] remembered that the Subject's white Mustang had a tire which was badly road-damaged and he asked for a replacement, size 7.45 x 14. Since there were none of this size in stock, she said, he took a size 7.50 x 14 [redacted] tire, but requested a discount since it was the wrong size. [redacted] said she spoke to [redacted] who was in the upstairs apartment, and a ten percent discount was authorized. She said that, since the tire was slightly larger, and because the use of tubes is always recommended due to the difficult terrain, the Subject walked to the [redacted] Store and came back with a tube which he had purchased himself. The tire was mounted outside the store by [redacted] brother.

MISS FERNANDEZ [redacted] searched for the sales slip recording this transaction, but was unable to locate it. She said that the Subject did not give her his name, and that, since he was not a Mexican, she did not bother to ask his name or to note the serial number of the tire on the sales slip, since this is only done for guaranty purposes.

MISS FREGOSO [redacted] said she lives near the Casa Susana and, after she sold the tire, she remembered seeing the same white Mustang parked on [redacted] around the corner from the Casa Susana. The car was parked in front of a vacant lot and she thought this strange since she saw it there about 8 in the morning on several occasions while she was walking to work. On one occasion as she was on her way to lunch, she saw the Subject park his car and walk up and turn into Matamoros Street. She said she never saw him with any other person and that he was alone the day he came to the store to purchase the tire.

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On May 7, 1968, ANA MARIA MADERO, clerk, [redacted] Tire Store, [redacted] advised the second source that the code "G7" indicates that a tube with this marking will fit a 7.50 x 14 tire. She said she did not recognize the photograph of the subject or recall his car. She could find no record of a sale of any item to ERIC GALT from October 7, 1967, to May 7, 1968.

MISS MADERO [redacted] stated that if she did not know the name of the person to whom she made a sale, but knew that the sale was connected with a purchase made at the [redacted] Store, she normally put the name of [redacted] on the sales slip. In this connection, a review of the sales slips showed that a G7 tube was sold for cash to [redacted] on October 26, 1967, and on January 13, 1968. In each case, the price was 57 pesos ($4.56 U.S.).

FBI

Date: 9/5/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Birmingham Airtel to the Bureau, 9/2/68.

The Memphis Office is of the opinion that WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE should not dictate circumstances under which he furnishes information to the Bureau. Memphis Office also is of the opinion that no contact should be made with Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE to secure any favor whatsoever for WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE nor should any photographs of JAMES EARL RAY be made available.

No further action in this matter being taken by Memphis Division.

(2) - Bureau
2 - Birmingham (44-1740)
1 - Memphis
RGJ:ME
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REC 102 44-38861-5151

SEP 7 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 9-6-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: LEGAT, MEXICO (173-1) (P)

MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Mexico City airtel 8-2-68.

Cost data set forth below represents the best figures available, based partially on estimates, from 8-1/31-68.

I. Total Man Hours

	Regular	Overtime	Total
Special Agent	12	4	16
Clerical	4	0	4

II. Total Mileage: None

III. Unusual Costs: None

IV. Peak Number of Special Agents Working on Case During Period: 2

(4) Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
1 - Mexico City

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JJF:wr
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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 8-30-68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

LATENT PRINT ON PAYROLL CHECK

A latent print developed on a payroll check of the Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., Winnetka, Illinois, dated 6-18-67, and payable to John L. Rayns, has been identified as the right thumbprint of James Earl Ray, FBI #405942G.

Chicago and Memphis Divisions have been advised.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. Rosen

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FBI

Date: 8/26/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, 8/23/68, indicating subject JAMES EARL RAY was employed under the name JOHN L. RAYNS, Social Security No. 318-24-7098, for the period May 3, 1967 through June 24, 1967.

It is requested that Bureau permission be given to have Baltimore check Baltimore Source 4 for any additional employments under that Social Security number.

(6) - Bureau
(1 - Baltimore)
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2 - Memphis
(1 - ME 66-1950 re Baltimore Source 4)
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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 8/27/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

CC: Memphis

[redacted] Bureau airtel 8/21/68 regarding [redacted], Parole Violator," a recently apprehended parole violator.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the U. S. Board of Parole.

Kansas City Office has been requested to interview [redacted] and to submit results in a letterhead memorandum.

[redacted] The identities of the FBI Agents who interviewed [redacted] 6/2/67 are unknown to the Memphis Division, as are the identities of Agents who interviewed [redacted] on 8/2/67 and 5/13/68.

[redacted] was arrested and interviewed at St. Louis, Mo., 8/[illegible]/68, by [redacted] and [redacted]

4 - Bureau (Encs.4)
2 - Memphis
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee

August 27, 1968

Re: [redacted]
PAROLE VIOLATOR

On June 2, 1967, [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] then an inmate of the County Jail, Sherman, Texas, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that while in Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, from July, 1965, until April, 1967, he became very friendly with an inmate identified as [redacted] described [redacted] as having come originally from western Kansas and as having allegedly been a Mississippi bootlegger. According to [redacted] he and [redacted] worked together in the shoe factory at Leavenworth.

Just before [redacted] was paroled, [redacted] approached him and stated he knew [redacted] was going to Atlanta and he told [redacted] that $100,000 had been offered by the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM) to be paid to anyone who would kill Martin Luther King, Jr. [redacted] said that [redacted] instructed him to contact a [redacted] at the [redacted] Company, Jackson, Mississippi. [redacted] indicated he would write to [redacted] that [redacted] was "okay" and when [redacted] contacted [redacted] she should write to [redacted] and tell him that [redacted] had arrived.

Records of Leavenworth Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, reflect that one [redacted] a white male, born [redacted] began his sentence at Leavenworth [redacted] These records reflect that [redacted] had written often to a [redacted] who lives in Jackson, Mississippi, and that he had received seven visits from [redacted] These records further reflect that [redacted] planned to work with [redacted] in the real estate business upon his release from Leavenworth.

[redacted]

On August 8, 1967, [redacted] Jackson, Mississippi, advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that she was well acquainted with [redacted] and frequently corresponded with him at Leavenworth Penitentiary. She explained that early in 1964 she rented a room at her residence where [redacted] stayed for a few weeks and that as far as she knew this was the only time he had spent in Mississippi. She did not believe him to have ever been involved in Klan activities or to have ever associated with anyone involved in Klan activities. She also denied any personal involvement in Klan activities.

She stated she had never heard of [redacted] and she denied having any knowledge of any plot to kill Martin Luther King, Jr.

Following the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr., on April 4, 1968, [redacted] was reinterviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding the possibility of her having any knowledge of a plot to murder King. She said she recalled that in 1964 when she first met [redacted] the murder of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County, Mississippi, was getting a great deal of publicity and the Sheriff of Neshoba County was presumed to be, according to the news media, a member of the Klan. She recalled mentioning to [redacted] that her business was in minor financial difficulty and that if she approached the Sheriff of Neshoba County, she could probably get $100,000 for killing King. She said she now realized that [redacted] had taken her casual statement seriously and she also realized, since King's murder, the seriousness of such a statement. [redacted] denied having any knowledge of any plot to murder King.

[redacted]

On the morning of August 5, 1968, [redacted] who was then being sought for violation of his parole, surrendered himself at St. Louis, Missouri, to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. [redacted] advised these Agents that he had been living and working in Tampa, Florida, and furnished the following information as being the reason for his having left the Atlanta, Georgia, area:

Around the first or second of December, 1967, as he was leaving the Federal Building in Atlanta, Georgia, after having contacted his parole officer, [redacted] was hailed on the steps of the Federal Building by an unknown individual. This person told [redacted] he had a message for him from [redacted] stated he believed [redacted] to be [redacted] whom he had known at Leavenworth Penitentiary and who had told him of the $100,000 being offered by the WKKKKOM to anyone who would kill Martin Luther King, Jr.

The unknown person who spoke to [redacted] then told [redacted] that apparently someone had done some talking. [redacted] assumed that this person was referring to information that [redacted] had furnished to the FBI in Sherman, Texas, in April, 1967. At this moment an associate of [redacted] called to him from across the street and the unknown individual immediately walked away. [redacted] assumed that this unknown individual had thought the person calling him might be a law enforcement officer and that the unknown individual did not desire them to learn his identity. [redacted] stated further that the more he thought about this incident, the more alarmed he became and he shortly left Atlanta and obtained other employment.

He said the only other incidents which aroused his suspicions were telephone calls made to him at his place of employment during which the caller declined to reveal his identity. [redacted] stated he considered relating these facts to his parole officer at Atlanta but decided against it since he did not trust his parole officer and since he was afraid his parole might be revoked. He

[redacted] stated he also considered notifying the FBI in Atlanta but decided against this also. He stated he felt uncomfortable and worried in the Atlanta area in view of the information he had furnished in connection with the bounty on Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Date: 9-7-68

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Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Enclosed are original and one copy of newspaper clipping re captioned matter appearing in "Commercial Appeal" newspaper, Memphis, under date 9-7-68.

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Ray's Attorney Charges Holloman Hurts Task

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

Attorneys for James Earl Ray, charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., yesterday won nearly all their motions in Criminal Court to gain access to prosecution evidence but immediately announced more motions will be filed.

Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, chief counsel for Ray, charged Fire and Police Director Frank Holloman with taking part in a "conspiracy of silence" blocking the defense from talking to prospective witnesses.

Mr. Hanes cited Capt. Charles G. Wardlow of Fire Station No. 2, near the Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was fatally shot April 4, as a prospective witness who said he had been told not to talk.

Mr. Holloman denied giving such an order.

"I told my men to check with the attorney general's office," Mr. Holloman said, "and that whatever is all right with them is all right with me."

Judge W. Preston Battle told Mr. Hanes to put his additional motions in writing. He set a hearing on the new motions for Sept. 18.

One of the motions, Mr. Hanes said, will seek to give him entrance to the room Ray is said to have occupied at a rooming house at 422½ South Main, from the bathroom of which the state claims the fatal shot was fired.

Judge Battle let Mr. Hanes argue at length that a "fog, a shroud of unfavorable publicity" has made it impossible for Ray to obtain a fair trial anywhere in the United States and then overruled a motion to quash the indictment.

"I have sat in a quasi-judicial capacity," Judge Battle said, "... have been connected with the criminal courts since 1926. I have seen cases drenched with publicity. But I believe we have obtained fair and impartial jurors. My considered opinion is that we can do just in this case."

Judge Battle declined to issue a special order for witnesses to talk with Mr. Hanes. But he asked Memphis newspapers to note that his order on pretrial publicity specifies that nothing in it is to inhibit conversations between prospective witnesses and counsel for the defense or prosecution.

Hanes was denied access to FBI ballistic test results, but told he could test fire the impounded rifle and have his own tests made.

The names and addresses of prospective witnesses fill more than six typewritten pages, said Asst. Atty. James C. Beasley, who did most of the talking for the state.

Mr. Hanes protested to the court that the conditions of Ray's imprisonment — on the fourth floor of the Criminal Courts Building, just above Judge Battle's courtroom — constitute "cruel and inhuman treatment."

Judge Battle asked Mr. Hanes to put his complaint in the form of a written motion, to be argued, like the others, Sept. 18.

The trial is set for Nov. 12.

Judge Battle ordered Ray's attorneys to be given access to scores of pieces of evidence the state is expected to use in its effort to convict the 42-year-old defendant, who was not in the courtroom yesterday.

This evidence includes the deer rifle said to be the fatal weapon, now in the safe of Criminal Court Clerk J. A. Blackwell; fragments of the fatal bullet; passport and visa records used by Ray under the alias of Ramon Sneyd; fingerprints found on a road map and other objects left in a white Mustang, now garaged in Atlanta and said to be the escape vehicle.

Other evidence Hanes is to see includes penal records of Ray, military records, including his proficiency as a marksman, motel, hotel and travel records, bank records, statements made by Ray, and names and addresses of all prospective witnesses.

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Date: 9-7-68
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Editor: FRANK AHLG
Title: MURKIN

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FBI MEMPHIS

506M URGENT 9-6-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 4P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU, AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT, LAST, FORWARDING ONE COPY EACH OF THREE MOTIONS FILED IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT (SCCC), MEMPHIS, BY HANES AND HANES, ATTORNEYS FOR JAMES EARL RAY; AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AL ROSEN'S TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS DATE ACCORDING THIS ACCORDING TO THE SEPTEMBER SIX, INSTANT, ISSUE OF THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL, A MEMPHIS DAILY NEWSPAPER, ATTORNEYS FOR RAY HAD A TEN MINUTE MEETING WITH CHARLES QUITMAN STEPHENS, PROSECUTION WITNESS, AND STEPHENS' ATTORNEYS, MR. JAY FRED FRIEDMAN AND HARVEY GIPSON, IN FRIEDMAN'S LAW OFFICE, MEMPHIS, AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER FIVE, LAST. THIS ARTICLE RELATED THAT ARTHUR J. HANES, RAY'S ATTORNEY, WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE MEETING; HOWEVER, NEITHER HANES NOR STEPHENS'S ATTORNEYS WOULD COMMENT ON WHAT WAS SAID. HANES REMARKED THAT STEPHENS'S ATTORNEYS HAD ARRANGED THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND TELEVISION AT THE

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MEETING AND THAT HANES WAS SURPRISED AT THEIR PRESENCE AS HE DID NOT WANT THEM THERE AS "WE COULDN'T TALK WITH THEM PHERE." STEPHENS' ATTORNEYS DENIED THIS ACCUSATION.

ON SEPTEMBER SIX, INSTANT, W. PRESTON BATTLE, SCCC JUDGE, MEMPHIS, DENIED DEFENDANT'S MOTIONS TO WITHDRAW PLEA AND TO QUASH INDICTMENTS FOR CARRYING DANGEROUS WEAPON AND FOR MURDER.

JUDGE BATTLE DID GRANT PORTIONS OF THE DEFENDANT'S "MOTION TO PRODUCE," A COPY OF WHICH WAS ENCLOSED WITH REAIRTEL. BATTLE INSTRUCTED THE SCCC CLERK TO ISSUE AN ORDER TO THAT EFFECT. THIS ORDER HAS NOT BEEN TYPED AS YET; HOWEVER, A COPY OF THE ORDER WILL BE OBTAINED AND FORWARDED TO BUREAU AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

ROBERT K. DWYER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT [redacted] AG'S OFFICE, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, WHO WAS PRESENT IN JUDGE BATTLE'S COURT FOR THE HEARING THIS DATE ADVISED THAT TO THE BEST OF HIS RECOLLECTION JUDGE BATTLE INSTRUCTED THAT DA'S OFFICE MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENSE ON SEPTEMBER

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EIGHTEEN, NEXT, THE WEAPON, AUTOMOBILE, ANY RECORDS OR DOCUMENTS RE RESIDENCY OF RAY BETWEEN PERIOD APRIL TWENTY THREE, LAST, AND JUNE EIGHT, LAST; RECORDS WHERE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., RESIDED BETWEEN MARCH TWENTY FIVE, LAST, AND APRIL THREE, LAST; PHOTOS OF RAY; PENAL RECORDS FOR RAY INCLUDING MEDICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC REPORTS; MILITARY RECORDS; PASSPORT AND VISA APPLICATIONS AND RECORDS OF ENTRY AND EXIT TO AND FROM THIS OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY; AND OBJECTS HANDLED BY DEFENDANT SUCH AS ~~MAPS, PAPERS, A~~ MAPS, PAPERS, AND SO FORTH. DWYER [redacted]STATED THAT THE JUDGE ORDERED THAT THE EVIDENCE EXAMINED BY THE FBI BE MADE AVAILBLE TO THE DEFENDANT; HOWEVER, THE DEFENDANT WAS NOT ENTITLED TO REPORTS CONCERNING THE OPINION OR CONCLUSIONS REACHED AS RESULT OF FBI EXAMINATION OF THE EVIDENCE.

DWYER STATED [redacted]TED THAT THE ABOVE ITEMS WERE NOT THE ONLY ITEMS MENTIONED IN THE JUDGE'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SCCC CLERKS; HOWEVER THESE ARE THE ONLY ITEMS HE COULD RECALL AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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DURING THIS HEARING; ACCORDING TO [redacted] HANES CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE WHAT HANES REFERRED TO AS THE INHUMANE TREATMENT OF RAY BY THE SHELBY COUNTY SO, MAINLY THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF HAS LIGHTS AND TELEVISION CAMERAS ON RAY TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY, THAT RAY IS SEGREGATED FROM OTHER PRISONERS, AND AT LEAST TWO GUARDS ARE CONSTANTLY WITH RAY AT ALL TIMES. HANES ALSO ACCUSED THE SHELBY COUNTY AG'S OFFICE OF INSTRUCTING PROSECUTION WITNESSES NOT TO CONFER WITH OR DISCUSS DETAILS OF THEIR TESTIMONY WITH DEFENDANTS'S ATTORNEYS.

A COPY OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE BATTLE THIS DATE WILL BE FORWARDED TO BUREAU IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS AVAILABILITY. P. END.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

REGISTERED

Date: September 4, 1968

To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4) (P)

Subject: MURKIN - COST DATA

Remylet 8-6-68.

During the month of August, the Legat spent five hours on Murkin with no undue expenses either in the way of travel or telephone calls.

Clerical personnel of the Ottawa Office spent a total of one hour on the Murkin case.

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SAC, Memphis (44-38661)

September 6, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

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Re Seattle letter to the Bureau dated 8-22-68.

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a self-explainatory LHM received from Seattle. This LHM is being disseminated to the Department.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

September 10, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. William Bradford Huie was interviewed at his home in Hartselle, Alabama, at his request. He advised that while James Earl Ray was incarcerated in London, England, he (Huie) entered into a contract with Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. This contract is also of interest to Arthur Hanes, Ray's attorney, inasmuch as the cost of the trial, including attorney's fees, is dependent upon the commercial success of the contract. Mr. Huie has advised that to date he has invested approximately $20,000 in this venture.

Mr. Huie further related he is in constant contact with Ray through Attorney Hanes in the form of written questions and answers by Ray. These items include names of cities, states, places, maps and individuals contacted by Ray, as well as activities from the date of his escape from prison to his apprehension in England.

Mr. Huie stated that he has been refused personal contact with Ray by Judge W. Preston Battle, the judge who will handle the trial. Mr. Huie further stated that he desires to obtain current nonpublicized photographs of Ray and he would be most willing to divulge all information he has received to date to the Bureau on a confidential basis provided his request could be met. Mr. Huie was advised that this Bureau would not attempt to influence, interfere with, or suggest action taken by state officials or courts.

On August 27, 1968, [redacted] of your Division was advised that William Bradford Huie has obtained notes from James Earl Ray, and Mr. Huie is preparing an article in "Look" magazine based on these notes. [redacted] advised that he will consider the question of obtaining a search warrant or subpoena duces tecum for Mr. Huie's notes and/or calling Mr. Huie before a grand jury.

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NOTE: See cover memo Rosen to DeLoach 9/10/68 captioned "MURKIN," REL:jms.

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak

In view of the forthcoming state trial of Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, which is scheduled to start on November 12, 1968, the Department should give consideration to the urgency of reaching a determination as to the course of action it desires to follow in this matter.

Unless you promptly advise to the contrary, we will furnish this information to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state prosecution.

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607PM URGENT 9-4-68 DJH

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SPRINGFIELD (44-561) 1P

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RE SPRINGFIELD TEL SEPTEMBER THREE LAST.

PCI [redacted] AND [redacted] ADVISED THEY HAVE DEVELOPED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THIS MATTER.

MAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS AND ST. LOUIS.

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4 SEP 10 1968

Re alter Bk. w/ Robbery

SET 1

FBI

Date: 9/2/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

On 9/1/68, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, Author, Hartselle, Alabama, was contacted by [redacted] and [redacted] at his home in Hartselle upon his request. HUIE requested that this contact be kept in confidence for reasons depicted in the information furnished. He stated as follows:

While JAMES EARL RAY was incarcerated in London, England, he (HUIE) entered into a contract with RAY to write the true account of RAY's activities and background concerning the assassination of Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. This contract is also of interest to RAY's attorney, ART HANES, inasmuch as the cost of the trial, including attorney fees, is dependent upon the commercial success of the contract. HUIE advised that to date he has invested approximately $20,000 in this venture. He advised that he is in constant contact with RAY through Attorney HANES in the form of written questions and answers by RAY, which includes names of cities, states, places, maps and individuals contacted by RAY, as well as activities from the date of his escape from prison to his apprehension in England.

He stated that to date he has been refused personal contact with RAY by Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Trial Judge, State of Tennessee, Memphis. Also, he highly desires obtaining current non-publicized photographs of RAY of character type rather than mug shots or those depicting RAY in manacles.

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HUIE further advised he would be most willing to divulge all information he has received to date to the Bureau on a confidential basis, as well as all information he may receive in the future on a current basis, provided the two above requests could be met.

He requested that he be contacted at his residence in Hartselle, Alabama, to avoid divulging his contact with the Bureau in this matter. It was suggested to Mr. HUIE that the Bureau does not attempt to influence, interfere, or suggest action taken by state officials or courts.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau and Memphis for information and/or action deemed advisable.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 9/3/68

Attention Administrative Division

FROM: Legat, London (88-72) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

Reyairtel 8/2/68.

No cost for work done in MURKIN matter can be estimated for the month of August. Since subject departed London on 7/19/68 on extradition work in this case in London has virtually ceased.

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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: Legat, Tokyo (173-1) (RUC) Attn: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

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The Tokyo Office has no cumulative totals to reflect in instant case for the month of August, 1968.

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FBI

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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There are enclosed original and one copy each of news clippings from "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, 9/4/68 and 9/6/68 in captioned matter.

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Hanes 'Not Satisfied' After Conference

By ROBERT KELLETT

Attorneys for James Earl Ray met yesterday with the man who has been characterized as the state's chief witness in its charges against Ray in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and came away apparently displeased with their initial confrontation.

Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham said last night, "we were not satisfied and that is all we can say" about the brief 12:30 p.m. meeting with Charles Quitman Stephens.

He said he and his son, Arthur J. Hanes Jr., may have more to say about the meeting in the offices of Mr. Stephens' attorneys after a court session this morning in which they are to argue three preliminary motions they have presented in the defense of Ray.

The attorneys and Mr. Stephens met with attorneys Jay Fred Friedman and Harvey Gipson in Mr. Friedman's offices in the 100 North Main Building for slightly more than 10 minutes. None would comment about what was said.

"Mr. Hanes did most of the talking. You'd have to ask him whether or not he was satisfied with the meeting," said Mr. Friedman. "Part of the time we sat back there and waited for the TV people to go." He said he did not know whether Mr. Stephens would discuss the case with Ray's attorneys in any future meetings.

"We have no interest in Mr. Hanes' lawsuit," he said. "We've tried ours and ours is over. Whatever Mr. Stephens knows, we don't know and don't want to know."

Mr. Friedman and Mr. Gipson successfully represented Mr. Stephens in a habeas corpus action seeking his release from Shelby County Jail, where he had been held as a material witness under $10,000 bond. Mr. Stephens is said to have seen a man leave a rooming house on South Main soon after the fatal bullet was believed fired from the building.

Part of the apparent chill in the meeting appeared to be a result of the presence of press and television representatives when the Birmingham attorneys arrived for the meeting which had been set at Mr. Hanes request.

"They (Mr. Stephens' attorneys) notified them to be there," said Mr. Hanes. "We were surprised. We did not want them there. We were chagrined and just said we couldn't talk with them there."

"And Stephens' city bodyguards were outside the door. Whether or not they were eavesdropping, I don't know."

Mr. Friedman said he did not know how news representatives learned of the meeting in his office.

Mr. Hanes, who said he does not anticipate his client's being present when his motions are heard this morning, said "there is a possibility" that he

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will meet today with persons who are believed to be state witnesses in the case.

One county source said that although Ray may not be in court today, security measures will be carried out in accord with the court's extensive order "pretty much" as if Ray were there.

One of Mr. Hanes' motions to be heard today asks the court to dismiss the first degree murder charge against Ray on the ground that "pervasive and widespread publicity" has made it impossible for him to receive a fair trial anywhere in the United States.

The motion, filed Aug. 16, said further that radio and television network programs "so canonized and so depicted the victim of the crime (Dr. King)" that "widespread public outrage and hatred have been generated" toward Ray.

Another motion asks dismissal of a charge that Ray carried a dangerous weapon for the purpose of going armed.

The third motion asks Judge Preston Battle, who has set the Ray trial for Nov. 12, to direct Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale to give defense counsel access to all records, physical evidence and witnesses the state expects to use in the trial.

Mr. Canale has agreed to furnish names and addresses of prosecution witnesses to the defense and to make available, with proper protection, some but not all of the 20-odd items of physical evidence the defense asked to see.

Mr. Hanes yesterday ended speculation that he might associate with a local attorney in the defense of Ray. "We plan to have no local associates and for that matter never did have such plans."

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Hanes Says Ray Won't Appear

Court Moves Friday Won't Require His Presence, Attorney Says

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

James Earl Ray, charged with slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be absent from the courtroom Friday when defense and prosecution argue preliminary motions looking toward Ray's Nov. 12 trial.

Arthur Hanes, Ray's attorney, said at his office in Birmingham yesterday he will not have Ray in the courtroom. "His presence is not necessary for the argument of preliminary motions," Mr. Hanes said.

Mr. Hanes, accompanied by his son, Arthur Hanes Jr., co-counsel for Ray, will fly to Memphis Thursday night. The hearing before Judge W. Preston Battle is set for 9:30 a.m. Friday.

One motion asks the court to provide the defense with access to all state witnesses and all items of physical evidence.

Atty Gen. Phil Canale has filed with the Criminal Court clerk his agreement to give the defense the names and addresses of its witnesses, several of whom are in voluntary protective custody. Mr. Canale agreed to give Mr. Hanes access to certain items of physical evidence, but indicated he will oppose an order to let the defense see all the evidence.

It appears that one contested item may be a fingerprint, said to be Ray's, found on a road map left in a white Mustang abandoned in Atlanta a day or so after Dr. King was shot here April 4. According to one report, the fingerprint conforms only to a certain number of the indices required for a positively identifiable fingerprint.

Mr. Hanes also may ask to see—and Mr. Canale may oppose his seeing—FBI ballistic studies of the fatal bullet in relation to the riflings of the barrel of the gun said to have fired the shot. The rifle was left on the sidewalk near 422½ South Main, minutes after Dr. King was shot on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel, a block east.

Also to be argued is a defense motion asking the court to quash Ray's indictment, on the ground that widespread publicity has made it impossible for a fair trial to be held anywhere in the United States.

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COMMERCIAL APPEAL

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Date: 9-4-68

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Editor: FRANK A. ARIGO

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) (P)

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to Kansas City, 8-23-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 4 copies of letterhead memorandum reflecting results of interview with [redacted] Enclosed for Atlanta and Memphis are 2 copies each of above letterhead memorandum.

The letterhead memorandum is being captioned [redacted] inasmuch as Kansas City was instructed to furnish results of this interview in a form suitable for dissemination to the U. S. Board of Parole.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri
September 5, 1968

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On September 3, 1968, [redacted] FBI [redacted] was interviewed at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is currently incarcerated.

[redacted] advised that he was born on [redacted] in Liberal, Kansas. He advised that he has been in the penitentiary since 1963, for violation of the Harboring Statute. His prison number is [redacted] and he expects to be released sometime during the year 1970.

[redacted] stated he was well aware of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the subsequent apprehension of James Earl Ray. He advised he did not know Ray and knows of no one willing to pay a bounty to have King assassinated. He advised that he himself was not in sympathy with King's beliefs, but knows of no one connected with the Ku Klux Klan, had never heard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi, did not know of $100,000. price willing to be paid for his assassination, and certainly never made any remarks concerning this. [redacted] stated he knows of no one interested enough in Martin Luther King's travels to pay money for information concerning his itinerary and travel routes. He never heard of any organization, either inside or outside the prison by the name of Cooley Organization."

[redacted] went on to state that he did not know a [redacted] He was informed that [redacted] came to Leavenworth Penitentiary during July 1965, for violation of the ITSMV statute and was subsequently paroled. [redacted] said there are thousands of prisoners here, many of who know him whom he does not know. He again stated he had never heard of [redacted] He observed a photograph of [redacted] and again stated he did not remember ever seeing this individual. [redacted] advised he knows of none of his

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[redacted]

associates meeting the description of white male, 30-35 years old, 5'10", 165-170 pounds, blond hair cut medium short and slightly wavy who wears expensive clothes, and certainly knows of no one meeting this description who would have been in Atlanta in December of 1967, or who was willing to pay money for information regarding Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted]gain stated that he knows of no one connected with the Ku Klux Klan and knows of no group willing to pay a bounty for King's assassination.

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FBI

Date: 8/26/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are Xerox copies of the three documents described below. These were furnished by WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Sheriff, Shelby County, Tenn., to [redacted] Robert L. Jensen 8/23/68.

(1) A map which purports to show how the subject escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

(2) Letter addressed by the subject to his sister, Mrs. CAROL PEPPER, 2025 Belvue, Maplewood, Missouri.

(3) List of questions, unanswered, which appear to have been prepared for the subject by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

Since there is some question that this information may be privileged, it is not being disseminated and will not be put in a report.

This is furnished only for the Bureau's information.

2 - Bureau (Enc.-3) ENCLOSURE
1 - Memphis
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2 AUG 28 1968

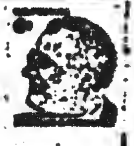
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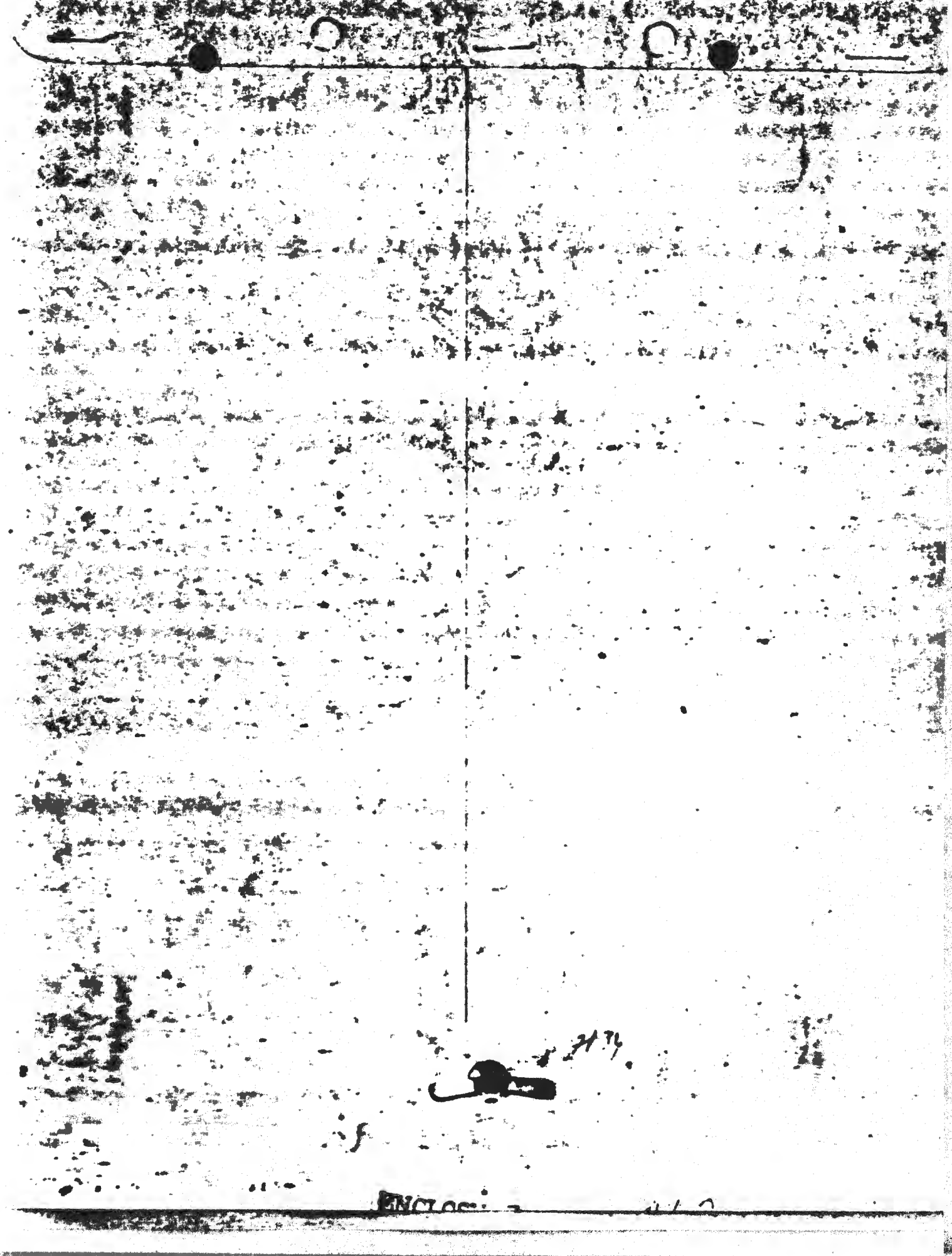
Dear Folks all:

Tell Jack I got his letter, & also got one from Jerry. Tell Jack I wrote Jerry asking him to come down but am not sure he got it since I couldn't help tell what to do when we had a letter, tell him to help her out. Tell him I want to talk to him about Stones also I think I got me some of what for him & Jack to buy out the House will finish out to see them being sure to stay a couple days in Birmingham, & can explain anything else I write them. Try to come any day except Wed & Sun

Take it Easy Love



Mrs. Carl Pepper
2025 Bel-mar
Maplewood, Missouri



11-18

Dear Frank,

Tell Jack I got his letter, I also got one from Jerry. Tell Jack I won't fuss asking him to come down but no not one he got it since I couldn't help tell what to do when was he had on the letter, tell him to take it or leave it. I want to talk to him about stones also I think I got one piece of silver for him and Jack Kelly and the Home will probably not to see them being sent to stay a couple days in Birmingham, I can explain anything when I see them. Try to come my day sleep and Sun

Take it Easy Love



Mrs. Carl Pepper

2025 Bel-vue

Maplewood, Missouri

The material which you have written for me is most helpful. With it I can re-create your escape on April 23, 1967, your walk toward Kansas City, how you reached Chicago, and how you lived there for about two months, working at the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka.

I need exactly this sort of information for every other period of your life from the day you left Chicago for Canada....This 11 months from your escape down to about March 1, 1968.

I also need some additional detail as to your way of life inside the prison during the seven years prior to your escape.

Here are more questions:

In that seven years name for me all the people who visited you.

How often did you have a visit from somebody?

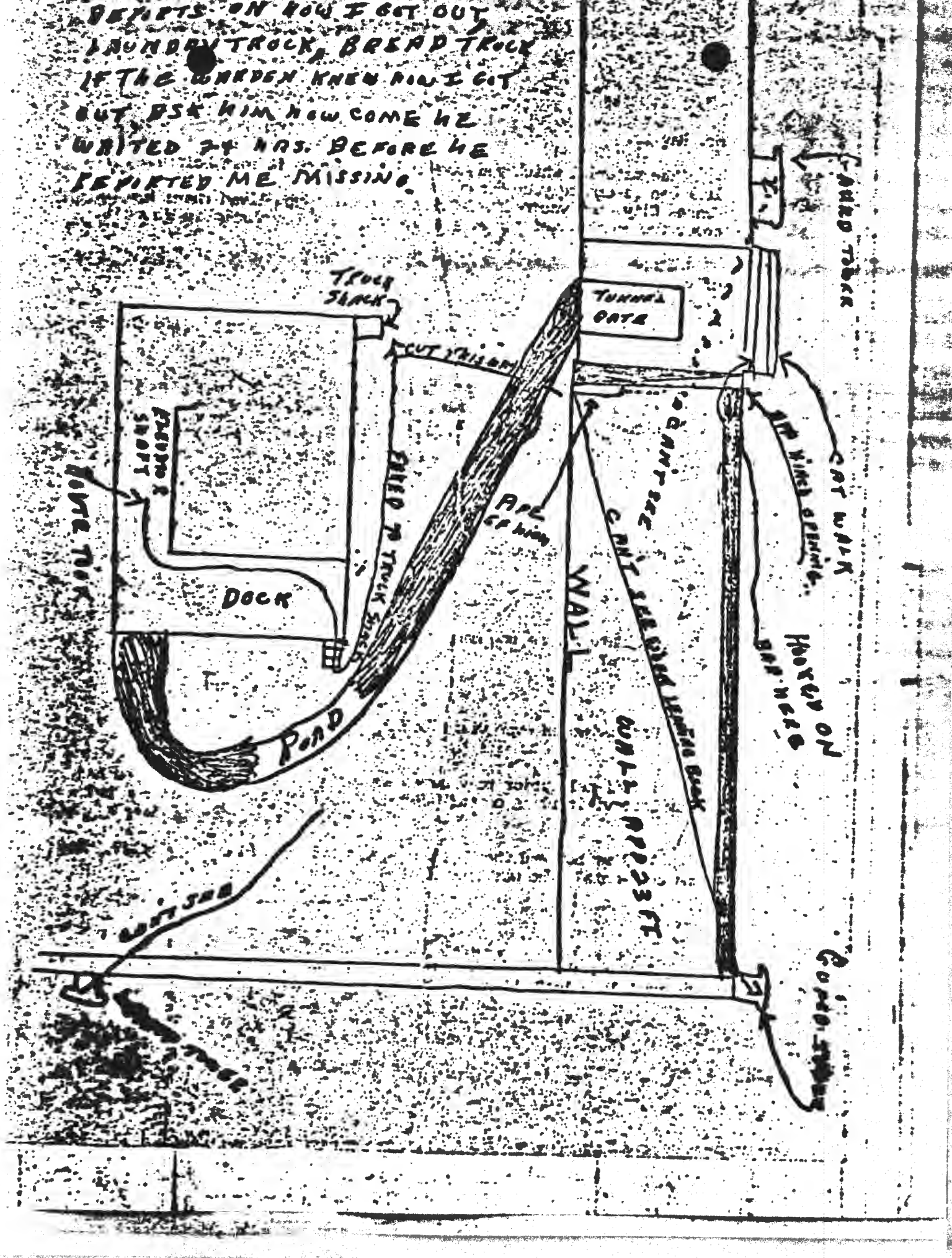
Estimate for me how many times you had a visitor during that seven years?

Did any woman ever visit you?

Immediately prior to your escape on April 23rd, when had you had your last visitor? A month? Three months? Christmas? Six months?

Tell me how and where you slept in prison? Alone in a cell? With one cell-mate? Who was your last cell-mate?

Tell me about this last cell-mate? Who? What crime was he in for? Did he talk a lot? What about?


DEPENDS ON HOW I GET OUT
LAUNDRY TRUCK, BREAD TRUCK
IF THE WARDEN KNEW HOW I GOT
OUT ASK HIM HOW COME HE
WAITED 24 HRS. BEFORE HE
REPORTED ME MISSING.
TRUCK SHACK
TUNNEL GATE
CUT THIS OFF
FENCE
SHORT
FENCE
FILLED IN TRUCK SHACK
ROAD
DOCK
POND
WALL
WALL APPROX 123 FT.
CAN'T SEE OVER HEAVIER BRUSH
CAN'T SEE
APPROX
HOOKED ON
BIG NECK
CAT WALK
TUNNEL
LOOKOUT

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 9/3/68

FROM: Legat, London (88-72) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBulet 8/8/68.

On 8/26/68 MR. JACK HERFURT COUNSELOR [redacted] For CONSULATE MRS. [redacted] U. S. Embassy, London, advised that the British Foreign Office did locate the original identification card from the State of Missouri among their documents relating to the Ray extradition matter.

MR HERFURT [redacted] advised he obtained the original card from the Foreign Office and on 8/26/68 forwarded it to [redacted] Department of State, Washington, D. C., for return to the Missouri authorities.

3 - Bureau
1 - Liaison (direct)
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SEP 5 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Mohr
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Mr. Trotter
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FBI WASH DC

FBI SPRNGFLD

450PM URGENT 9-5-68 DJM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

MURKIN

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE SEPTEMBER FOUR LAST.

[redacted] ALTON PD; [redacted] PRESIDENT, THE BANK OF ALTON; AND [redacted] ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, ADVISED NO CURRENT OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION HAS COME TO THEIR ATTENTION SINCE MATTER LAST DISCUSSED.

[redacted] ADVISED [redacted] CONCERNED OVER INCREASED EMPHASIS ON BR INVESTIGATION AND MADE STATEMENT HE HOPES QUOTE THE HEAT WILL BE TURNED OFF SOON END QUOTE. [redacted] CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PINPOINT [redacted] WHEREABOUTS SO HE MIGHT BE INTERVIEWED.

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AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO, MEMPHIS, AND ST. LOUIS.

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4 SEP 10 1968

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FBI WASH DC

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FBI

Date: 8/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Memphis 8/8/68, and Memphis airtel to Bureau 5/20/68.

RE: SUSPECTS [redacted]

Enclosed herewith for the Identification Division are three fingerprint cards bearing prints of [redacted] and two fingerprint cards bearing prints of Miss [redacted], both employees of the [redacted] Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee.

[redacted] Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised [redacted] on 8/12/68 that according to records of the Memphis Police Department the registration cards of the [redacted] Hotel, [redacted] Memphis, for [redacted] and [redacted] on 4/4/68 were obtained by officers of the Memphis Police Department. He advised he has no way of knowing who touched or handled these registration cards. He explained these registration cards were not picked up by the Memphis Police Department until several days after these individuals came to their attention. Consequently the registration cards themselves were not treated as evidence and therefore no limitations were made by the

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Memphis Police Department for protection of these cards from being handled. He pointed out further the Memphis Police Department has no way of knowing if any other law enforcement agency personnel has handled these registration cards.

Inasmuch as it cannot be determined with any certainty the identity of the individuals at the Memphis Police Department that may have or likely handled these registration cards, no elimination prints will be obtained from personnel of the Memphis Police Department.

With regard to personnel of the [redacted] Hotel mentioned above, who likely handled these cards, [redacted] Manager of the [redacted] Hotel, advised [redacted] on 8/16/68 the only logical persons who would normally handle the above-described registration cards are [redacted] who registered captioned individuals into the hotel, and [redacted] telephone operator, whose duty it is to file the registration cards for the hotel. He pointed out, however, all personnel of the hotel do have access to the registration cards should the need arise. He also commented other individuals such as the various law enforcement officers at times have access to and do handle the registration cards.

Bearing the above comments in mind as related by [redacted], elimination prints of [redacted] and [redacted] are obtained. It is obvious the enclosed prints are not of good quality or clarity; however, the Bureau is requested to bear in mind the age of both of these women and the fact both commented while being printed that they are suffering from arthritis and therefore were not able to cooperate as well as they would have liked to, so as to furnish clear prints. Additional prints are enclosed of these two individuals so as to be of assistance, if possible, in the examination.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the enclosed fingerprint cards with the unidentified latent prints developed on the [redacted] Hotel registration cards concerning [redacted] and [redacted]

See addendum page 3.

Note: See addendum General Investigative Division Page 4

ADDENDUM OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION: RFL/egd 8-29-68

Submitted elimination prints not identical with latent prints previously reported on [redacted] Hotel registration cards. Memphis Division advised.

Recommend matter (see memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated August 5, 1968, entitled "Murkin") be referred to General Investigative Division for further consideration.

As a result of checking various hotels and motels in Memphis, Tennessee, regarding suspects in the Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination it was determined that an individual by the name of [redacted] and another by the name of [redacted] registered at the [redacted] Hotel in Memphis on April 4, 1968. On April 5, 1968, they made a hasty departure from the hotel taking a taxicab to the Memphis Airport. Investigation strongly indicates that these two individuals departed Memphis by Delta Airlines Flight No. 157 nonstop to Houston, Texas, on April 5, 1968, using the names of [redacted] and [redacted].

This matter has been thoroughly checked with negative results in order to determine the true identity of these individuals. It appears that these two individuals may have been in Memphis for the possibility of committing some illegal activity, or there as possible fugitives "cooling off" and departed immediately because of the pressure of law enforcement on the King assassination.

In view of the fact that these two individuals may be Bureau fugitives and could be possibly implicated as co-conspirators, it is recommended that this matter be referred to the Identification Division for the purpose of determining if it is feasible to check all unidentified latent fingerprints from the registration cards of the [redacted] Hotel with that of white Bureau fugitives between the ages of 20 and 35. It is noted that the best available information indicates that [redacted] and [redacted] are described as white males between the ages of 20 and 35.

CLM

FBI

Date: 9/9/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

OO MEMPHIS

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Los Angeles, and Sacramento is one copy each of two letters addressed to JAMES EARL RAY, described as follows:

#1 letter postmarked 8/28/68 at [redacted] Cal., from [redacted] Goleta, California;

#2 letter postmarked 9/5/68 at [redacted] Cal., from [redacted] Clements, California.

These letters were made available to the Memphis Division on 9/9/68 by [redacted] Memphis, Tenn., PD. [redacted]

Both of these letters are self explanatory and from the contents it appears that [redacted] and RAY may have been acquainted with each other sometime in the past.

ENCLOSURE

3 - Bureau (Encs. 2)
2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 2)
2 - Sacramento (Encs. 2)
2 - Memphis
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LEADS

LOS ANGELES

AT GOLETA, CALIFORNIA

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, will identify the [redacted] and review indices and identify [redacted]

SACRAMENTO

AT CLEMENTS, CALIFORNIA

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau, will review indices and conduct necessary investigation in an attempt to identify [redacted]

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will maintain contact with [redacted] Shelby County Sheriff's Department, pending receipt by the Sheriff's Department of any additional mail from [redacted] addressed to JAMES EARL RAY.

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-28851)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

2 letters

Ref: ME airtel, 9/9/68



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Clementy California





Air Mail

James EARL RAY
Memphis County Jail
Memphis TENNESSEE

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"Air Mail"

ΚΙΚΙ ΤΙΧΤΟ.
ΚΜC

Air Mail

James—

Just a short note to let you know how things are going. I wrote you another letter but put the wrong town down. (Dumb huh?) So that's way I'm writting you now. Things are pretty well about the same here as before. When will you be going to court?—

I hear you have a pretty good lawyer. Don't forget that there are alot of people behind you And that you are still in the "south". I was down in a small town in Santa Barbara then I jump here to Stockton. Might go to Australia if Things Keep going bad. I know that you must

feel pretty down as out now but believe in that all things are going to be alright. Are you aloud visitors there? If so I may come to "Memphis" for about a week and see you (OK)?

Do you want me to do anything for you or get you anything. Just let me know. I'm going to Frisco Monday for a few days, just to take in the sites. My mom went back to Ohio to visit her folks. I guess they are not going to live much longer.

You did the right thing, it just feel. Maybe RW will be easier. Well I'm going to have to go. Let me know Rod-

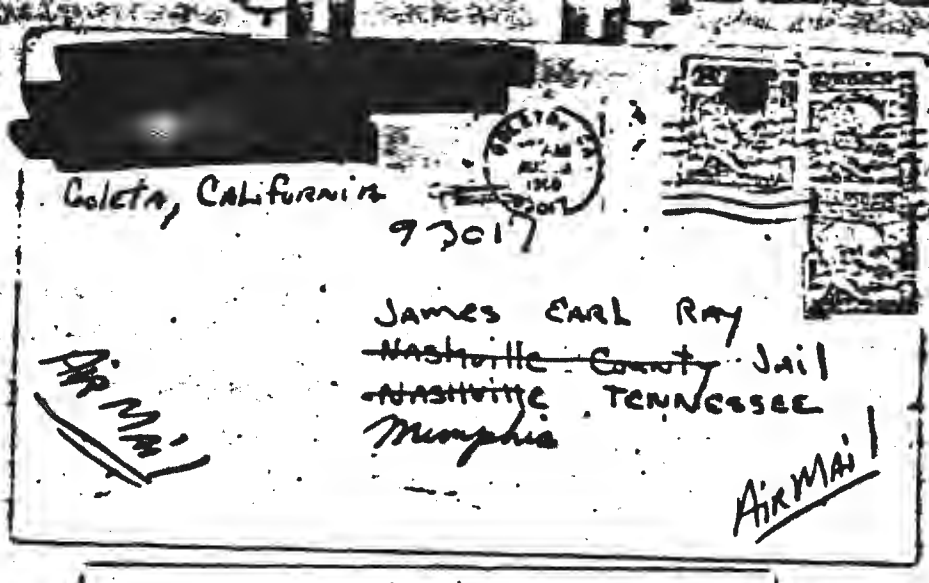
thing are going and
let me know if how
things are working
and if you need anyt-
thing write soon.

Dee

ADDRESS

[redacted]

Clemcott, California



Goleta, California
93017

JAMES EARL RAY
~~Nashville County~~ Jail
~~NASHVILLE~~ TENNESSEE
Memphis

Air Mail

Air Mail

8-27-68

James-

I hope things are going well for you, considering the surrounding you are in. They have kept everything pretty well quiet about your trial. I can imagine the treatment they have been giving you. Nice teal party I guess.

The weather out here in California is quite sunny and shady at times. If there is anything you want or want me to get you, I will get it to you as soon as possible.

I was wondering if they let you read the paper there. There are quite

a few people out here
rooting in your corner
for you. I'm sure you
will win an acquittal.

If you are short of
funds I will send you
some for cigarettes, candy,
books etc. (How about a
old fur.) I guess things
are pretty gloomy in there
I hope this letter makes
you feel a lot better.

I would like to
have been from you
and let me know if
you need anything. Take
it easy and don't worry
about anything. Write from

[redacted]

P.S. My address is on the back.

September 12, 1968

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

REC 4 TO: SACs, LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) — 5166

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO THE BUREAU DATED SEPTEMBER NINE, LAST.

IDENTIFICATION OF [redacted] AND [redacted] SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH CHECK OF OFFICE INDICES, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CREDIT BUREAU RECORDS. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO INTERVIEW [redacted] OR CONDUCT ACTIVE INVESTIGATION.

IDENTIFICATION RECORD FOR ONE [redacted] FBI NUMBER [redacted] WITH LAST ENTRY RECORDING ARREST BY POLICE DEPARTMENT POMONA, CALIFORNIA, NUMBER [redacted] ON SEPTEMBER [redacted] ON CHARGES OF INTOX, POMONA TRAFFIC WARRANT, RESIST ARREST AND DISPOSITION OF "GUILT NINE DAYS" WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU UNDER SEPARATE COVER. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS INDIVIDUAL IS IDENTICAL. IDENTIFICATION RECORD OF [redacted] DOES NOT LIST ANY PLACE OF INCARCERATION WITH THAT OF SUBJECT RAY.

3 - AIRMAIL (COMMUNICATIONS SECTION)

TELETYPE

SEP 12 1968

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☒

53SEP 18 1968

NOTE:

Memphis has transmitted to us copies of two separate letters addressed to James Earl Ray as made available by [redacted] of the Memphis, Tennessee, Police Department who is in charge of the security of James Earl Ray at the Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tennessee. Letter number one is postmarked 8-22-68 at Goleta, California, from [redacted] and letter number two is postmarked 9-5-68 at [redacted] California, from [redacted] Clements, California. These letters in general offer assistance to subject Ray in the form of financial help and generally are sympathetic towards Ray.

Memphis has instructed Los Angeles and Sacramento to identify the [redacted] and [redacted] and instructions are being given by this teletype to restrict identification through check of office indices, police department and credit Bureau records and not to interview Short. The handwriting in these letters will be examined by our laboratory. Bureau indices negative re [redacted] Identification record of one [redacted] being forwarded to Los Angeles and Sacramento under separate cover, which list numerous arrests from 2-3-68 to 9-29-68.

FBI

Date: 9/9/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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OO MEMPHIS

Re Memphis teletype to the Bureau 9/6/68 concerning disposition of three motions made by the attorneys for JAMES EARL RAY before the Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court Judge, Memphis, Tenn.

On 9/9/68 Mr. JAMES BEASLEY, Assistant State Attorney General, Memphis, Tenn., advised that the verbal instructions given to the State Attorney General's Office by the Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court Judge, Memphis, on 9/6/68 have not been reduced to writing and will not be reduced to writing until sometime prior to 9/18/68, which is the date the Attorney General's Office is required to comply with these instructions.

Mr. BEASLEY stated that his office is reviewing the results of the investigation in their possession concerning the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in order to determine what evidence and documents are in possession of the Attorney General's Office. Upon completion of this review, the Honorable Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE will be furnished this information and at that time the Judge will finalize his order concerning exactly what items will be made available to the defense attorneys.

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Mr. BEASLEY stated that he will immediately make available to the Memphis FBI Office a copy of any order that Judge BATTLE signs that involves the final instructions in connection with a verbal order given on 9/6/68.

Memphis Division will follow this matter on a daily basis.

SACs, Los Angeles
Sacramento
Memphis

September 12, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Re Bureau teletype to Los Angeles and Sacramento dated 9-12-68.

Enclosed for Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Memphis are two copies each of identification record for one [redacted] referred to in referenced communication.

Enclosures (2)

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September 11, 1968

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

REC 46 EX 110 5167

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Re Airtel to the Bureau dated 9/2/68.

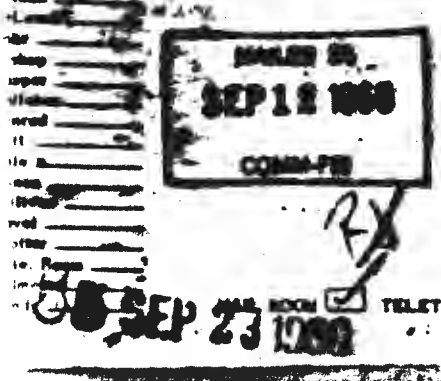
You should not honor the request of Huie as set forth in referenced communication, and under no circumstances should you "bargain" with him.

Keep the Bureau fully advised of any further contacts Huie may make with you.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

REL:gcw (4)

NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo September 10, 1968. We have furnished information in the memorandum to the Department, and have advised them we will furnish the the information to Memphis authorities unless they advise to the contrary. We are of course following this with the Department.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: September 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

On September 1, 1968, William Bradford Huie, author, whose books included "Three Lives for Mississippi," dealing with the murder of three Civil Rights workers in June of 1964, was contacted by our Birmingham Agents at his home in Hartselle, Alabama, upon his request. Huie requested that the interview be kept in confidence for reasons depicted in the information furnished.

Huie stated that while James Earl Ray was incarcerated in London, England, he (Huie) entered into a contract with Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. This contract is also of interest to Ray's attorney, Arthur Hanes, inasmuch as the cost of the trial, including attorney fees, is dependent upon the commercial success of the contract. Huie has advised that to date he has invested approximately $20,000 in this venture. Huie further relates he is in constant contact with subject Ray through Attorney Hanes in the form of written questions and answers by Ray, which includes names of cities, states, places, maps and individuals contacted by Ray, as well as activities from the date of his escape from prison to his apprehension in England.

Huie stated that to date he has been refused personal contact with Ray by Judge W. Preston Battle, the judge who will handle the trial, state of Tennessee. He stated that he is highly desirous in obtaining current non-publicized photographs of Ray which would be the character type rather than the mug shots.

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Huie stated he would be most willing to divulge all information he has received to date to the Bureau on a confidential basis, as well as all information he may receive in the future on a current basis, provided the requests could be met.

Enclosure 9-10-68

2 SEP 16 1968

RHR:jms
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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

Mr. Huie advised that the Bureau is not attempting to influence, interfere, or suggest action taken by state officials or courts.

We are running out information in Huie's possession developed through sources, regarding previously unknown activities of Ray between the time of his escape in April, 1967, and his apprehension on June 8, 1968. The Department has been alerted to Huie's contemplated "Look" story on Ray and has under consideration the question of obtaining a search warrant or subpoena duces tecum for his notes and/or calling Huie before a Federal Grand Jury. If Department declines to take any action on this information, we will furnish the information to the appropriate local authorities. This is being followed closely with the Department.

ACTION:

It is recommended that the request of Huie not be honored, and that Birmingham be instructed that under no circumstances should they "bargain" with him. It is further recommended that this new information be provided to the Department and authority be requested to furnish this information to appropriate local authorities. Attached for approval is a letter to the Department incorporating therein the results of contact with Huie as set forth in this memorandum, and requesting Department's decision on a matter previously discussed with them.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

SEP 13 1968

TELETYPE

FBI WASH DC

FBI ATLANTA

500PM URGENT 9-13-68 LCS

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

MURKIN

[redacted] ATLANTA, ADVISED WHILE WITHDRAWING MONEY FROM ATLANTA FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN BANK, ATLANTA, THIS DATE, HE SAW NAME JAMES RAY AND MARIETTA, GA., ADDRESS WRITTEN ON ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL. HE LEFT THAT BILL WITH THE BANK AFTER CALLING IT TO ATTENTION OF TELLER.

[redacted] ATLANTA FEDERAL, EXHIBITED THE BILL WHICH CONTAINED FOLLOWING PRINTED WITH BLUE INK [redacted] APT. G-THREE, JAMES RAY, MARIETTA, GEORGIA." ALSO WRITTEN ON SAME BILL IN RED INK IS "CR BELL" OR "BILL". THIS APPEARS ON ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE, SERIES NINETEEN [redacted] FIFTH, SERIAL NUMBER E ZERO TWO TWO SEVEN ONE ZERO ONE [redacted] A. THE BILL WAS LEFT IN POSSESSION OF [redacted] WHO STATED HE WOULD RETAIN IT IN THE EVENT FBI EXAMINATION DESIRED.

EX-109 REC-21 44-38861-5170

SEP 24 1968

TELEPHONE AND CITY DIRECTORIES FOR MARIETTA, GA., CONTAIN LISTING FOR [redacted] SOUTHEAST, SMYRNA, GA. CITY DIRECTORY REFLECTS THIS IS PRIVATE RESIDENCE WITH OCCUPANTS LISTED AS [redacted] AND [redacted] LISTED AS CLERK, ATLANTA AIRPORT, AND MARRIED.

NCIC AND ATLANTA INDICES NEGATIVE RE ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF ABOVE-DESCRIBED ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR BILL MAY BE BAIT MONEY FROM BANK ROBBERY OR OTHERWISE RECORDED WITH BUREAU. INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND OF [redacted]

AM COPY SENT MEMPHIS. P.

EHR

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FBI WASH DC

GI negative, per Scott, 9/13/68

SA CHAS. Hines, AT, Advised 6:29 pm, 9/13/68 GV

FBI

Date: 8/24/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION,
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel to Memphis 8/8/68, and Memphis airtel to Bureau 5/20/68.

RE: SUSPECTS [redacted]

Enclosed herewith for the Identification Division are three fingerprint cards bearing prints of [redacted] and two fingerprint cards bearing prints of [redacted] both employees of the [redacted] Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee.

Captain [redacted] Homicide Bureau, Memphis Police Department, Memphis, Tennessee, advised [redacted] on 8/12/68 that according to records of the Memphis Police Department, the registration cards of the [redacted] Street, Memphis, for [redacted] and [redacted] on 4/4/68 were obtained by officers of the Memphis Police Department. He advised he has no way of knowing who touched or handled these registration cards. He explained these registration cards were not picked up by the Memphis Police Department until several days after these individuals came to their attention. Consequently the registration cards themselves were not treated as evidence and therefore no limitations were made by the

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Memphis Police Department for protection of these cards from being handled. He pointed out further the Memphis Police Department has no way of knowing if any other law enforcement agency personnel has handled these registration cards.

Inasmuch as it cannot be determined with any certainty the identity of the individuals at the Memphis Police Department that may have or likely handled these registration cards, no elimination prints will be obtained from personnel of the Memphis Police Department.

With regard to personnel of the [redacted] Hotel, mentioned above, who likely handled these cards, [redacted] Manager of the [redacted] Hotel, advised [redacted] on 5/16/68 the only logical persons who would normally handle the above-described registration cards are [redacted] who registered captioned individuals into the hotel, and [redacted] telephone operator, whose duty it is to file the registration cards for the hotel. He pointed out, however, all personnel of the hotel do have access to the registration cards should the need arise. He also commented other individuals such as the various law enforcement officers at times have access to and do handle the registration cards.

Bearing the above comments in mind as related by [redacted] elimination prints of [redacted] and [redacted] were obtained. It is obvious the enclosed prints are not of good quality or clarity; however, the Bureau is requested to bear in mind the age of both of these women and the fact both commented while being printed that they are suffering from arthritis and therefore were not able to cooperate as well as they would have liked to, so as to furnish clear prints. Additional prints are enclosed of these two individuals so as to be of assistance, if possible, in the examination.

The FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, is requested to examine the enclosed fingerprint cards with the unidentified latent prints developed on the William Lee Hotel registration cards concerning [redacted] and [redacted]

Note: See addendum on attached page.

ADDENDUM OF THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION: SFL/egd 8-29-68

Submitted elimination prints not identical with latent prints previously reported on [redacted] Hotel registration cards. Memphis Division advised.

Recommend matter (see memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, dated August 5, 1968, entitled "Murkin") be referred to General Investigative Division for further consideration.

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JAMES EARL RAY:



Prison identification picture of James Earl Ray was taken in 1966. An escaped convict, career of crime. His first arrest came at an early age, and his last known crime was the arm

THE MAN WHO KILLED MARTIN LUTHE

Has vanished into 'thin air' in spi

EXHIBIT A-2

Actually, Ray is 40 years old.

Confused? So are the authorities.

Also, two white Mustangs showed up . . . and two cities as well as two drought farmers and other confusing "evidence."

The mystery has been reported in Mexico . . . Cuba . . . South America . . . and at the bottom of a lake attached to a huge concrete block.

The FBI, although keeping fairly mum about its investigation, has looked into the possibility that some of the "clues" may have been planted to throw the investigation off on the wrong track.

If so, those guys the first thing that the killer acted alone in this crime.

One theory popped up concerning the Memphis police department. The department was charged at those quarters as being "nigger haters" and some even went so far as to suggest that persons within the department either committed the crime, helped set it up, or aided the actual killer in his escape.

And speaking of fingerprints, when James Earl Ray escaped from prison a year ago, an extensive set of fingerprints was circulated to law enforcement agencies. The warden said a new set of prints was sent out later but law enforcement officials in Georgia and Alabama said they never received the second set.

So far, to the month for Ray, all trails lead to the same place – nowhere.

James Earl Ray, the man being sought around the world for the slaying of Dr. King, has been described as a drunken drifter, prone to thievery and violence, a failure at everything.

HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT

Ray was born March 10, 1928, in Alton, Ill., a manufacturing town of 53,000 persons, along the Mississippi River, 20 miles north of St. Louis.

Records of Madison County show that James Earl Ray was one of several Rays who



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and to weaken the bill.

Senate Passage Predicted

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Supporters of strong gun
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Gun registration went down
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Representative Robert Mc-
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This [illegible] disclosed by South Vietnamese officials here in brief discussions. They added that Mr. Thieu hoped to persuade Mr. Johnson that South Vietnam should play "the major role" in any future negotiations with Hanoi on a political settlement of the war.

The chances that Saigon will obtain either commitment are dim. The United States has resisted the concept of a South Vietnamese veto on diplomatic policy as consistently as South Vietnam has tried to obtain it over the years.

[In Saigon, the military command warned of a possible terrorist campaign in the next 24 hours during the annual South Vietnamese observance of the anniversary of the signing of the 1954 Geneva accords.]

United States officials said that the two Presidents would discuss the question of a [illegible] of bombing and other essential elements of a [illegible] settlement," but one of the officials expressed doubt that firm decisions would be taken at the meeting.

In the prolonged discussions in Paris, the North Vietnamese have insisted so far that the United States unconditionally stop all bombing in the North before the talks move on to other "relevant" questions such as a political formula for bringing peace to Vietnam.

"We would like to hear President Johnson say that he will not stop the limited bombing in North Vietnam until North Vietnam removes its troops

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mphis Jail Under Heavy Guard After Return to U.S.



James Earl Ray, handcuffed to both h is led to cell in Memphis jail by Sheriff William B. Morris. Ray wo re a bullet-proof vest and what was described as "safety pants."

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THE PLAIN DEALER

OHIO'S LARGEST NEWSPAPER

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Ray Learned Life in Slums, Jail

The fact does not solve the enigma of the man who jubilantly lived it up as a fugitive from the Missouri State Prison for nearly a year before the slaying of the Nobel Peace Prize winner.

THAT FACT of the conviction, with fingerprint evidence on the murder rifle produced by the U.S. government in the Bow Street magistrates' court last Thursday, does not shed light on why Ray allegedly killed Rev. Dr. King. Whether it was a lone assassin or a domestic, political or international conspiracy.

Who is this dumb lug who grew to manhood in prison cells?

Where did Ray get money for alligator shoes? For a white 1966 Mustang? For cross-country trips? For airplane tickets? Who kept Ray on ice, safe from the long arm of the Missouri state officials for 13 months after he escaped from the old walled penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo.?

There is one man who knows all the answers. That is Ray himself.

THE REST IS a patchwork of random facts, guesses, conjectures and projections.

The Plain Dealer tried to pull the strings of the mystery bag of James Earl Ray together.

Newspaper reporters all over the country, in Canada, England and Portugal have backtracked on Ray's activities which already were closely examined by the FBI, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and Scotland Yard, not to mention supporting roles of local police the world over.

The Plain Dealer backtracked, too, and came up with more details to put flesh and blood on the formerly flat image of James Earl Ray, alias James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron, James O'Connor, Eric Starvo Galt, Paul

To find what kind of man is James Earl Ray, accused of the murder of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., The Plain Dealer assigned Reporter Doris O'Donnell to take his trail. She visited Jefferson City, Mo., where he escaped prison; St. Louis, where he spent part of his life, and Toronto, where he lived before fleeing to Europe.

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Asks Soviet Aid

LBJ Seeks End to Missile Race

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — President Johnson called upon the United States and the Soviet Union yesterday to begin talks aimed at

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Ray Learned Life in Slums and Prisons

Story First Page

Jefferson City, knew Ray as one of about 1,200 men behind the walls, a few short blocks from the state capitol and the governor's mansion on the Missouri River.

"He was no more a mentality as any person I ever met," Wilkinson said. "He was innocuous."

Wilkinson is an expert in his field. He has spent 20 years in the federal prison system, including a five-year term with the Bureau of Prisons in Washington.

"HE WAS LIKE anyone else," Wilkinson said. "His pattern of existence in the penitentiary. Owens got chips, no enemies.' He was a passive personality. He gave the appearance of indolence. His attitude was 'Here I am, so what?' "

Ray, incidentally, had been arrested with an accomplice, James Owens, for the robbery of a Kroger Co. store on Ohio Avenue in South St. Louis. he was sentenced on two counts — armed robbery and auto theft — to 20 years in the penitentiary. Owens got only seven years. During the fifth day of his trial before Circuit Court, Judge John C. Casey in St. Louis, Ray tried to escape. He was caught by sheriff's deputies in an elevator in the Municipal Court Building.

Attempted jail escapes, said Wilkinson, took Ray out of the innocuous class several times.

"He tried to attempt other-

But officials finally discovered that a 300-foot bread box, in which bread was trucked twice a week from the prison to the prison farms, was Ray's hiding place to the outside.

Wilkinson said he is convinced Ray had the aid of another inmate, who also worked in the kitchen with Ray.

RAY, WORKING in the kitchen slicing bread, wore white clothes, not the green dungarees with black stripes worn by regular prisoners.

No one knows, Wilkinson said, how Ray left Jefferson City. No leads have developed on whether he left by foot, car or airplane.

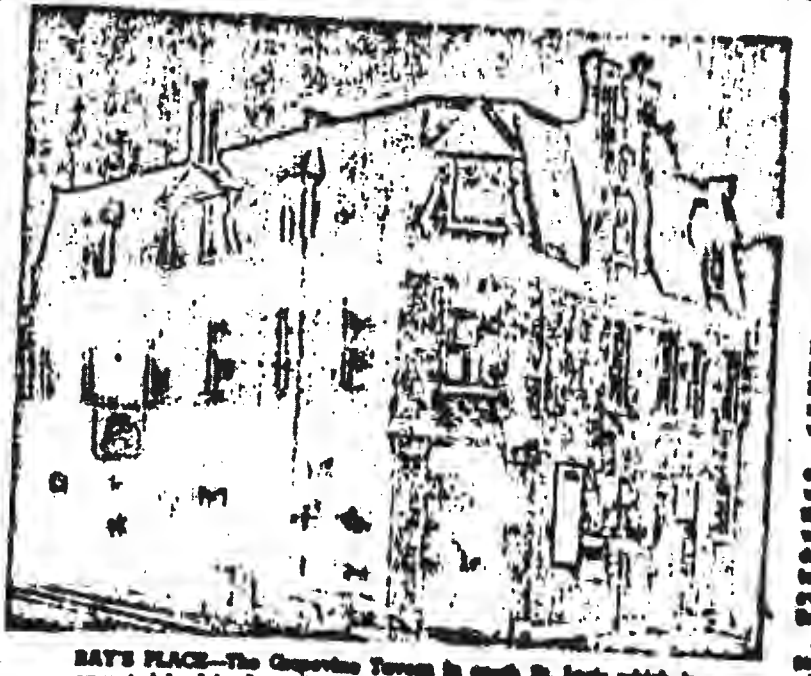
A brother, John Larry Ray, had visited Ray for 4½ hours the day before Ray disappeared. He made his escape about 8:30 a.m. and a check was not made until 1 p.m.

John Ray told a St. Louis Post-Dispatch reporter that: "Jie and I both are strong supporters of George Wallace," former Alabama governor and a states rights candidate for president.

Wilkinson saw nothing significant in the Ray brothers talking politics or talking George C. Wallace.

"FOUR AND a half hours is a long time," Wilkinson said. "Even the closest of relatives run out of things to talk about."

Wilkinson said sometimes a probing bar is used in the bread boxes when the truck is in the sally port, a tunnel through which the truck



RAY'S PLACE—The Grapevine Tavern in south St. Louis which is operated by John Larry Ray.

Pair claim Ray could have left with a hundred as high as $2,000.

One prisoner told me: "I saw a man with $7,000 on him the other night."

But Wilkinson's records show the most Ray ever "had on the books" was two entries of $5 each which he sent to a brother in 1953.

"THAT'S THE biggest money he ever dealt with," Wilkinson said.

Ray ordered items from Sears, Roebuck — hunting Ryan, and his grandmother as Mrs. Mary Mahler, 1513 Hickory Street, St. Louis.

Both women are dead, but they are not forgotten on the hot, dusty street in South St. Louis.

[illegible] Hickory Street is a dreary brick house with the French architectural influence of 75-100 years old. The section of Missouri Avenue was once the proud tree-lined properties of well-to-do merchants.

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[illegible] he'd gained lots of weight."

(One of the London hotels big house landlords claimed a hypodermic needle was left in Ray's room.)

But the neighbors on Hickory Street had to admit they saw little of Seaman Earl Ray during the past 30 years.

Ray enlisted in the Army in 1918 and was out in 1921. He served three months of hard labor for being drunk and resisting arrest.

In 1934, [illegible] was given a 60-day sentence in Los Ala-

Ray a "misfit, a punk," but his pilots delegated the scribe him as a "real pro."

"HE HAD enemy on him in prison," an ex-convict said. "Guys like that are always targets. But no one ever stole or tried to steal from Ray. There was something about him, like he'd kill, if you'd try anything."

Ray's brother, John Larry Ray, operates a bar at the corner of Arsenal and Illinois avenues, in South St. Louis. The Ryan home is in the name of Mrs. Carol Pepper, Ray's sister, who reportedly is married very well."

The bar, the Grapevine, catering to neighborhood white trade, is a down-at-the-heel place. A patrolman was on the front door the day I walked about 20 feet to see John Ray. He never even opened the bar door for Ray.

John L. Ray is described as a "rabbit" by persons who know him and the Grapevine patrons.

"THERE'S SOMETHING in his head that doesn't connect too well," a friend of his said. "He blows up fast. You have to be careful what you say to him. He'd shoot you as soon as talk to you."

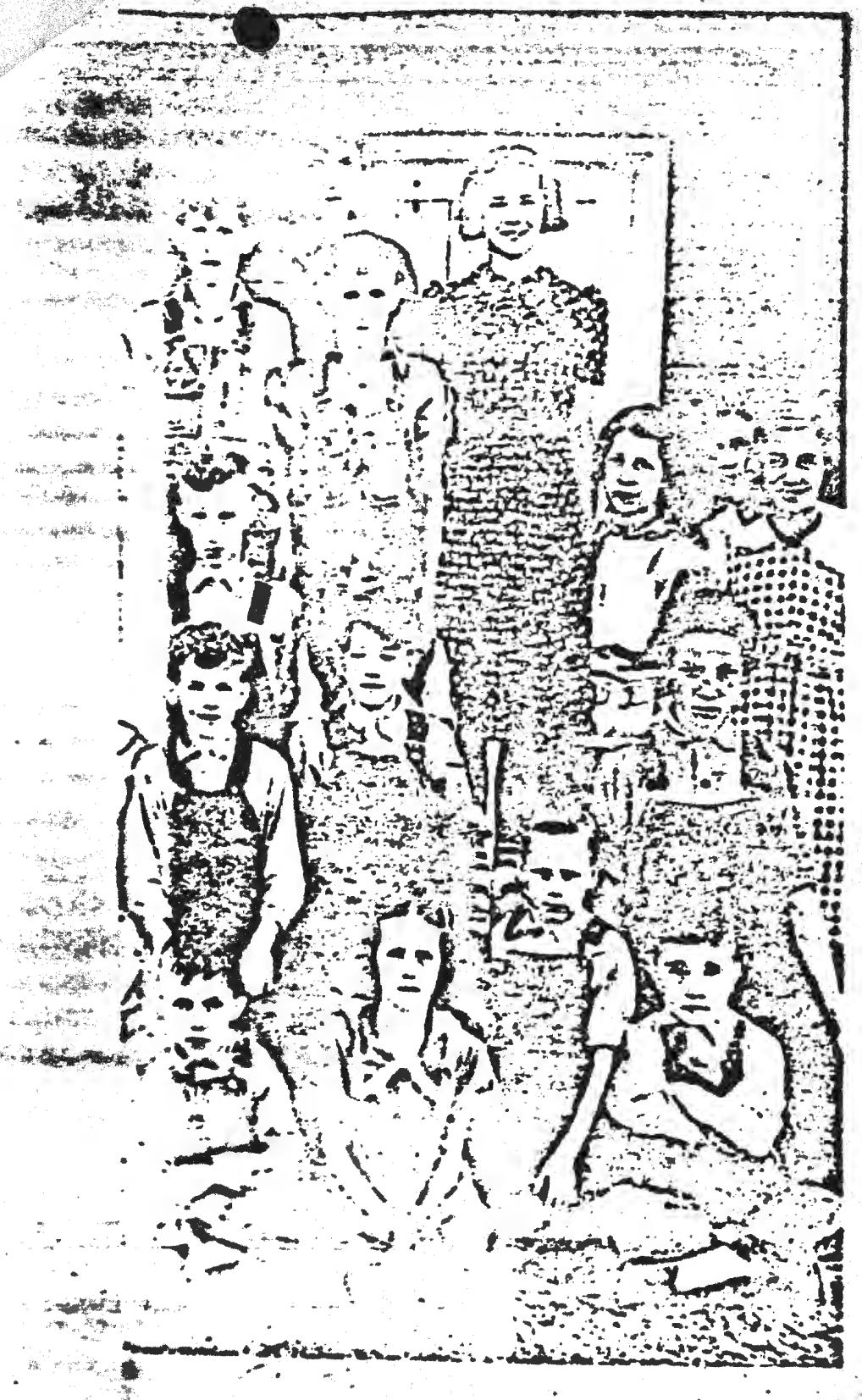
John Ray recently was acquitted on a shooting charge.

Neither John nor Jerry Ray — like James Earl — is married. But all have reputations for being women men. In fact, the FBI officials cited Jerry Ray [illegible] of the information that he would sleep in cars in the

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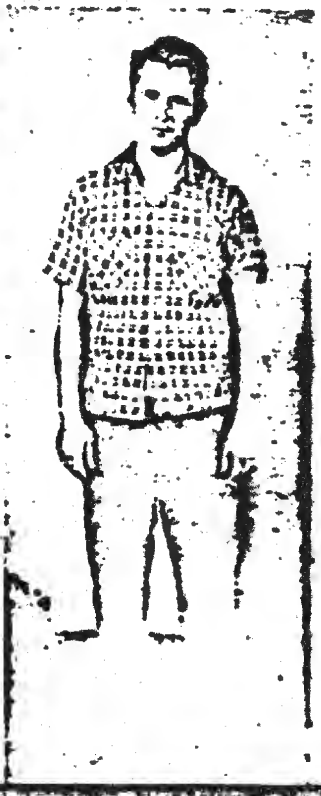


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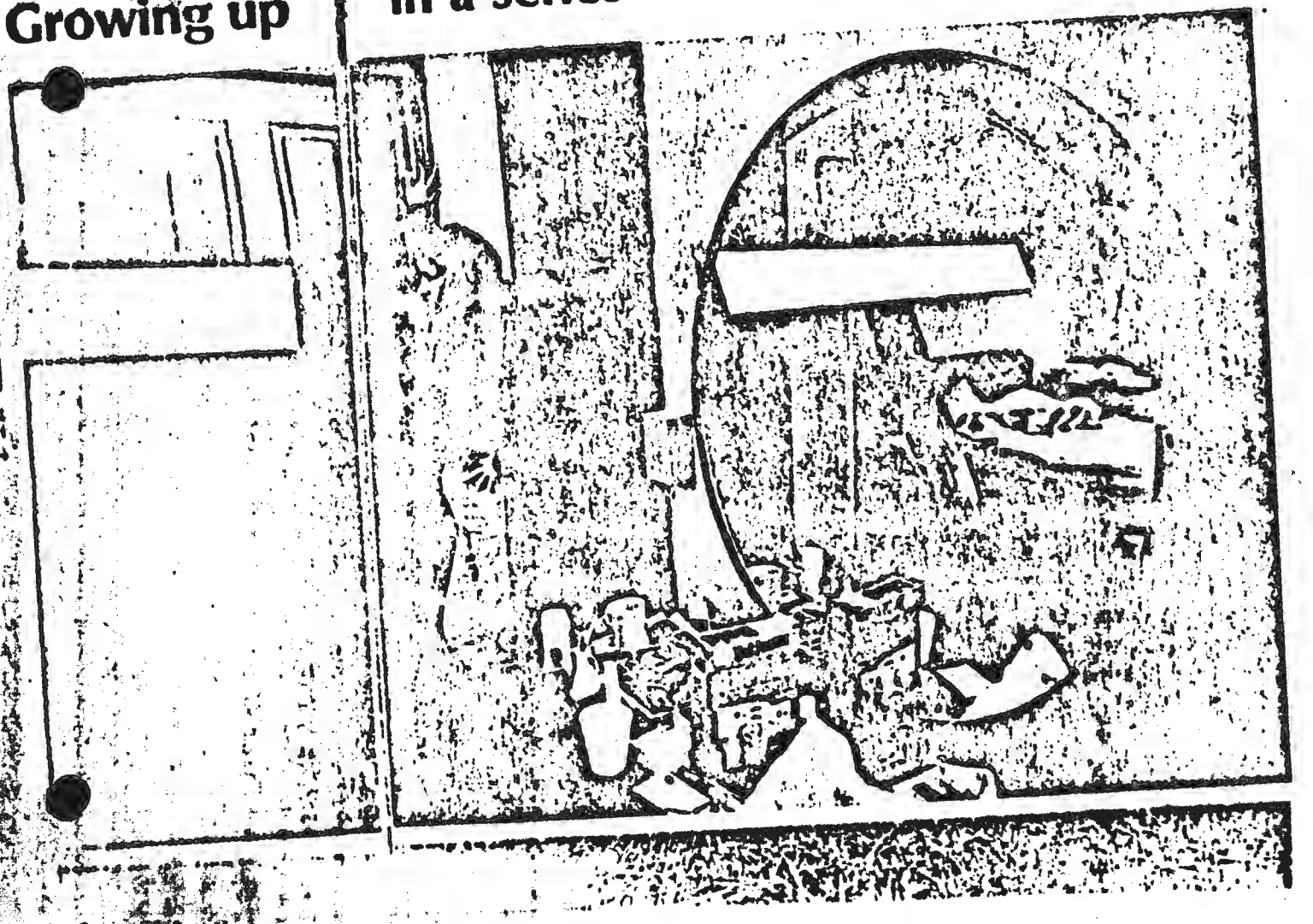


When the Ewing, Mo. grade school gathered for the picture at left in 1938, third-grader James Earl Ray (in third row at left of girl in polka dot dress) peered half-hidden over a classmate's head. Among the two dozen former schoolmates and teachers who identified Jimmy Ray was Carlisle Washburn (front row, far right), who once broke Ray's leg playing football. Today Washburn (above) is Ewing's postmaster. Ray is shown below after his 1959 arrest in St. Louis for armed robbery.

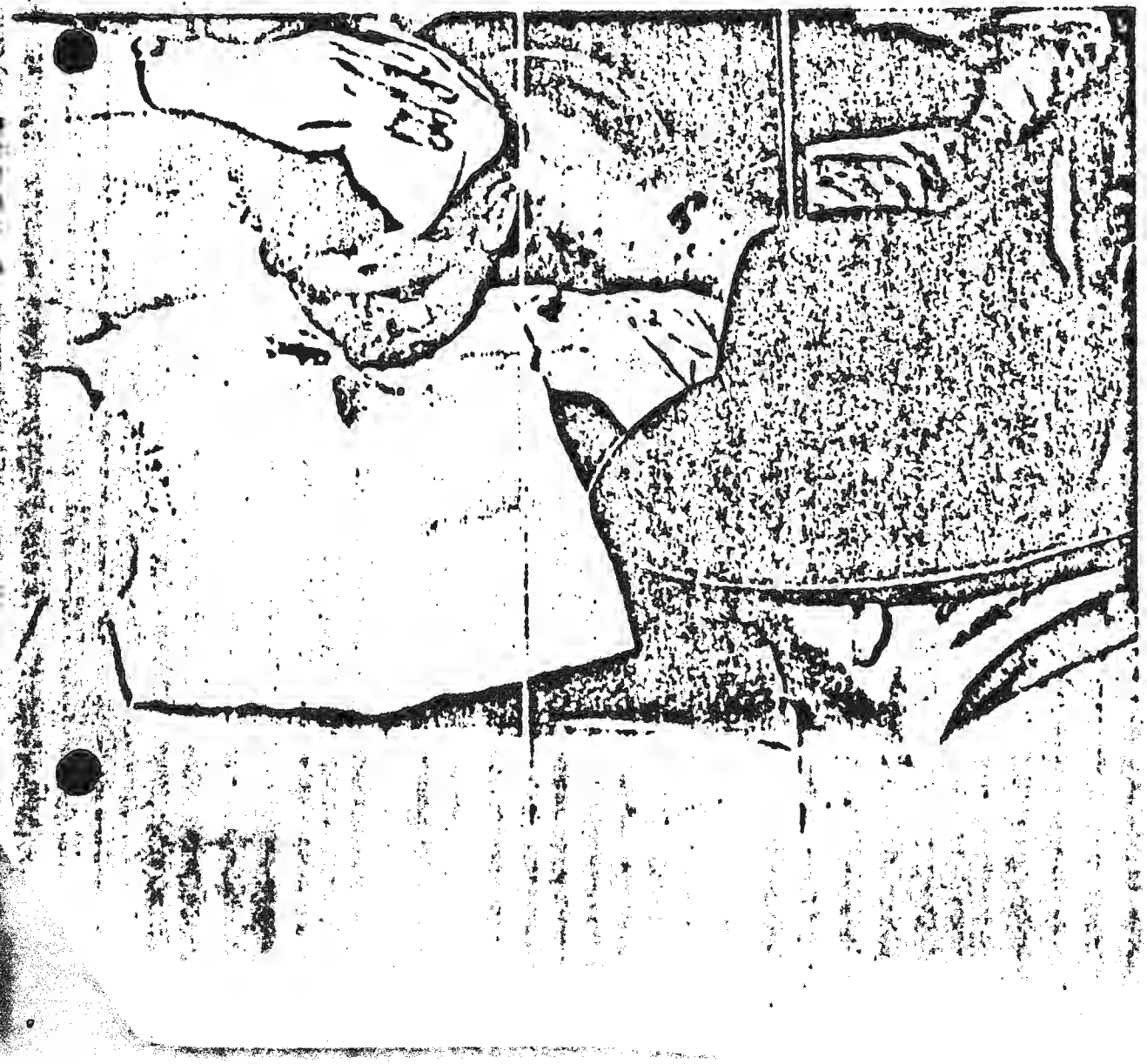


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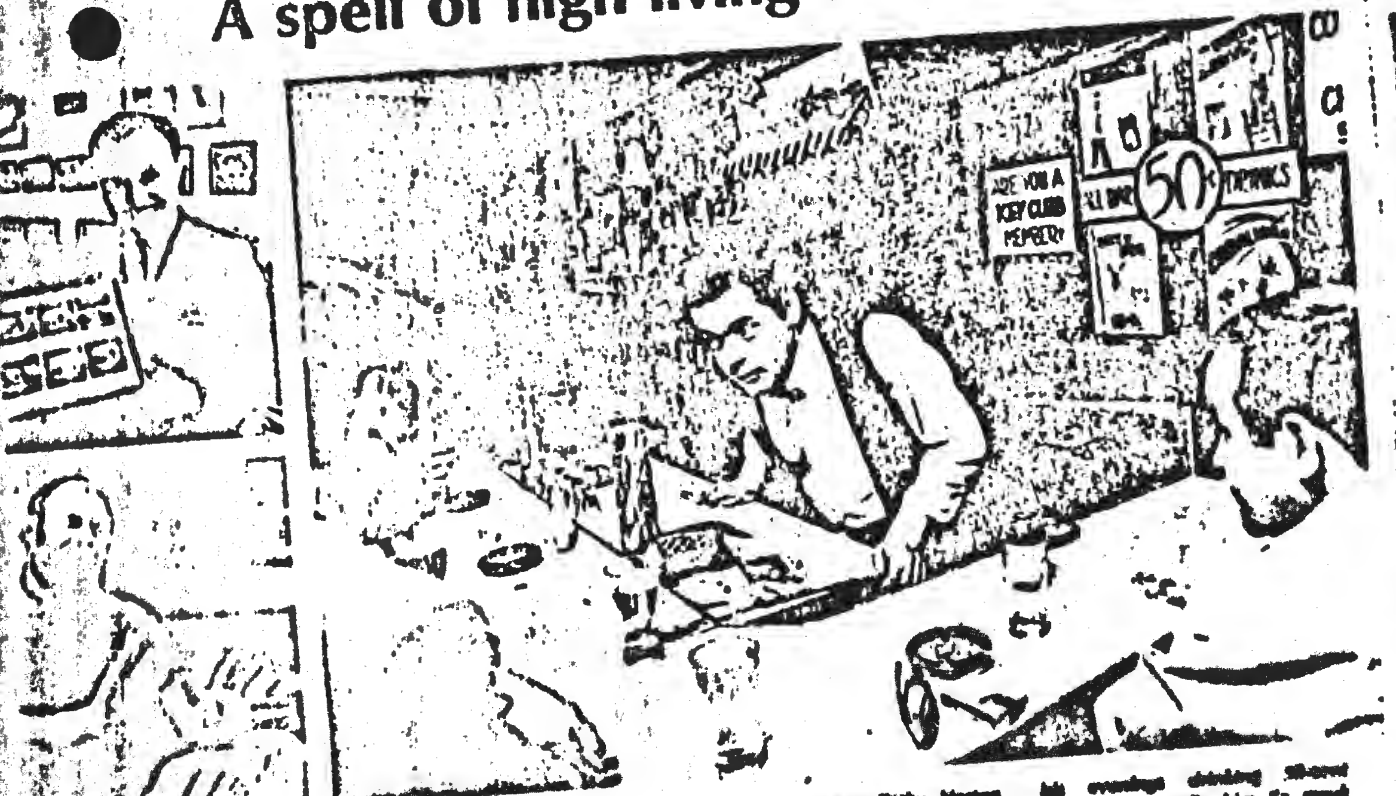
Growing up in a series of ramshackle river towns



head-on encounter with cops after another



A spell of high living with a roll of 20s



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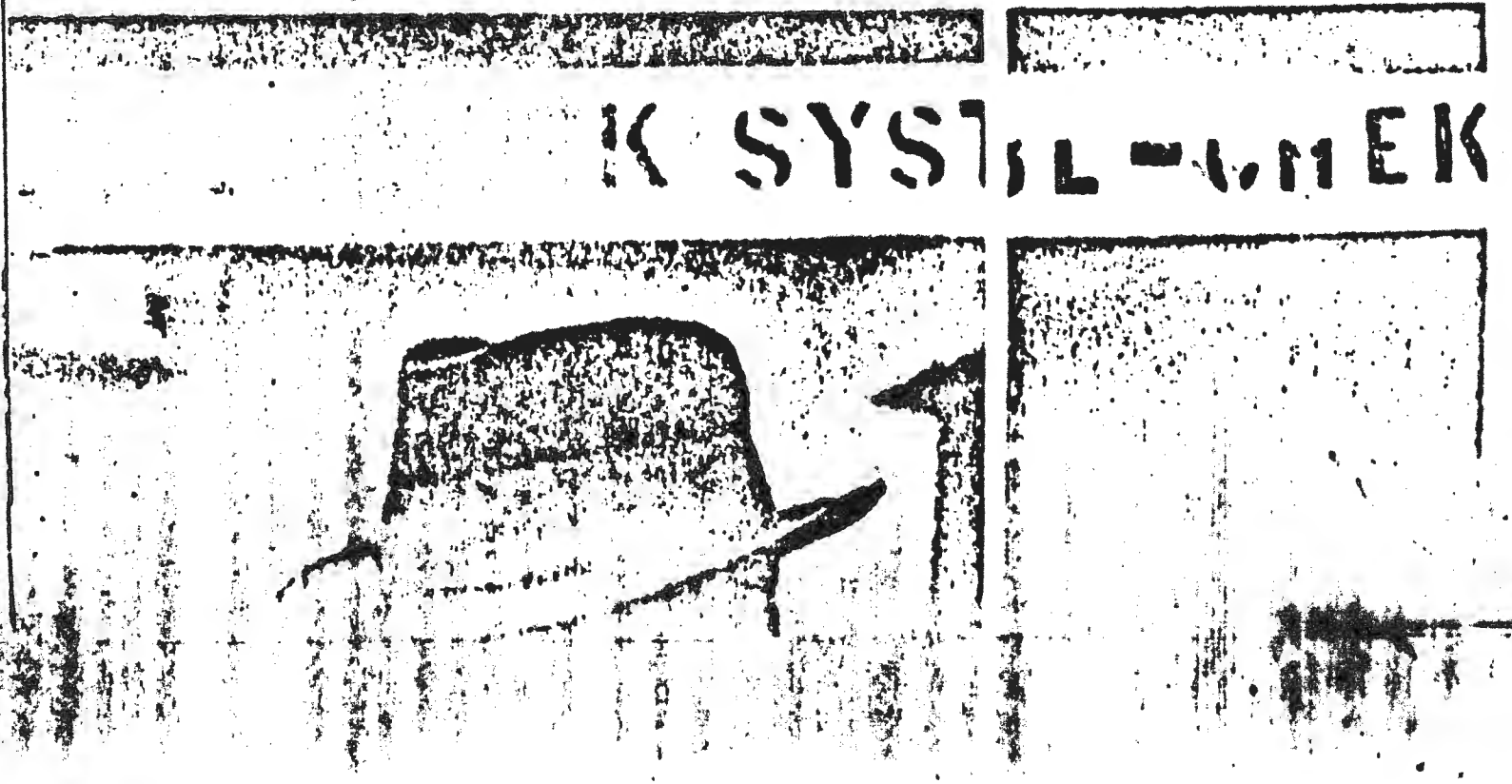
broke home and ran to an elevator," where he was caught.

For the next seven years in prison, Ray distinguished himself only by a series of solitary escape attempts which earned him the nickname "The Mole." For this quiet, angry figure the ventures were perhaps a source of amusement, perhaps a way to do precisely what the skinny schoolboy in Ewing, Mo. had always wanted to have happen—to rebel, be recaptured and revolt again. "Hey, kids, it's THE MOLE!" Once he tried to scale a wall and was knocked unconscious when his makeshift ladder collapsed; another time, in 1958, he hid for two days in a ventilator shaft, then crawled to a rooftop only to have a guard spot his hands coming up over the top. He was trying to escape with $4.15, razor blades, a broken mirror and a bag of assorted pills. Then, exactly a year ago, he finally did it.

In the [illegible] Ray Stevens [illegible] a shrub, bloodshot strip of North Hollywood, Eric Starvo Galt might have screamed 34 or even 28 years old, depending on the shade, the tone of sky or how close he was sitting to the bar lamp at the Rabbit's Foot Club. Galt, who was [illegible] like a man learning to

From a grocery store bandit caught by a hidden

In the act of holding up a St. Louis grocery in 1959, Ray and accomplice Joseph Austin were photographed by a third-force camera normally used to identify check cashers. Austin unknowingly stared in front of the camera [illegible] before he and Ray rifled the cash register of $1,200. There he fol-



...spring; last November, he went on a marijuana-buying junket to Mexico. "Sharon," one of his ballroom dance instructors, had suggested to the girls at the National Dance Studio in Long Beach that her papa had developed a crush; he trembled, she said, when he stood too close. But Galt fled in his white Mustang after only an hour on Go-Go Night, and for $245, paid in advance, enrolled in bartending school instead.

James Earl Ray had never had his picture among the "big dealers" in the warden's album in the Missouri State Penitentiary. In Prison, like any kid from Alton or Quincy or Ewing or Shullsburg, Mo., he had never mixed with the big boys from Kansas City and St. Louis. "He's innocuous," said the warden. "He's penny ante."

That is, James Earl Ray, slight and round-shouldered, who finished, smiled a crooked, private grin and sometimes even seemed to walk on a child, was once penny ante. But, says the FBI, on April 4 in Memphis, at the moment Martin Luther King died, all the bills for the Mustang, the shoes, the dancing lessons and a $189.95 Remington—and maybe the bitter childhood—came due.

camera to the most hunted man in the country

Jewed Ray out (center) as both studied their portfolio. At right, a policeman holds their hats, lost in the escape. Arrested two months later for another robbery, Ray was convicted and sentenced to 20 years in the Missouri penitentiary. He was serving this term when he escaped last year and vanished.

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How To Solve Guns And Law

Morrie Ryskind, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright, will substitute for William F. Buckley Jr. during the latter's vacation.

BY MORRIE RYSKIND

REASON WOULD suggest that the bullet which killed Senator Kennedy emerged from a gun which might have been unobtainable if a proper gun control law had been in effect. John Kennedy's slayer ordered his gun through the mail; the ex-convict who killed Officer Tippit purchased his over the counter; the snipers who shot at policemen and firemen in the recent riots presumably got their weapons just as easily.

Noting which, I recently suggested it was high time for a federal law, one with teeth in it, to prevent the indiscriminate sale of firearms.

Conceding my lack of expertise on the controversial subject, I rose to remark why a purchaser with a legitimate use for a gun should object to strict regulation, down to getting a police okay and being fingerprinted.

"Surely the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment were not intended to provide criminals with an arsenal," I wrote, and added I realized no law could ever stop a determined killer from obtaining a gun, but that such a statute might cut our appalling crime rate.

The first response to that piece came from a reader in Amarillo who agreed customarily but vigorously about my lack of expertise on the matter, and predicted I'd get enough protests against my stand to last me a lifetime.

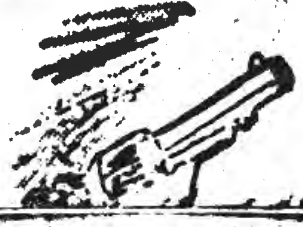
Almost Unanimous

NOW RIGHT he was! To date, of 100 letters on that column, only two took me; the rest very all the way from calling me misguided to listing 7 to guilty of subversion.

Some point out that our own Constitution have long advocated just such a law; others that Hitler enacted a similar measure. The latest in both instances failed to disarm the decent citizens and leave them defenseless against the weaponry of uniformed persons serving the police state.

I realize how touchy the subject is when such an implication can be read into my plea. I never even remotely suggested that the honest citizen be deprived of arms with which to defend himself against danger. I asked only, especially in view of recent happenings, that there be a strict supervision over the sale of firearms, lest they fall into bad hands — as obviously was the case in the slaying of Robert Kennedy.

As a matter of fact, I have strong personal motives for wishing those with bona-fide reasons to possess arms the right to do so. For my own, who lives in Washington, has for over a year had a




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MARTIN LUTHER
KING
ONE DOLLAR
"I HAVE A DREAM"
The March On
Washington
"THE BRIGHT
DAYBREAK OF PEACE"
King Receives The
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"WE MUST USE THE
WEAPON OF LOVE"
He Inspired His
Followers With Faith
"I HAVE SEEN THE
PROMISED LAND"
King's Vision Of
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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS. No. 16645
(Murder)

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias

FILED
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY D C.

MOTION TO PRODUCE

Comes the defendant in the above styled case, by and through his attorney of record, and respectfully moves This Honorable Court to require the attorney for the State to produce to the attorney for defendant, and allow him to inspect and/or duplicate, books, papers, documents or tangible objects obtained from or belonging to the defendant or obtained from others which are in possession of, or under the control of the attorney for the State or any law enforcement officer, including, but not limited to the following, to-wit:

1. Any firearm or other weapon belonging to defendant or allegedly used in committing the crime charged.

2. Any automobile allegedly owned or operated by defendant and any and all objects found therein.

3. Records of or documents pertaining to any hotel, motel, rooming house or other purported place of residence, temporary or permanent, of defendant or others.

4. All photographs purportedly showing defendant or others sought in connection with the crime herein charged.

5. Any and all penal records and files of defendant, including any and all medical, optometric, or psychiatric reports

contained therein or produced while defendant was in custody of any authority.

6. Any and all military records of defendant, including results of medical, optometric, or psychiatric tests and results of proficiency tests.

7. Passports, visas and applications therefor.

8. Records of entry and exit to and from this or any other country.

9. Documents, records or objects pertaining to transportation of or travel by defendant.

10. Evidence and test fingerprints of defendant.

11. Any sets of fingerprints used or displayed in any search for defendant.

12. Any fingerprints of defendant or other persons found on tangible objects named or produced herein.

13. Ballistic and weapons tests and reports thereof.

14. Expended slugs from a firearm, or fragments thereof.

15. Bullets, hulls, shells or casings, expended or unexpended.

16. Maps, papers or other objects purportedly used or handled by defendant.

17. Logs and records of calls made over the radio network of any law enforcement agency of Shelby County, Tennessee, during the period of April 4, 1968 through April 5, 1968.

18. The names and addresses of all witnesses for the State in this cause.

19. Any and all statements, signed or unsigned, attributed to or purportedly made by defendant and any and all statements

made in the presence of defendant to which note of his reaction was made.

20. Autopsy and toxicologists reports concerning any alleged victim of the crime charged herein.

21. The minutes and notes of Grand Jury proceedings in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.
Attorney for defendant.

I hereby certify that I have personally served a copy of the foregoing motion upon the Attorney General for the State in this case. This the 10 day of August 1968.

Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

FILED 8/15/68
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BY [illegible] D. C.

STATE OF TENNESSEE

NO. 16819

VS.

(Carrying a dangerous weapon)

JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS,

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW PLEA AND TO QUASH INDICTMENT

Comes the defendant in the above styled case, by and through his attorney of record, and respectfully moves This Honorable Court for leave to withdraw the plea heretofore entered, and if that be granted, defendant further moves that the Indictment heretofore filed be quashed and as grounds therefor assigns the following:

1. Defendant was brought within the geographical jurisdiction of this court from England by virtue of proceedings under an international extradition treaty with Great Britain, to face only the charge of murder.

2. The Indictment in the present case charges defendant with carrying a dangerous weapon with the intent to go armed.

3. Said charge is not one with which defendant was charged in the proceedings for his extradition from Great Britain, thereby rendering This Honorable Court without jurisdiction to hear, try or proceed further with this case.

Respectfully Submitted

Arthur J. Hanes, Jr.

HANES & HANES
Attorney for Defendant

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the above motion upon the Attorney General in the State in this case on this the 16 day of August, 1968.

Arthur J. Hanes

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Section 70

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FBI

Date: 9/11/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIR TEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

There are enclosed original and one copy of clipping from 9/11/68 issue of "Commercial Appeal" newspaper, Memphis, captioned "Book Fees Pay Ray's Defense, Huie Declares."

The publicity received by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE as reflected in attached news clipping appears to be just the beginning of releases to be made by HUIE in connection with publicity for his forthcoming book on the life of JAMES EARL RAY. Undoubtedly, HUIE will be traveling throughout the United States in connection with his research in preparation for writing this book and he undoubtedly will be making news releases in other sections of the U. S.

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(Mount Clipping In Space Below)

Book Fees Pay Ray's Defense, Huie Declares

$25,000 Has Been Received With More To Come, Writer Says

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

The legal defense for James Earl Ray, charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is being financed by payments Ray is receiving for book rights to his life story, William Bradford Huie, an Alabama free lance writer, said last night.

Mr. Huie, who lives at Hartselle, Ala., and has written several best sellers, most of them made into movies, said he has paid Ray $25,000 since Ray was placed in the Shelby County Jail July 19. He indicated he expects to pay him considerably more.

"Ray delivered to me a first installment of 10,000 words, written in longhand, a month ago. Since then he has delivered 10,000 words more."

Ray spends a great deal of his time in jail writing and is expected eventually to produce at least 50,000 words, which Mr. Huie will polish into a finished product.

Mr. Huie, who spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in Memphis going over the murder scene at the Lorraine Motel and investigating other Memphis angles of the murder, said he has not yet gained permission to see Ray in his air-conditioned cell at the Shelby County Jail. "But I haven't given up hope. Judge Battle (Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle) did not turn me down flat when I talked to him three weeks ago.

"Meanwhile, I work through Ray's chief counsel, Arthur Hanes Sr. of Birmingham. In return for his legal services, he has a lien on everything I pay Ray, I suppose on everything Ray has or gets."

Mr. Huie, in a telephone interview from his home in Hartselle, said, "I don't particularly like paying somebody for his story but often there is no other way of getting the truth."

Mr. Huie said he got the material for his 'Three Lives for Mississippi," the story of the murder of three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Miss., in 1964, by hefty payments to "greedy Klansmen who knew the facts."

This book is being made into a motion picture. Some of the proceeds from movie rights are going toward paying Ray for his longhand manuscript. Mr. Huie says he hopes the Ray story, too, will be made into a motion picture, possibly a documentary.

Mr. Huie also wrote a book on the murder of Emmet L. Till, a young Chicago Negro, killed in Tallahatchie County, Miss., in 1955.

Mr. Huie said he has asked and received from Gov. Albert Brewer of Alabama special police protection as a result of threats made against his life after he spoke in various parts of the country against the candidacy of former Gov. George Wallace for president.'

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(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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COMMERCIAL APP

MEMPHIS, TENN

Date: 9-11-68

Edition:

Author:

Editor: FRANK R. ADA

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Submitting Office: MEMPHI

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
Sepbember 12, 1968

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a book being written concerning James Earl Ray. The attached also states that Humphrey Ward has purchased the rights to Ray's memoirs and that Ward and J. P. Stoner are paying Ray's attorney's fees.

It is noted that William Bradford Huie previously advised us he entered into a contract with Ray to write a true account of Ray's activities, and Ray's attorney's fee is dependent upon the commercial success of this contract. Stoner is no doubt identical with Jesse P. Stoner, Vice-chairman of the National States Rights Party (a vicious anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, right wing hate group based in Savannah, Georgia.)

Bureau indices negative concerning McDonald and Ward. Bureau indices indicate that McMillan has authored an article in the Civil Rights field. As recently as June 4, 1968, he visited Assistant Director Bishop's Office to advise he was writing a book for Little Brown and Company (publishing house in Boston) concerning assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. He was told the case was pending and we could not be of assistance. Department being advised.

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FBI

Date: 9/9/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: CRIME RECORDS SECTION

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On September 9, 1968, [redacted] Quincy, Illinois, advised that on this date he was contacted by GEORGE MC MILLAN and LAUGHLIN MC DONALD. MC MILLAN advised that he is a free lance writer who resides in Atlanta, Georgia, and had written articles for major publications such as Look and the Saturday Evening Post.

MC DONALD advised that he was a Civil Liberties Union attorney who resides in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He told [redacted] he is presently on leave of absence from his position with the Civil Liberties Union.

MC MILLAN and MC DONALD advised [redacted] they are presently writing a book concerning JAMES EARL RAY and had contacted [redacted] inasmuch as he kept MELBA RAY, aka Melba Ryan, sister of JAMES EARL RAY, once as a foster child.

MC MILLAN told [redacted] he had learned that HUMPHREY WARD has purchased the rights to JAMES EARL RAY's memoirs and that WARD and J.P. STONER, who is involved in Right Wing causes and resides on the West Coast, are paying RAY's attorney's fees to Attorney HAYNES.

Both MC MILLAN and MC DONALD are contacting numerous people in the Quincy, Illinois, area. The source could furnish no further information concerning either.

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T. C. Bishop

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Bank of Alton

FBI

Date: 9/13/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Springfield teletype to Bureau dated 9/5/68.

SUMMARY

Continued contacts have been made with area police agencies and informants with essentially negative results.

[redacted] advised on September 11, 1968, that [redacted] wife of [redacted] might have information connecting [redacted] and [redacted] with robbery The Bank of Alton on July 13, 1967.

Informant stated [redacted] is a close friend and criminal associate of suspects and could well have divulged information to [redacted]

[redacted] interviewed on September 12, 1968. She stated [redacted] has never confided any information to her regarding robbery The Bank of Alton. She appeared reluctant to discuss this matter and became nervous during specific questioning, however, was adamant in her denial of any knowledge of the bank robbery.

C. E. Bishop

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(3) - Bureau (44-38861)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
3 - Springfield (2: 44-561)
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Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] confined seven days Madison County Jail on minor charge.

[redacted] will be interviewed on release, it being determined not advisable to interview him at County Jail because of reported leaks at the jail.

September 18, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

We previously advised the Department that Mr. William Bradford Huie, author, whose books include, "Three Lives for Mississippi" dealing with the murder of the three Civil Rights workers in June of 1964, was interviewed at his home at Hartselle, Alabama, at his request and wanted to "bargain" with us. (He would furnish us information as provided to him by Ray in exchange for currect non-publicized photographs of Ray.) We advised our Birmingham Office not to "bargain" with Mr. Huie under any circumstances. We also advised the Department that Huie has obtained notes from James Earl Ray, and Mr. Huie is preparing an article in "Look" magazine based on these notes. The obtaining of these notes was discussed with the Department and they advised they are considering the question of obtaining a search warrant or subpoena duces tecum for Mr. Huie's notes and/or calling Mr. Huie before a grand jury.

The attached is in response to our memorandum which stated that unless promptly advised to the contrary, we would furnish information referred to the above to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution.

This will be followed with the Department.

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(No. 4-20-61)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO : The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: Septe

DJ 14

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank you for your memorandum of Septemb 1968, advising that Mr. William Bradford Huie was interviewed at his home in Hartselle, Alabama, at his request and providing me with information concerning that interview.

The action to be taken by the Department now with respect to the notes from James Earl Ray reportedly in the possession of William Bradford Huie raises a number of legal questions. These questions have been under consideration by this Division since your Bureau first reported the matter on August 27, 1968, to Mr. D. Robert Owen and they are presently being considered by the Attorney General. I plan to communicate with you immediately upon the resolution of these questions. Until that time, I would appreciate your postponing any action to furnish information with respect to the matter of the Ray notes to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, as outlined in the final paragraph of your memorandum of September 10, 1968.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Enclosed are original and one copy of newspaper clipping from "Memphis Press-Scimitar," 9/12/68, reflecting RAY's attorney has no plans to seek postponement of trial scheduled November 12, 1968.

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Hanes Has 'No Plans' For Delay

Ray's Attorneys Still Planning Trial Nov. 12

By ROY HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

The defense for James Earl Ray, accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King, has "no plans" to seek a postponement of his trial scheduled Nov. 12 in Memphis, Arthur J. Hanes Jr. said today.

"So far as I know we will be ready to go on the 12th," said Hanes, who is assisting his father, Arthur J. Hanes, in Ray's defense.

REPORT

It had been earlier reported that the senior Hanes had "intimated" in a Birmingham interview that Ray might not be able to stand trial in November because his health was being jeopardized by intensive security measures in his Shelby County jail cell.

Hanes Sr. was in court on another matter but his son, when asked about the report, said, "Some things are read into statements that are quite often only in the eyes of the beholder. I know of no plans to ask for a continuance."

COMPLAINT

The younger Hanes did confirm that Ray had complained about conditions in his cell and he said it was possible that a written motion may be filed next week asking for relief.

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Date: 9-12-68
Edition: Home
Author:
Editor: Charles H. Schneider
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Submitting Office: Memphis

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The defense lawyers are due back in Memphis Wednesday to inspect items of physical evidence accumulated by the state for use in the prosecution. The defense won access to the state's evidence in a hearing last week in Judge W. Preston Battle's court.

QUOTED

In the earlier report, Hanes Sr. was quoted as saying that Ray has undergone "enough to bug anybody" during his confinement. He said Ray has had two guards "breathing down his neck 24 hours a day" and sometimes has to cover his eyes against the bright lights "shining on him night and day" in order to sleep.

Hanes charged that the security setup surrounding Ray constitutes "cruel and inhuman treatment."

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FBI

Date: 9/12/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to Memphis 4/17/68; Memphis airtels to Bureau 5/13, 6/5, 7/3, 7/8, and 8/7/68; Bureau Routing Slip to Memphis 6/13/68, captioned as above; and Bureau airtel to Memphis, 7/9/68.

The information set out hereafter is cumulative totals concerning cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau offices for the period 4/4/68 through 8/31/68:

		Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Cumulative Total
1.	Special Agents	95,911	27,156	123,067
	Clerks	19,894	1,742	21,636
		115,805	28,898	144,703

2. Mileage traveled by Bucars on this matter: 472,959

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3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs:

A.	Per Diem		$6,698.00
B.	Communications.....		4,052.03
C.	Photography Expense		1,884.68
D.	Hotel Room Expense		59.48
E.	Plane Fares.....		837.00
F.	Miscellaneous:		
	Xeroxing.....	$330.94	
	Xerox paper and supplies.....	14.25	
	Mailing Wanted flyers to laundries in U.S..	287.00	
	Misc. Supplies.....	65.77	
	Confidential Item....	19.50	
			717.46
			$14,248.65

4. Peak number of Special Agents on this case: 3,075 Agents

It is to be noted, the above figures constitute only those costs known to the Memphis Division through the Bureau's field divisions.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. [redacted]

To: SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

[redacted]

By return communication advise your last [redacted] contact with Harvey A. and Clara S. Klingeman.

As you were previously advised, you should [redacted] that in the event Harvey A. and Clara S. Klingeman, [redacted] of Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, [redacted] further contacted by William Bradford Huie, you are [redacted] notified, and the Bureau immediately advised.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE: William Bradford Huie, author, whose books include "Three Lives for Mississippi" dealing with the murder of three Civil Rights workers in June, 1964, has reportedly bought James Earl Ray's story and is preparing an article to appear in "Look" magazine and allegedly obtained information from James Earl Ray to the effect that he was employed at Indian Trail restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, after his escape from Missouri State Penitentiary in April of 1967. Huie interviewed owners of restaurant and corroborated this information and advised the owners he would furnish them proofs on 9-10-68 concerning article to appear in "Look" magazine.

Our Chicago Office advised Huie did not contact owners of the restaurant on September 10, 1968, as expected. Chicago has made arrangements whereas they will be promptly notified if the restaurant owners are contacted by Huie. Airtel is reiterating previous instructions to Chicago to insure that if owners are contacted the Bureau be immediately advised.

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SEP 19 1968
COMM-FBI

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 9/17/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

In connection with our investigation concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., there is set forth below the estimated cost to the Bureau through the close of business August 31, 1968.

The total estimated cost is $1,278,898. A peak of 3,075 field agents was assigned to this case and 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime have been performed. Bureau and personally owned automobiles have been driven an estimated 476,950 miles.

ACTION:

None; informational.

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Mohr (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Callahan (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Bishop (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Martindale (sent direct)

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

September 18, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

In our memorandum of August 8, 1968, we advised you that in accordance with your request we were disseminating to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee, ten FBI investigative reports; the original documents provided to us by British authorities in regard to the extradition proceedings of James Earl Ray and the most recent report of New Scotland Yard; and a copy of our prosecutive summary report.

The Department has been furnished copies of additional investigative reports, as well as memoranda containing the results of investigation conducted by foreign police departments recording efforts to locate Ray as a fugitive.

In view of the fact that the state trial of James Earl Ray in Memphis is scheduled for November 12, 1968, you are requested to advise us if you desire any of the additional reports and memoranda already in your possession which have not been previously provided Mr. Canale furnished to him now.

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NOTE:

We disseminated copies of our reports to the Department which record the results of investigation as to the prosecutive aspect of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. We have also furnished the Department with copies of documents in regard to the extradition proceedings of James Earl Ray, a most recent report of New Scotland Yard, and a copy of our prosecutive summary report. With Departmental approval, we furnished copies of these reports and documents to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling the state's prosecution in this case.

We have also furnished the Department with additional investigative reports, as well as memoranda containing the results of investigation conducted by foreign police departments recording efforts to locate Ray as a fugitive.

In view of the fact that the state trial of Ray in Memphis is scheduled for 11-12-68, we are requesting the Department to advise us if they desire any additional reports or memoranda be furnished Mr. Canale. It is desired that the further dissemination of the reports and memoranda to Mr. Canale be a decision of the Department as this could possibly avoid any criticism at a later date.

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

156PM URGENT 9-18-68 LLH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3P

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
SEP 18 1968

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
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-MURKIN

ON SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN, LAST, W. PRESTON BATTLE, SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT (SCCC) JUDGE, MEMPHIS, TENN., INSTRUCTED SCCC CLERK, MEMPHIS, TO FILE A PETITION FOR CONTEMPT AND ISSUE SCIRE FACIAS UPON THE PETITION ORDERING THE RESPONDENTS, CHARLES EDMONDSON, REPORTER, "THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL," ROY HAMILTON, REPORTER, "MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR," BOTH MEMPHIS DAILY NEWSPAPERS, ARTHUR B. HANES, SR., ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, AND RENFRO T. HAYS, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR HANES, TO APPEAR IN HIS COURT ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY SEVEN, NEXT, TO SHOW CAUSE WHY THEY SHOULD NOT BE ADJUDGED IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR VIOLATION AND DISOBEDIENCE OF THE COURT'S ORDERS ISSUED ON JULY EIGHTEEN, LAST, AMENDED ON JULY TWENTY THREE, LAST, AND SUPPLEMENTED ON JULY THIRTY, LAST. THIS PETITION CONCERNS ARTICLES APPEARING IN ABOVE NEWSPAPERS ON SEPTEMBER TWELVE, LAST, ENTITLED "RAY SECURITY CALLED DANGEROUS TO HIS SANITY" AND

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"HANES HAS NO PLANS FOR DELAYING." CLIPPINGS OF THESE ARTICLES WERE FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY MEMPHIS AIRTEL DATED SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST, AND BUREAU IS IN POSSESSION OF A COPY OF ALL THE ABOVE DESCRIBED COURT ORDERS.

ON THIS DATE, HANES, SR., FILED TWO MOTIONS IN SCCC REQUESTING JUDGE BATTLE TO DIRECT SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM THE USE OF TELEVISION LIGHTS, CAMERAS, AND MICROPHONES IN CONSTANTLY SURVEILING RAY AND PERMIT RAY AND HANES TO CONFER IN PRIVATE, ABSENT THE PRESENCE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TELEVISION, MICROPHONE REPRODUCTION, AND TO PERMIT RAY AND HANES TO EXCHANGE NOTES AND CORRESPOND WITHOUT CENSORSHIP OF SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF. A COPY OF EACH OF THESE MOTIONS AND OF THE PETITION FOR CONTEMPT WILL BE FORWARDED BUREAU BY MEMPHIS AIRTEL THIS DATE.

AS OF ELEVEN FORTY FIVE A.M., CDST, THIS DATE, HANES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF SHELBY COUNTY AG'S OFFICE ARE REVIEWING EVIDENCE MAINTAINED IN THIS MATTER BY

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THE AG'S OFFICE PER INSTRUCTIONS OF JUDGE BATTLE. NO DISAGREEMENTS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED AS YET AND THE DISCUSSION RE THE REVIEW OF EVIDENCE WILL NOT BE TAKEN BEFORE JUDGE BATTLE UNLESS A DISAGREEMENT OCCURS. THE BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS. P

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Date: 9/18/68

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Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

There are enclosed original and one copy of newspaper clippings in captioned matter 9/17/68 and 9/18/68.

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Approved: SEP 24 1968 Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FD-350 (Rev. 5-16-63)

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Prisoner Charges Ray Favoritism

A Shelby County jail prisoner today told of life there with James Earl Ray as a fellow inmate—and complained that it means guards neglect the others.

The prisoner, Carl Lindquist, described system of red lights flashing on whenever the door to Ray's specially built enclosure is opened. The Sheriff's Department said Lindquist is in jail on charges of carrying a pistol and robbery with a deadly weapon.

Lindquist said in a written report: "Since James E. Ray has been here, on many occasions they have set our food on the benches in front of our cells and went on 'red light' (which is when they feed Ray or anytime they open his door for anything).

"They usually stay on this red light for about 20 minutes, and while 72 men's food gets cold, they sneak in Ray's A-tank with his padlocked stainless steel box containing, I imagine something somewhat better than we get.

"For your information, the A-tank where Ray is being kept has 16 bunks for one man. They seal off the inside of this floor and you couldn't get a guard to unlock this side if you cut your throat, while the red lights are on.

"When they get finished with Ray and our food is

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Author: CHAS. H. SCIM
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cold, they open back up, and come around and unlock our doors so we can eat."

In telling of unrest among other prisoners in jail with Ray, who is charged with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Lindquist said:

"I do not know if Ray has reading material or not, but since he got here, they stopped ours. I do know he has a TV. They call it the guards. I think they should put a couple of TVs, one at each end of the tanks, for us. It's not uncommon in large jails to have TV and it also has been known to cut down a lot of fights, etc.

"If they would put in the TV and call it the guards, we don't care. Just as long as we can watch it, we don't care what they call it. I do know without anything to read, and no recreation, and nothing to do all day, it's just a matter of time before all hell breaks lose, which nobody wants, but with so many men placed in a small confinement, it's bound to happen sooner or later."

Lindquist also said he felt a blood plasma program to help prisoners make money to buy cigarettes, stamps, envelopes and personal items would be desirable.

HANES

Meanwhile, Arthur Hanes, attorney for Ray, said he will not pursue a motion that would ask better jail conditions for Ray. He had lashed out earlier at around-the-clock lighting and television security of Ray. He said lights shine on Ray at all times and he has to sleep with his head under a pillow. Hanes said it was "enough to bug anybody" and said he feared for Ray's health.

Lindquist, 29, is from Tulsa, Okla. He has been in jail since March and his trial comes up Oct. 14. He is charged with two others in connection with the robbery.

Sheriff William N. Morris today took issue with some of the complaints that Lindquist made in his letter to The Press-Scimitar.

Morris conceded that county jail is overcrowded, but that this has been a continuing problem. He said conditions have been allievated to some extent by opening up the jail facilities at the Penal Farm.

He said no recreational privileges have been taken away from the prisoners since Ray's arrival. He said there is no TV available, but prisoners are permitted radios and games such as cards, checkers and dominoes.

Morris said "the jail is one of the cleanest in the country and we serve the best food." He declined comment on Lindquist's reference to a red light system in connection with Ray's security.

Mail that prisoners send out and receive is read by guards but no attempt is made to censor it unless something involving jail security is mentioned.

"We wouldn't hold up any complaints made to a newspaper," Morris said.

were sent a copy of the order.

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Ray's Lawyer, City Reporters Could Be Cited

Four persons, including the chief counsel for the defense, were ordered yesterday to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of a court order to restrain pretrial publicity in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. murder case.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, who will try the case, issued the order against Arthur J. Hanes Sr. of Birmingham, chief counsel for defendant James Earl Ray; Renfro T. Hays, a private detective in Mr. Hanes' employ; Charles Edmundson, a reporter for The Commercial Appeal, and Roy Hamilton, a reporter for the Memphis Press-Scimitar.

Judge Battle set the contempt hearing for Sept. 27.

He issued his order after receiving a "petition for contempt" presented by a committee of seven members of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association named to assist him in restraining publicity in the interest of a "fair and impartial trial."

Mr. Hanes had no comment on the contempt order, which was served on him after he arrived in Memphis last night. He said he would file some motions in Ray's case today, but declined to discuss them.

Judge Battle ordered both defense and prosecution attorneys, their agents and employes, all law enforcement officials of Memphis and Shelby County, all potential witnesses and all employes at the Courthouse and the County Office Building from "giving interviews or making extra-judicial statements prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury."

The order was stated to apply to these persons, all of whom were served with a copy of the order. Memphis newspapers and other news media were sent a copy of the order.

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One purpose of the show cause order, it was learned, is to determine whether the order applies by extension to the news media, though not specifically covered. To this extent the order may be plowing ground never before turned, in the United States at least, in determining the authority of a court to control publicity before the trial of an accused person.

Judge Battle's order includes a photostat of a story in The Commercial Appeal Thursday headed, "Ray Security Called Danger To His Sanity." The story quotes Mr. Hanes and Mr. Hays. Another exhibit is a photostat of a story in the Press-Scimitar Thursday headed "Hanes Has 'No Plans' For Delay" (of the trial, set for Nov. 12).

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

September 19, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This will confirm the conversation between Mr. D. Robert Owen and Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] of this Bureau on September 16, 1968, relative to the scheduled state trial of James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 12, 1968, and possible future action on the part of the Bureau.

Mr. Owen advised he was fully aware that the physical evidence recovered at the scene of the assassination by the Memphis authorities has been returned to them. The results of our Laboratory examinations of this evidence, as well as our Laboratory findings concerning evidence recovered by the FBI, have also been made available to the Memphis authorities. Included in the evidence recovered by this Bureau and presently maintained in the custody of our Laboratory are documents which have been identified as James Earl Ray's handwriting, handprinting, and typewriting. In addition, a 1966 Mustang automobile is being retained by our Atlanta Division in its possession.

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In view of the pending Federal charge of Civil Rights Conspiracy against Ray which the Department does not desire to dismiss at this time, it was indicated by Mr. Owen that all evidence recovered by the Bureau with the exception of the 1966 Mustang should be maintained by the Bureau. In addition, it was also indicated that with reference to future court action the Memphis authorities will no doubt need particular items of evidence in the Bureau's possession and arrangements should be made with the Memphis authorities to furnish any item of evidence at their request.

In view of the above, we are instructing our Atlanta Office to turn over to the Memphis authorities the 1966 Mustang automobile and we will retain all other evidence in our Laboratory until a specific request is received from the Memphis authorities.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (3P)

@MURKIN.

THIS DATE, CONFERENCE HELD WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES. MATTER OF LINING UP WITNESSES AND EVIDENCE DISCUSSED. CANALE PROPOSED FOLLOWING PROCEDURES BE ESTABLISHED SO THAT HE CAN COMPLETE REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF PERTINENT EVIDENCE:

FIRST, HE WOULD LIKE REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE TO MEET WITH LABORATORY EXAMINERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, PREFERABLY ONDATE NEXT WEEK. CANALE PROPOSES THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS FINDINGS WITH INTERESTED EXAMINERS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW EVIDENCE STILL MAINTAINED AT LABORATORY.

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CANALE FEELS THAT IF HIS REPRESENTATIVES GIVEN THIS OPPORTUNITY, THEY CAN MAKE DECISION, BASED ON EVIDENCE AVAILABLE, AS TO NUMBER OF EXAMINERS THEY MIGHT NEED IN CONNECTION WITH TRIAL, TYPE OF EVIDENCE THAT MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR USE, AND THIS WOULD ALSO GIVE THEM AN IDEA AS TO VARIOUS FIELD DIVISIONS INVOLVED AND WITNESSES IN THOSE DIVISIONS.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

CANALE STATES THAT AFTER REVIEW OF DATA WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT LABORATORY, HE PROPOSES THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE THEREAFTER CONTACT PERTINENT FIELD DIVISIONS AND DISCUSS WITH AGENTS WHO SECURED EVIDENCE THE INFORMATION THEY CAN TESTIFY TO, AND HE WOULD AT THIS TIME ALSO TALK TO WITNESSES IN THE RESPECTIVE DIVISIONS WHOM HE MIGHT HAVE TO SUBPOENA.

CANALE ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY THAT IN CONNECTION WITH LINING UP WITNESSES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIS OFFICE MIGHT HAVE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN FOREIGN TRAVEL. SPECIFICALLY, HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO LONDON, TO MEXICO CITY, AND TO MONTREAL AND TORONTO.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE SUITABLE DATE ON WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CAN MEET WITH LABORATORY REPRESENTATIVES TO REVIEW PERTINENT EVIDENCE AND DISCUSS FINDINGS SO THAT APPROPRIATE WITNESSES CAN BE LINED UP.

IT WAS OPINION OF CANALE THAT IF THIS PRELIMINARY WORK CAN BE COMPLETED, HE CAN BETTER EVALUATE WHAT HE NEEDS FOR THE TRIAL AND FEELS THAT ON THIS BASIS HE WILL NEED A MINIMUM OF FBI PERSONNEL TO TESTIFY AS TO THE VARIOUS ITEMS THAT MAY BE OF PERTINENCE IN THIS CASE.

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AIR MAIL COPIES TO ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM, CHICAGO, KANSAS CITY, LOS ANGELES, NEWARK, NEW ORLEANS, AND ST. LOUIS. P. ~~GORR: PAGE 1, PARA 2, LINE 3, WORDS 3,4,5, AND 6 SHLD BE "ON DATE NEXT WEEK". PAGE 2, PARA 4, LINE 1, SECOND WORD SHLD BE "WAS".~~

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There are enclosed original and one copy each of newspaper clippings from 9/17,18,19/68 issues of newspapers, Memphis, Tennessee, re captioned matter.

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Treatment Of Ray Is Called Cruel

By ROY B. HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Attorneys for James Earl Ray today asked Judge W. Preston Battle to alleviate what they described as "an electronic form of cruel and inhuman punishment" of the prisoner in his tv-monitored Shelby County jail cell.

The request was made in one of two written motions filed in the criminal court clerk's office this morning by Ray's father-son legal defense team, Arthur J. Hanes Sr., and Arthur J. Hanes Jr.

PRIVACY

In the other motion they asked to be allowed to confer privately with Ray in his cell. They charged they have never been able to talk to him outside of the presence of at least two guards and without being subjected to the scrutiny of television cameras and microphones monitored by the Sheriff's office.

The defense action came after Judge Battle ordered the elder Hanes, two newspaper reporters and a private detective to show cause why they should not be held in contempt for violating his anti-publicity edict in the Ray case.

A hearing on the contempt citation is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, in Judge Battle's court. Argu-

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ments on the two motions could be heard at the same time, although no date for a hearing has been set.

INSPECT

After leaving the clerk's office this morning, the Haneses went to Atty. Gen. Phil Canale's office one floor below in the Shelby County Office Building and began inspecting the state's evidence against Ray in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King. The defense won access to the evidence in a previous hearing.

Hanes Sr., who declined immediate comment on the contempt charge, said he expected the examination of the state exhibits to take two or three days. Included among the items is a rifle which the state contends is the death weapon.

One of the motions filed today complained that Ray "has been constantly and continuously illuminated by high powered lights and has been continuously surveilled by television cameras and microphones" connected to the sheriff's office. These security measures, it was alleged, are depriving Ray of sleep and rest and have caused him to become "nervous and disturbed."

PRISONER

"No other prisoner in Shelby County or throughout the free world is so illuminated or surveilled," the petition said. It also claimed that the cameras provide "an unwarranted and undetectable opportunity for illegal identification and or lineup of the defendant for the purpose of refreshing or suggesting the recollection of the defendant to potential material witnesses."

Judge Battle was asked to order Sheriff William N. Morris to "cease and desist" from the use of TV lights, cameras and microphones,

or to grant some other form of relief.

CENSORSHIP

The lawyers also asked the court to direct the sheriff to permit them to confer in private with Ray and to permit them to exchange notes and correspondence without censorship. They said the notes they make during consultations with Ray are now read by a guard before they are permitted to leave the jail. They also said Sheriff Morris reads and censors Ray's mail to his counsel.

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Prisoner Charges Ray Favoritism

A Shelby County jail prisoner today told of life there with James Earl Ray as a fellow inmate and complained that it means guards neglect the others.

The prisoner, Carl Lindquist, described system of red lights flashing on whenever the door to Ray's specially built enclosure is opened. The Sheriff's Department said Lindquist is in jail on charges of carrying a pistol and robbery with a deadly weapon.

Lindquist said in a written report: "Since James E. Ray has been here, on many occasions they have set our food on the benches in front of our cells and went on 'red light' (which is when they feed Ray or anytime they open his door for anything).

"They usually stay on this red light for about 20 minutes, and while 72 men's food gets cold, they sneak in Ray's A-tank with his padlocked stainless steel box containing, I imagine something somewhat better than we get.

"For your information, the A-tank where Ray is being kept has 16 bunks for one man. They seal off the inside of this floor and you couldn't get a guard to unlock this side if you cut your throat, while the red lights are on.

"When they get finished with Ray and our food is

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cold, they open back up, and come around and unlock our doors so we can eat."

In telling of unrest among other prisoners in jail with Ray, who is charged with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Lindquist said:

"I do not know if Ray has reading material or not, but since he got here, they stopped ours. I do know he has a TV. They call it the guards. I think they should put a couple of TVs, one at each end of the tanks, for us. It's not uncommon in large jails to have TV and it also has been known to cut down a lot of fights, etc.

"If they would put in the TV and call it the guards, we don't care. Just as long as we can watch it, we don't care what they call it. I do know without anything to read, and no recreation, and nothing to do all day, it's just a matter of time before all hell breaks lose, which nobody wants, but with so many men placed in a small confinement, it's bound to happen sooner or later."

Lindquist also said he felt a blood plasma program to help prisoners make money to buy cigarettes, stamps, envelopes and personal items would be desirable.

HANES

Meanwhile, Arthur Hanes, attorney for Ray, said he will not pursue a motion that would ask better jail conditions for Ray. He had lashed out earlier at around-the-clock lighting and television security of Ray. He said lights shine on Ray at all times and he has to sleep with his head under a pillow. Hanes said it was "enough to bug anybody" and said he feared for Ray's health.

Lindquist, 29, is from Tulsa, Okla. He has been in jail since March and his trial comes up Oct. 14. He is charged with two others in connection with the robbery.

Sheriff William N. Morris today took issue with some of the complaints that Lindquist made in his letter to The Press-Scimitar.

Morris conceded that county jail is overcrowded, but that this has been a continuing problem. He said conditions have been allievated to some extent by opening up the jail facilities at the Penal Farm.

He said no recreational privileges have been taken away from the prisoners since Ray's arrival. He said there is no TV available, but prisoners are permitted radios and games such as cards, checkers and dominoes.

Morris said "the jail is one of the cleanest in the country and we serve the best food." He declined comment on Lindquist's reference to a red light system in connection with Ray's security.

Mail that prisoners send out and receive is read by guards but no attempt is made to censor it unless something involving jail security is mentioned.

"We wouldn't hold up any complaints made to a newspaper," Morris said.

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4 Face Citations In Ray Case

James Earl Ray's chief defense counsel, Arthur B. Hanes, two Memphis newspaper reporters and a private detective today faced possible contempt citations on charges of violating Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle's order restricting "publicity" in the Ray case.

Hanes and the others, Roy B. Hamilton of The Press-Scimitar, Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal, and Renfro Hays, a private investigator employed by the defense, were ordered by Judge Battle to appear in his court at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27, and show cause why they should not be held in contempt.

PETITION

A petition seeking contempt citations against the four was filed yesterday by a committee of lawyers appointed by Judge Battle to advise him on publicity and courtroom procedures in the Ray case.

The committee said that in its opinion statements attributed to Hanes and Hays in stories appearing under Hamilton's and Edmundson's bylines in their newspapers last Thursday were in violation of the court's order.

The committee said the order, entered July 18, amended July 23 and supplemented July 30, prohibited and enjoined "the perpetration of certain specific acts in connection with publication given instant case."

STATEMENTS

The petition said the ban included extrajudicial statements involving "the treatment, acts and attitude of the defendant," and "all other statements" which might be prejudicial to his right to a fair trial.

The Commercial Appeal story quoted Hays as saying that security arrangements in Ray's county jail cell were endangering the prisoner's health and the defense might ask for a continuance of his trial scheduled Nov. 12.

The Press-Scimitar story quoted Arthur J. Hanes Jr., who is assisting his father in Ray's defense, as saying there were "no plans" to ask for a postponement of the trial. The story also quoted Hanes as saying in a Birmingham interview that the round-the-clock guards, lights and TV scrutiny of Ray's cell constituted "cruel and inhuman treatment" and were "enough to bug anybody." These statements were not made to a Press-Scimitar reporter but were taken from a story by The Associated Press.

'EXHIBITS'

Copies of the two newspaper stories were attached to the petition as exhibits. The petition was signed by the following members: Lucius E. Burch Jr., J. Alan Hanover, Cooper Turner Jr., James D. Causey, Leo Bearman Jr., Lee A. Hardison and Don Owens, who is president of the Bar Association.

Hamilton and Edmundson were called separately into the office of Chief Roy Nixon, administrative assistant to Sheriff William N. Morris, where a deputy read and issued them copies of the court summons.

Judge Battle's order enjoined all principals in the Ray case, including attorneys and their employes, law enforcement officers, witnesses and others, from making public statements, but the injunction did not apply to reporters or the news media.

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Prisoner Ray Seeks Privacy; Motion Filed

By JOHN MEANS

James Earl Ray is becoming "nervous and disturbed" by high-powered lights in his cell, and by television cameras and microphones that monitor him around the clock, a motion filed on his behalf says.

The legal paper asks Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle to order Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. to turn out the lights, disconnect the microphones and remove the television camera.

It was one of two such motions filed yesterday by Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ray's attorney. The other motion says Mr. Hanes is not permitted to talk to his client without two officers present, that the television camera and microphones pick up every word they say, and that he is searched for notes from his client before he is allowed to leave Ray's County Jail cell.

It asks that the accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. be allowed to confer in private "absent from the presence of law enforcement officers" with Mr. Hanes and Arthur Hanes Jr., his two attorneys, and "to permit defendant and counsel to exchange notes and to correspond without the censorship of the sheriff," stating that Ray's mail to his attorneys is read by Sheriff Morris before being sent.

Mr. Hanes and his son would not discuss the two motions yesterday, and left for Birmingham shortly after visiting the office of Atty. Gen. Phil Canale where they were allowed to inspect physical evidence involved in the nation's most celebrated murder case.

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Mr. Hanes, a private detective on his staff, and two Memphis newspaper reporters were ordered by Judge Battle earlier in the week to show cause Friday morning why they should not be held in contempt of court for violation of Judge Battle's order relating to publicity in the Ray case. The action was recommended by a committee of lawyers appointed by the judge to advise him on publicity and procedures in the Ray case.

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TO: SACs MEMPHIS
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED THE NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX MUSTANG RECOVERED IN ATLANTA AND PRESENTLY STORED IN ATLANTA SHOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE MEMPHIS AUTHORITIES. MEMPHIS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, AND MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS TO EFFECT THEIR POSSESSION OF THE NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX MUSTANG IN ATLANTA. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ADVISED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH FUTURE COURT ACTION, IF MR. CANALE SHOULD MAKE A REQUEST FOR A PARTICULAR PIECE OF EVIDENCE RETAINED BY THE BUREAU, SUCH ITEMS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO HIM. MEMPHIS AND INTERESTED OFFICES WILL BE ADVISED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION RE CANALE'S REQUEST AS CONTAINED IN MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU OF SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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Submitted herewith is a eight-page list of communications media representatives who have requested permission of the Shelby County Sheriff's Office to attend the trial of JAMES EARL RAY.

For information of the Bureau, Memphis indices disclosed no pertinent derogatory information regarding any of the people contained on this list.

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AuCoin, William John, Jr. M/W
[redacted], Memphis, Tenn.
United Press International
Social Security number - [redacted]

Barnett, Paul L. M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
Cowles Broadcasting Inc. - (WREC)
Social Security number - [redacted]

Batchelor, Ronald John M/W
[redacted],
Chicago, Illinois 60657
Reuters News Service
Social Security number - [redacted]

Black, Catherine Susan F/W
@ Black, Kay Pittman
[redacted], Memphis, Tenn.
Memphis Press-Scimitar
Social Security number - [redacted]

Brewer, Clyde Norman, Jr. M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
Scripps-Howard Broadcasting Co. (WMC-TV)
Social Security number - [redacted]

Brodie, Ian E. M/W
[redacted] New York City, N.Y.
London Daily Express
Social Security number - None

Burton, Anthony David M/W
[redacted], New York City, N.Y.
Daily News
Social Security number - [redacted]

Chait, Manuel Louis M/W
[redacted] St. Louis, Mo.
St. Louis Post - Dispatch
Social Security number - [redacted]

Chancellor, John M/W
[redacted] Washington, D.C.
National Broadcasting Co. (Correspondent)
Social Security number - [redacted]

Chriss, Nicholas Christopher M/W
[redacted] Houston, Texas
Los Angeles Times
Social Security number - [redacted]

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Cof[illegible], Raymond R. M/W
Just returned from Vietnam
Chicago Daily News Wire Service
Social Security number - [redacted]

Covington, Jimmie A. M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
The Commercial Appeal
Social Security number - [redacted]

Cumming, Joseph Bryan, Jr. M/W
[redacted] Atlanta, Ga.
Newsweek
Social Security number - [redacted]

Edmundson, Charles Franklin M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
The Commercial Appeal
Social Security number - [redacted]

Evans, James M. M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
United Press International
Social Security number - [redacted]

Everett, Arthur Whittaker, Jr. M/W
[redacted] Flushing, N.Y.
Associated Press
Social Security number - [redacted]

Farmer, Donald Edwin M/W
[redacted] Downers Grove, Ill.
American Broadcasting Co., Inc. (ABC News)
Social Security number - [redacted]

Flynn, Brown Alan M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
Memphis Press-Scimitar
Social Security number [redacted]

Frank, Gerold M/W
[redacted] New York, N.Y.
Doubleday and Company, Publishers
Social Security number - [redacted]

Garcia, Louis, Jr. M/W
[redacted], Atlanta, Ga.
The Associated Press
Social Security number - [redacted]

Gillespie, Charles Randolph M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
Saturday Evening Post
Social Security number - [redacted]

Goetze, Edmund Kurt M/W
[redacted], Memphis, Tenn.
WMC Stations
Social Security number - [redacted]

Griffith, Fred J. M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
The Commercial Appeal
Social Security number - [redacted]

Hamilton, Roy Bryan M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
The Press-Scimitar
Social Security number - [redacted]

Hershfield, Leo M/W
[redacted] Bradenton, Fla.
National Broadcasting Co.
Social Security number [redacted]

Hickman, Reese Don M/W
[redacted], Memphis, Tenn.
Scripps-Howard Broadcasting Co. (WMC)
Social Security number - [redacted]

Hitchen, Brian M/W
[redacted] Fort Lee, N.J.
London Daily Mirror
Social Security number - [redacted]

Jaffe, Andrew Mark M/W
[redacted] Atlanta, Ga.
Newsweek
Social Security number - [redacted]

Jarriel, Thomas Edwin M/W
[redacted] Roswell, Ga.
American Broadcasting Company
Social Security number - [redacted]

Johnson, William Leslie, Jr. M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
The Associated Press
Social Security number - [redacted]

Kavenagh, Charles Edgerton M/W
[redacted] Washington, D.C.
American Broadcasting Co.
Social Security number - [redacted]

Kelly, Charles Edwin M/W
[redacted] Nesbitt Ferry Rd.,
Doraville, Ga.
The Associated Press
Social Security number [redacted]

Leaptrott, William Leon M/W
[redacted] Olive Branch, Miss.
Memphis Press-Scimitar
Social Security number - [redacted]

Lee, James Terrence, III M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
WMC-TV
Social Security number - [redacted]

Leifermann, Henry Peter M/W
[redacted], Atlanta, Ga.
United Press International
Social Security number - [redacted]

Lewallen, Lloyd Leo, Jr. M/W
@ Allen, Lou
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
W.M.P.S. - Plough Broadcasting
Social Security number - [redacted]

Lewis, Joseph Anthony M/W
[redacted] London N. 1
The New York Times News Service
Social Security number [redacted]

Looney, Douglas Shannon M/W
[redacted]., Nashville, Tenn.
The Nashville Banner
Social Security number - [redacted]

Lubenow, Gerald Charles M/W
[redacted], Chanticleer Apts.
Atlanta, Ga.
Newsweek
Social Security number - [redacted]

McEachran, Angus Gibbons M/W
[redacted], Memphis, Tenn.
The Commercial Appeal
Social Security number - [redacted]

McKee, James Donald M/W
[redacted], East Point, Ga.
The Associated Press
Social Security number - [redacted]

McLachlan, Donald John M/W
[redacted] Fort Lee, N.J.
Daily Mail of London, England
Social Security number - [redacted]

McMillan, George Edwin M/W
[redacted], Atlanta, Ga.
Little Brown and Company - Publishers
Social Security number - Unknown

Miller, Henry Dennis M/W
[redacted], Great Neck, N.Y.
London Daily Telegraph
Social Security number - [redacted]

Nelson, John (Jack) Howard M/W
[redacted] Decatur, Ga.
Los Angeles Times
Social Security number - [redacted]

Norton, Thomas Eugene M/W
[redacted], Memphis, Tenn.
W.H.B.Q. - TV
Social Security number - [redacted]

Patterson, David Frank M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
W.M.C. - TV
Social Security number [redacted]

Perkins, Jack M/W
[redacted] Tarzana, Calif.
National Broadcasting Company
Social Security number - [redacted]

Perry, David Rogers M/W
[redacted] Birmingham, Ala.
Southern Broadcasting Company (WSGN)
Social Security number - [redacted]

Porteous, Thomas Clark M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
Memphis Press-Scimitar
Social Security number - [redacted]

Pritchartt, Alexander Van Court M/W
[redacted]
Memphis, Tenn.
Memphis Press-Scimitar
Social Security number - [redacted]

Pullen, Frances Kaye F/W
[redacted], Memphis, Tenn.
R.K.O. General
Social Security number - [redacted]

Quigg, H. D. (Initial name) M/W
[redacted], New York, N.Y.
United Press International
Social Security number - [redacted]

Ratcliffe, Robert Melville M/C
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
The Memphis World
Social Security number - [redacted]

Reeves, Billy Jordan M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
Plough Broadcasting
Social Security number - [redacted]

Reid, McCann Leoroneus M/C
[redacted], Memphis, Tenn.
The New Tri-State Defender
Social Security number - [redacted]

Richards, Robert William M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
W.D.I.A. - Radio Station
Social Security number - [redacted]

Rond, Charles A., IV M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
United Press International
Social Security number - [redacted]

Ryden, Carl-Olof M/W
[redacted] New York, N.Y.
Artonbladet, Stockholm, Sweden
Social Security number - Unknown

Sartor, William G. M/W
[redacted], Greenville, Miss.
Time Inc. (Life), Harper & Row
Social Security number - [redacted]

Schardt, Arlie Wells M/W
[redacted], Atlanta, Ga.
Time Inc.
Social Security number - [redacted]

Schay, Earl Alvin M/W
[redacted] Lookout Mountain, Tenn.
The Associated Press
Social Security number - [redacted]

Scott, Marvin M/W
[redacted] Fort Lee, N.J.
Mutual Broadcasting System
Social Security number - [redacted]

Songstacke, Whittier Alexander, Jr. M/C
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
The Associated Negro Press
Social Security number - [redacted]

Squires, James David M/W
[redacted], Hendersonville, Tenn.
The Nashville Tennessean
Social Security number - [redacted]

Starnes, Richard Talbot M/W
[redacted] McLean, Va.
Washington Daily News-Scripps Howard News
Social Security number - [redacted]

Stevens, Don M/W
@ Nicely, Donald G.
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
W.H.B.Q. - TV
Social Security number - [redacted]

Thornell, Jack Randolph M/W
[redacted], Metairie, La.
The Associated Press
Social Security number - [redacted]

Waldron, Martin Q. M/W
[redacted], Houston, Texas
The New York Times
Social Security number - [redacted]

Warner, John Ginn M/W
[redacted], Atlanta, Ga.
United Press International
Social Security number - [redacted]

Williams, Robert Henry M/W
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
The Commercial Appeal
Social Security number - [redacted]

Williams, Roger Miller M/W
[redacted], Atlanta, Ga.
Time Magazine
Social Security number - [redacted]

Wilson, Theo F/W
[redacted] New York, N.Y.
The News
Social Security number - [redacted]

Withers, Ernest Columbus M/C
[redacted] Memphis, Tenn.
The Associated Negro Press
Social Security number - [redacted]

Young, Rodney Lee Patrick, Jr. M/W
[redacted] Greenbelt, Md.
Dow Jones and Company
Social Security number [redacted]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

REGISTERED

Date: September 16, 1968

To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)(P)

Subject: MURKIN

[redacted] aka., [redacted] born [redacted] of [redacted] Ohio, driving 1968 Mercury, Ohio license [redacted] was questioned by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) on [redacted] at which time she claimed she was drugged and had information re the murder of Martin Luther King. A check by the OPP with Ohio authorities disclosed the two childrenshe had with her, [redacted] had been awarded by the Domestic Relations Court, [redacted], Ohio, on [redacted] to the father and had been abducted by her. A child stealing warrant was issued.

At request of the Legat, the RCMP, London, Ontario, Sub-Division checked further and found she had been given voluntary departure by Canadian Immigration authorities on [redacted] and had been taken into custody by the Port Huron Police Department on an abduction charge laid by the [redacted] Police Department. Detective Sergeant [redacted] of the OPP, who interviewed her, said that in his opinion, she is a "complete idiot" and that nothing she said made any sense. He said he was satisfied that this woman knew nothing re the Murkin case.

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1 cc - Liaison Direct
1 cc - Memphis (44-1987)
1 cc - Cleveland
1 - OTT
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SIX

Dear Mr Hoover.

O'Murkin

I am in receipt of a letter concerning the association of other people with the James Earl Ray. The Baker's school of what, mind ing?

This is much a false association, as am in fact innocent. HH-38861-5186

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Very Sincerely

[redacted]

Kan. City, Mo.

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CORRESPONDENCE



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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington
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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 9/19/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

RE: MURKIN

Rebutel and Bureau letter dated 9/12/68.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office and the records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association and the Los Angeles Police Department are negative regarding [redacted]

The records of the Los Angeles Sheriff's Office (LASO) contained FBI Identification Record under FBI No. [redacted] for [redacted]

The records of the LASO revealed under Booking No. [redacted] that [redacted] white male, born [redacted] Lima, Ohio, 6'2", 185 pounds, brown hair and eyes, was arrested on [redacted] by the Pomona, California Police Department. His residence address was listed as [redacted] Pomona, and his occupation as [redacted] His mother was listed as [redacted] Pomona.

The records of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, the Santa Barbara Police Department, and the Santa Barbara Credit Association, all of which cover Goleta, California, were negative regarding [redacted]

[redacted] established source, [redacted] Goleta, California, advised that [redacted] was employed as a [redacted]

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Sacramento
2 - Los Angeles
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Special Agent in Charge

by the [redacted] Goleta, on [redacted] through 8/28/68. His Social Security Number is [redacted] His permanent address was contained in these records as [redacted] Pomona, California. [redacted] stated that it had been learned from [redacted] foreman that, during his employment by the [redacted] was described as having erratic behavior.

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Date: 9/11/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) -P-

RE: MURKIN
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OO: ME

On 9/11/68, Mr. JAMES BEASLEY, Assistant State Attorney General, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he is currently taking inventory of all evidence in possession of his office concerning the scheduled trial of JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the murder of Rev. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., scheduled for Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis on 11/12/68.

Mr. BEASLEY stated that all evidence in possession of his office will be maintained in a locked safe that will be retained in his office. He stated that insofar as following instructions of a finalized order to be issued by the Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Shelby County Criminal Court Judge, in relation to making evidence available to the attorneys for RAY, a system will be devised by his office to always maintain strict control of the evidence. He stated that any evidence with the exception of Ray's 1966 Mustang that the defense attorneys desired to review will have to be reviewed in the Attorney General's Office under strict security precautions, and any reproductions of same will be made under the same security precautions in the Attorney General's office.

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Date: 9/20/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel dated 9/13/68.

[redacted] Aka [redacted] interviewed 9/16/68. He stated that he has heard rumors implicating [redacted] and [redacted] in robbery of the Bank of Alton 7/13/67. He said, however, that they are not talking about it and he does not believe that they have spent money if they were involved. [redacted] advised he will cooperate with FBI to extent of trying to draw suspects out in conversation. [redacted] will be recontacted to develop further information from him.

Informants, Police agencies, and Bank officials at Bank of Alton contacted during past week could provide no new or additional information.

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EX-101

3-Director (44-38861)
2-Memphis (44-1987)
3-Springfield (2:44-561)
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FBI

Date: 9-20-68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Enclosed are original and copy of clipping from 9/19/68 issue of "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, in captioned matter.

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Prisoner Ray Seeks Privacy; Motion Filed

By JOHN MEANS

James Earl Ray is becoming "nervous and disturbed" by high-powered lights in his cell, and by television cameras and microphones that monitor him around the clock, a motion filed on his behalf says.

The legal paper asks Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle to order Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. to turn out the lights, disconnect the microphones and remove the television camera.

It was one of two such motions filed yesterday by Arthur Hanes of Birmingham, Ray's attorney. The other motion says Mr. Hanes is not permitted to talk to his client without two officers present, that the television camera and microphones pick up every word they say, and that he is searched for notes from his client before he is allowed to leave Ray's County Jail cell.

It asks that the accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. be allowed to confer in private "absent from the presence of law enforcement officers" with Mr. Hanes and Arthur Hanes Jr., his two attorneys, and "to permit defendant and counsel to exchange notes and to correspond without the censorship of the sheriff," stating that Ray's mail to his attorneys is read by Sheriff Morris before being sent.

Mr. Hanes and his son would not discuss the two motions yesterday, and left for Birmingham shortly after visiting the office of Atty. Gen. Phil Canale where they were allowed to inspect physical evidence involved in the nation's most celebrated murder case.

Mr. Hanes, a private detective on his staff, and two Memphis newspaper reporters were ordered by Judge Battle earlier in the week to show cause Friday morning why they should not be held in contempt of court for violation of Judge Battle's order relating to publicity in the Ray case. The action was recommended by a committee of lawyers appointed by the judge to advise him on publicity and procedures in the Ray case.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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MEMPHIS, TENN.

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Editor: FRANK R. AHLGREN

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FBI MEMPHIS

942AM URGENT 9-24-68 SAB

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST AND MY CONVERSATION WITH MR. WILLIAM GRIFFITH OF THE LABORATORY THIS DATE.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERALS ROBERT K. DWYER AND JAMES BEASLEY, ND MR. JOHN CARLISLE, INVESTIGATOR FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WDC ABOUT NOON, SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE NEXT. THEY HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE OFFICE OF ASST. DIRECTOR CONRAD FOR PURPOSE EXAMINING EVIDENCE IN MURKIN CASE WHICH IS BEING HELD AT LABORATORY.

MR. DWYER HAS STATED THEY WILL RETURN MEMPHIS FROM WASHINGTON AND HE WILL ADVISE MEMPHIS OFFICE AT THAT TIME OF HIS PROPOSED ITINERARY AND WILL FURNISH LIST OF AGENTS AND WITNESSES IN THE VARIOUS CITIES WHICH ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY HIM AND HIS STAFF. P.

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CC-MR. ROSEN

September 20, 1968

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REC-13 -5191

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Trotter

To: SAC, MEMPHIS

From: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

EX-114

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS AND ADVISE HIM HE AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES MAY PROCEED TO OUR LABORATORY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE IN BUREAU'S POSSESSION. HE SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION AS TO HIS DATE OF ARRIVAL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE BUREAU AS TO THE IDENTITY OF THE RESPECTIVE FIELD OFFICES THAT MR. CANALE PLANS TO HOLD PRETRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS AND WITNESS IN ORDER THAT SACs WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO ARRANGE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE BUREAU'S INTEREST.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo, 9/19/68, captioned "MURKIN," REL:jms.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: September 19, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Trotter

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Evidence recovered by Memphis authorities returned to them. Evidence recovered by Bureau, including the 1966 Mustang vehicle and documents, retained by Bureau in view of outstanding Federal charge against James Earl Ray. Department does not desire to dismiss charge at this time. In view of scheduled state trial of Ray in Memphis on November 12, 1968, disposition of evidence recovered by Bureau discussed with Department. Department advises 1966 Mustang should be turned over to Memphis authorities, and we should retain all other evidence in view of outstanding Federal charge. The Department further advised in connection with future court action, if Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling state prosecution, should make a request for any particular piece of evidence retained by the Bureau, such items should be made available to him. Conference held with Mr. Canale and other representatives of his office and they recommend their representatives meet with our Laboratory examiners to review the evidence in our possession and in selecting those items which will be most advantageous to introduce at time of trial. Mr. Canale plans to hold pretrial conferences in the field with all witnesses including FBI Agents. When this is firmed up instructions will be issued to SACs to personally attend to protect Bureau's interest.

ACTION:

1. Laboratory being advised of conference with Mr. Canale and review and selection of evidence to be used for trial.

2. Attached for approval are a teletype to Memphis and Atlanta instructing the 1966 Mustang be released to Mr. Canale and a letter to the Department confirming the conversation concerning disposition of the evidence.

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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum
RE: MURKIN

BACKGROUND:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

At the specific instructions of the Director the evidence recovered by the Memphis Police Department at the scene of the assassination in Memphis was returned to them after our Laboratory examination. The report of our Laboratory findings was also transmitted to the Memphis Police Department.

Evidence recovered by the Bureau has been retained in our Laboratory in view of the outstanding Federal charge, namely, the Civil Rights conspiracy charge against subject Ray. The evidence we have recovered includes the 1966 Mustang automobile, maps, bed sheets, a television set, various items of food, and personal articles of clothing. It is noted that a latent fingerprint was located on a map which matched Ray's fingerprints and hairs and fibers located in the articles of clothing compared favorable with those located in the evidence at the scene of the assassination.

We also have in our possession documents which include the handwriting, hand printing, and typewriting identified as being prepared by Ray. We are continually comparing new documents with those we are retaining. For example, on August 23, 1968, we learned that subject Ray was employed by a restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, during May and June, 1967. The documents relating to Ray's employment were obtained and forwarded to the Laboratory for examination purposes and identifications were made.

We have raised the question with the Department as to whether or not the complaint filed against James Earl Ray should be dismissed. The Department has advised that in their view it would not be appropriate to dismiss the complaint at this time as the conspiracy investigation is still underway. The Department further advised that after investigation has been completed, they would want to review the facts to determine whether or not Federal prosecution of Ray or other persons might be appropriate.

In view of the scheduled state trial of James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, on November 12, 1968, we discussed with the Department the disposition of evidence recovered by the Bureau. As a result thereof, the Department has advised that the 1966 Mustang automobile recovered in Atlanta should be turned over to the Memphis authorities; however, all other evidence which we recovered, including the documents, should be maintained in our possession in view of the outstanding Federal charge and our continuing investigation. The Department further advised they

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intend to meet with Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, during the latter part of September, 1968, to thoroughly discuss the state's prosecution. Mr. Canale is, of course, aware of the existence of the evidence and the results of our findings. The Department advised that in the event Mr. Canale desires a particular piece of evidence for court purposes which we recovered and in our possession, we should make arrangements to turn it over to him.

A conference was held at our Memphis Office with Mr. Canale and his representatives and the matter of lining up witnesses and evidence in the forthcoming state trial was discussed. Mr. Canale proposed the following procedures be established:

1. Representatives of his office to meet with our Laboratory examiners who conducted examination of the evidence. He would like this meeting to take place preferably next week.

2. Mr. Canale would desire that his representatives thoroughly review the actual physical evidence for the purpose of selecting those items which will be most advantageous to introduce and it would be determined the number of examiners he may need in connection with the trial.

3. After review of the evidence he proposes that representatives of his office contact pertinent field divisions and discuss with Agents who obtained the evidence what they can testify to and he may desire to talk to the witnesses. This in effect will amount to a pretrial conference with Agents who conducted the investigation, would obviate the necessity of unnecessary Agents to appear for extensive pretrial conferences, and would minimize the time Agents will spend in Memphis in connection with the trial. This, of course, would result in the savings of Agents travel and per diem cost.

4. Mr. Canale mentioned the possibility that a representative of his office may become involved in foreign travel which would relate to the investigation conducted in those foreign countries. Mr. Canale would, of course, do this at his own expense. Mr. Canale feels it will be necessary for him to evaluate the persons as witnesses and to conclude which witnesses it would be necessary to utilize.

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It was of the opinion of Mr. Canale that if the preliminary work can be completed, he can better evaluate what he needs for the trial and feels that on this basis he will need a minimum of FBI personnel to testify as to the various items that may be of pertinence in this case. The SAC in Memphis concurs with Mr. Canale and recommends that we honor his request.

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TO : MR. I. W. CONRAD

DATE: 9/24/68

FROM : W. D. GRIFFITH

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Today Special Agent Joseph Hester, Memphis Division, called to advise that pursuant to prior arrangements made with the Bureau, three representatives of the Attorney General's office in Memphis will be arriving tomorrow (Wednesday, September 25) to examine the evidence being held in the Laboratory in this case. The three men are:

Robert K. Dwyer - special assistant to the District Attorney;

James Beasley - assistant district attorney; and,

John Carlyle - investigator for the District Attorney's office.

The precise itinerary of these gentlemen is unknown at this time but it is expected they will arrive at approximately noon, tomorrow, Wed., Sept. 25.

I advised SA Hester to have the representatives of the District Attorney's office contact your (Mr. Conrad's) office telephonically upon arrival and to proceed to the Justice Building and come to room 7621.

SA Hester stated that after the evidence has been reviewed, the three visitors intend to return to Memphis.

Memphis is confirming these arrangements by teletype.

RECOMMENDATION:
None - for information.

1 - Mr. Mohr
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Trotter
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Griffith
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September 25, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to information furnished to us on a confidential basis, and should not be disclosed outside this Bureau. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution is aware of the contents in the attached.

J. B. Stoner is no doubt identical to Jesse B. Stoner, Vice-chairman of the National States Rights Party (a vicious anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, right wing hate group based in Savannah, Georgia.)

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Date: 9-23-68

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Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

On this date, Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR. advised that he received information that J. B. STONER, Attorney, had been in correspondence with JAMES EARL RAY. The nature of the correspondence was to the effect that J. B. STONER volunteered his services at no cost to JAMES EARL RAY and indicated that he would arrive in Memphis on Wednesday, 9/25/68, to meet with JAMES EARL RAY.

Sherff MORRIS was of the opinion that JAMES EARL RAY was losing interest in ARTHUR HANES, his present attorney, and might conceivably let STONER defend him in the forthcoming trial. Sheriff MORRIS also advised that he had picked up information indicating that JAMES EARL RAY at the present time was desirous of taking the stand on his own behalf when the trial occurs in Memphis. Sheriff MORRIS also stated that the current attorney, ARTHUR HANES, does not want his client JAMES EARL RAY to testify.

Bureau will be kept advised of additional developments as they occur.

3 BUREAU
1 ATLANTA (INFO)(AM)
1 BIRMINGHAM (INFO)(AM)
1 MEMPHIS

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REC 22

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D. C. - Bishop

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FBI

Date: 9-18-68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the information and assistance of the Bureau are Xerox copies of the "Scire Facias" and two motions filed by the Attorney ARTHUR J. HANES.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 3)
1 MEMPHIS

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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

V. NO. 16645 MURDER FIRST DEGREE

JAMES EARL RAY
ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT,
ALIAS JOHN WILLARD,
ALLIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER,
ALIAS LOWMYER NO. 16819 CARRYING DANGEROUS WEAPON

SCIRE FACIAS

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

TO THE SHERIFF OF SHELBY COUNTY:

WHEREAS, in certain causes pending in the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Division III, wherein James Earl Ray, with aliases, is charged with Murder in the First Degree and Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, and whereas on the 18th day of July, 1968 an order was entered, amended on the 23rd of July, 1968, and supplemented on the 30th of July, 1968, prohibiting certain specific acts and further enjoining certain parties from making any and all statements which may be prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury.

THESE ARE, THEREFORE, to command you to summon Charles Edmundson, Ranfro Hays, Roy Hamilton and Arthur B. Hanes, Sr. if to be found in your County to appear before the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Division III, at the Criminal Court of Shelby County, in Memphis, Tennessee on the 27th day of September, 1968 at 9:30 A.m. then and there to show cause, if any they have, why they should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court in failing to comply with the orders of this Court.

Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ.

WITNESS, James A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee at Memphis, Tennessee, this the 17th day of September, 1968.

A TRUE COPY. ATTEST
DATE: 9-17-68
NAME: J. A. Blackwell
CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

James A. Blackwell
JAMES A. BLACKWELL, CLERK

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

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JAMES EARL RAY
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ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER,
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NO. 16645 MURDER FIRST DEGREE

NO. 16819 CARRYING DANGEROUS WEAPON

Filed — Sept. 17, 1968
Criminal Court Clerk

PETITION FOR CONTEMPT

TO THE HONORABLE W. PRESTON BATTLE, JUDGE OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DIVISION III

Your petitioners, amici curiae show to the Court as follows:

That petitioners are the duly appointed and acting amici curiae having been so appointed by this Court by order of July 29, 1968.

That heretofore, the Court on July 18, 1968 entered an order on Courthouse and Courtroom procedures and publicity and on July 23, 1968, entered an amendment to said order. Further, under date of July 30, 1968 supplemented said orders prohibiting and enjoining the perpetration of certain specific acts in connection with publication given instant case including, but not limited to, making extra judicial statements about this case which involve (5) "--- or the treatment, acts and attitude of the defendant---" and all other statements which may be prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury in this case, whether specified herein or not.

That there appeared in the Commercial Appeal, a newspaper of Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee under date of Thursday morning, September 12, 1968 an article headed "Ray security called danger to his 'sanity'" under the byline of Charles Edmundson in which Renfro T. Hays, an investigator, and Arthur B. Hanes, Esq., the attorney for the defendant, are quoted, a copy of said item is attached hereto and made Exhibit A to this petition.

Under date of Thursday, September 12, 1968 there appeared in the Memphis Press Scimitar an item headed "Hanes has 'no plans' for delay" under the byline of Roy Hamilton, in which Arthur B. Hanes, Sr., attorney of

record for the defendant is quoted, a copy of said newspaper item is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

The respondents, Charles Edmundson, Roy Hamilton, Renfro T. Hays and Arthur B. Hanes, Sr., had actual knowledge of the aforesaid orders and injunctions issued by the Court.

Petitioners believe and, therefore, aver that respondents are in contempt of the orders and injunction of this Court and that they should be cited in contempt thereof or be required to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of this Court.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PETITIONERS PRAY:

1. That proper process issue demanding Charles Edmundson, Roy Hamilton, Renfro T. Hays and Arthur B. Hanes, Sr., to appear before this Court and show cause, if any they have, why they should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court and its orders and upon hearing of said cause that the Court enter such other orders as may be proper in the premises.

JUGTUS E. BURCH, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW

J. ALEX MADOVER, ATTORNEY AT LAW

COOPER TURNER, JR. ATTORNEY AT LAW

JAMES D. CAUSEY, ATTORNEY AT LAW

LEO BEARMAN, JR., ATTORNEY AT LAW

LEE A. HARDISON ATTORNEY AT LAW

DON OWENS, ATTORNEY AT LAW

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
DATE: 9/17/68
NAME: [illegible]
CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public, the aforementioned petitioners, who state that they have read the foregoing petition and that the facts contained therein are true to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.

M. K. Mansfield
NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
May 15-1972

F I A T .

TO THE CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

File this petition and issue scire facias upon the petition ordering the respondents, Charles Edmundson, Roy Hamilton, Renfro T. Hays and Arthur B. Manes, Sr., to appear before this Court on the 27th day of September, 1968 at 9:30 A.M. o'clock to show cause why they should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court for violation and disobedience of the Court's orders.

W Preston Battle
JUDGE

A TRUE COPY ATTEST
DATE: 9/17/68
NAME: [illegible]
CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

Memphis Press-Scimitar

WEATHER FORECAST: High today 82. Low tonight 58. Fair through Friday.

SCRIPPS-HOWARD • 85TH YEAR—NO. 270 MEMPHIS, TENN., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1968

Hanes Has 'No Plans' For Delay

Ray's Attorneys Still Planning Trial Nov. 12

By ROY HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

The defense for James Earl Ray, accused killer of Dr. Martin Luther King, has "no plans" to seek a postponement of his trial scheduled Nov. 12 in Memphis, Arthur J. Hanes Jr. said today.

"So far as I know we will be ready to go on the 12th," said Hanes, who is assisting his father, Arthur J. Hanes, in Ray's defense.

REPORT

It had been earlier reported that the senior Hanes had "intimated" in a Birmingham interview that Ray might not be able to stand trial in November because his health was being jeopardized by intensive security measures in his Shelby County jail cell.

Hanes Sr. was in court on another matter but his son, when asked about the report, said, "Some things are read into statements that are quite often only in the eyes of the beholder. I know of no plans to ask for a continuance."

COMPLAINT

The younger Hanes did confirm that Ray had complained about conditions in his cell and he said it was possible that a written motion may be filed next week asking for relief.

The defense lawyers are due back in Memphis Wednesday to inspect items of physical evidence accumulated by the state for use in the prosecution. The defense won access to the state's evidence in a hearing last week in Judge W. Preston Battle's court.

QUOTED

In the earlier report, Hanes Sr. was quoted as saying that Ray has undergone "enough to bug anybody" during his confinement. He said Ray has had two guards "breathing down his neck 24 hours a day" and sometimes has to cover his eyes against the bright lights "shining on him night and day" in order to sleep.

Hanes charged that the security setup surrounding Ray constitutes "cruel and

(Details on Page 2.)

TELEPHONES: NEWS AND GENERAL [redacted] CIRCULATION [redacted]

EXHIBIT B

Ray Security Called Danger To His 'Sanity'

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

The health of James Earl Ray, charged with slaying Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is so threatened by security measures in force at the Shelby County Jail that he may not be able to stand trial as scheduled Nov. 12, a private detective employed by Ray's attorney said last night.

Renfro T. Hays, 40-year-old investigator with offices in the Commerce Title Building, compared some of the conditions in Ray's cell with "devices used by Communist police agents to destroy the health and balance of their victims."

Hays spoke of bright lights kept shining night and day, of television cameras constantly monitoring the prisoner and of and uninterrupted lack of privacy.

Arthur Hanes, Ray's attorney, complained of the same items to Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle in a preliminary hearing Friday. Mr. Hanes was instructed to put his complaint in writing. The written complaint is expected to be argued at another hearing Wednesday.

Mr. Hays said, his work in interviewing prospective witnesses has been easier since Judge Battle Friday repeated his caution that a court order restricting publicity is not to interfere with the right of witnesses to talk to attorneys for the prosecution or the defense.

Interviewed by telephone in Birmingham, Mr. Hanes said only he will have his motion asking security changes ready Wednesday. In court Friday Mr. Hanes charged the conditions "constitute cruel and unusual punishment."

Mr. Hays said he does not think the conditions criticized in Ray's cell result from intentional persecution.

"I don't for a moment think Sheriff Bill Morris is trying to drive this guy out of his mind. But it's the effect of this type of surveillance that counts."

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias

No. 16645
(Murder)

FILED 9/19/68
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY C. E. Keith D. C.

MOTION

Comes the Defendant in the above captioned cause, by and through his Attorney of Record, and respectfully shows unto this Honorable Court the following:

1. Defendant is incarcerated in the Shelby County, Tennessee, jail awaiting trial in the above captioned cause.

2. Defendant has retained Arthur J. Hanes and Arthur J. Hanes, Jr. as counsel to represent him in this cause.

3. In order that Defendant may be fully represented before and during trial, it is necessary that he have the opportunity to confer in private consultation with his attorneys prior to trial.

4. Defendant has not been afforded the opportunity to confer in private with his counsel in the following: At all times when Defendant has been in consultation with counsel at least two law enforcement officers of Shelby County, Tennessee or the city of Memphis, Tennessee have remained present and within the hearing of Defendant and counsel; Television cameras and microphones have been focused on Defendant and counsel, the same with viewing screens and amplifiers in the office of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee; After each consultation, notes written by Defendant to counsel are inspected by law enforcement officers before counsel is allowed to leave Defendant; Defendant's mail to counsel is censored and read by the Sheriff of

Shelby County or his agents.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Defendant prays this Honorable Court will issue an order directing the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee to permit Defendant and his counsel to confer in private, absent the presence of law enforcement officers and television and microphone reproduction, and to permit Defendant and counsel to exchange notes and correspond without censorship by agents of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,

By Arthur J. Hanes
Attorney for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 18th day of September, 1968, served a copy of the foregoing Motion, by hand, upon the Attorney for the State of Tennessee in this case.

By Arthur J. Hanes
Attorney for Defendant

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS

No. 16645
(Murder)

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias

FILED 9/18/68
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY E. Keeton D. C.

MOTION

Comes the Defendant in the above captioned cause, by and through his Attorney of Record, and respectfully shows unto this Honorable Court as follows:

1. Defendant has been incarcerated in the Shelby County, Tennessee jail awaiting trial in the above captioned cause since July 19, 1968 to and through the present.

2. From the time of his incarceration, to and through the present, Defendant has been constantly and continuously illuminated by high powered lights and has been continuously surveilled by television cameras and microphones which are received in the office of the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee.

3. No other prisoner in Shelby County or throughout the free world is so illuminated and surveilled.

4. The presence of said illumination and surveillance has deprived Defendant of the opportunity to rest or sleep and has a tendency to cause Defendant to be nervous and disturbed and constitutes an electronic form of cruel and unusual punishment.

5. The presence of such illumination and surveillance further provides an unwarranted and undetectable opportunity for illegal identification and/or lineup of Defendant for the purpose of refreshing or suggesting recollection of Defendant to potential material witnesses in this cause.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Defendant respectfully prays this Honorable Court to issue an order directing the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee to cease and desist from the use of television lights, cameras and microphones, to constantly surveille Defendant, and if Defendant be mistaken in this prayer, he respectfully moves this Honorable Court to issue such further and different order as it may deem meet and proper to remedy the ill herein alleged.

Respectfully submitted

By Gaston J. Hawes
Attorney for Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 14th day of September, 1968, served a copy of the foregoing Motion, by hand, upon the Attorney for the State of Tennessee in this case.

By Gaston J. Hawes
Attorney for Defendant

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 9/24/68

FROM : SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO:MM

ReMoairtel to Memphis, 9/4/68, regarding information furnished by one [redacted] concerning [redacted] who was reported in 1963 to have agreed to represent anyone who might be apprehended in executing a "contract" to assassinate Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Birmingham file styled [redacted] INFORMATION CONCERNING", Bufile [redacted] BH file [redacted] contains considerable derogatory information concerning the character of [redacted]. Two copies each of BH airtels to the Bureau dated 9/3 and 9/5/68 containing background information on [redacted] are being furnished the Memphis office, and for ready reference of the Bureau, one copy of each airtel is attached. Mobile is also being furnished one copy each.

Contact with warden's office, Jefferson County Jail, Birmingham, revealed it would be practically impossible to determine the identity of an inmate by nickname only during the year 1963 since there are confined daily an average of 250 inmates.

UACB, Birmingham considers that any contact with [redacted] would be inadvisable at this time and no action regarding him will be taken.

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EX-101

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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2 - Memphis (Enc. 4)
1 - Mobile (Info) (Enc. 2) (157-2627)
2 - Birmingham
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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

BH 44-1740

Enc. to Bureau:

BH airtels to Bureau dated 9/3 and 9/5/68.

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ENCLOSURE

Director, FBI (66-6353) September 3, 1963

SAC, Birmingham (92-272) (P)

[redacted]

ALABAMA BOARD OF PARDONS
AND PAROLES;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On August 21, 1963, [redacted] also known as [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, telephone number [redacted] was contacted concerning her son, [redacted] an escaped federal prisoner, who escaped from [redacted], Montgomery, Alabama, [redacted] (Mobile file [redacted] - Birmingham file [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] had been taking payoffs for several years for the Parole Board. She stated that [redacted] had told her on several occasions that he could get her son out of prison. On June 11, 1963, [redacted] agreed to pay him $300.00 and [redacted] girl friend, agreed to pay [redacted] $200.00. Since [redacted] has arthritis in her hand, she permitted [redacted] to fill out one of her checks on the Exchange Security Bank, Birmingham, in the amount of $300.00, payable to [redacted]. She then signed the check, and [redacted] gave [redacted] a check for $200.00.

Subsequently, [redacted] informed her that he had been unable to get her son out of Kilby for $300.00 and said it would take $2,500.00. She and her husband, [redacted] told [redacted] that they did not have that much money [redacted] [redacted] returned the money to [redacted] and [redacted] stated that she has the canceled check in her possession and it was endorsed [redacted]

[redacted] stated that she and her husband appeared before the Parole Board in Montgomery, Alabama, on August 5, 1963, and that she handed the three-man board a long envelope

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which contained a letter from the Local Bricklayers Union, which was directed to the board and said they would give [redacted] a job if he was paroled. When she handed the envelope to the board, she merely said "This is for you," at which point [redacted] looked at each other and all appeared reluctant to open the envelope. She was of the opinion that the board thought the envelope contained money rather than papers concerning possible employment for her son.

When she handed the envelope to the [redacted] man in the middle, who was short and stocky, [redacted] if she knew [redacted] and she replied that she did not and asked who he was. The man told her that it did not matter and they would talk with her later.

[redacted] stated that on a previous occasion she observed [redacted] wife of [redacted] pay [redacted] $500.00 at the home of [redacted] well known Birmingham madam, so that [redacted] could remain out on parole. [redacted] was afraid that she would have to return to prison since she had been arrested while on parole. [redacted] stated that she had learned from [redacted] that there is apparently another middle man besides [redacted] in Montgomery but she does not know his name.

[redacted] stated that she has told her Birmingham attorney, [redacted] about paying [redacted] in an effort to get her son out of prison.

It is noted Birmingham indices are negative on [redacted] however, [redacted] is [redacted] Alabama House of Representatives and a strong supporter of former Governor GEORGE WALLACE. Birmingham file 94-103 entitled "Crime Survey, Birmingham Division (Bureau see Birmingham letter to Bureau dated January 13, 1951) reflects that in 1951, EUGENE "BULL" CONNOR, former Birmingham Police Commissioner, advocated a change with the Pardon and Parole Board set up

to avoid further wholesale release of dangerous convicts. The file reflects that the "Birmingham Post Herald" carried an article revealing that the board had released over 1300 convicts in the past fifteen months.

Birmingham indices contain [redacted] to [redacted] PRATT was the subject of [redacted] cases in 1955 (Bureau file numbers [redacted]. In those cases, [redacted] however, the United States Attorney declined prosecution regarding possible embezzlement and misapplication of funds in these cases [redacted] more nolle [redacted] in a not guilty verdict.

[redacted]

"Birmingham News" article dated [redacted] reflects that [redacted] surrendered to police after he had been notified that $15,000 in stolen furs were recovered at one of his residences. Also arrested was [redacted] a convicted burglar and one of [redacted] at the time. [redacted]

[redacted] was also mentioned in December of 1955, in Birmingham [redacted] mentioned [redacted], which information was received that [redacted] had received the loot taken in the $19,000 burglary of the Alabama Auction Room, Birmingham.

WACB, it is suggested that the Mobile Office discreetly disseminate the above information to Mr. FLOYD MANN (MA) Director of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, for information purposes and for whatever investigative action he might deem appropriate.

9/3/63

AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (66-6353)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (92-272) (P)

CHANGED

[redacted], aka

ALABAMA BOARD OF PARDONS
AND PAROLES;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Title marked "Changed" to add name of [redacted] aka [redacted] as third subject.

Re Birmingham letter to Bureau, dated 9/3/63.

On 9/4/63 [redacted] Birmingham, Alabama, stated that on 9/3/63 she was in the home of [redacted] at which time [redacted] mentioned in referenced letter, came to [redacted] house with her father-in-law, [redacted] from Cullman, Alabama. [redacted] had a pistol with him and stated he was going to kill [redacted] if [redacted] did not return the $500.00 he had given [redacted] to save his son, [redacted] who is now in Kilby Prison, paroled. [redacted] told [redacted] that she had called [redacted] on the State Probation and Parole Board in Birmingham and stated that [redacted] is the man [redacted] contacted in Birmingham concerning getting [redacted] paroled.

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2 - Mobile
(2) - Birmingham
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Date: 9-24-68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the information and assistance of the Bureau are two copies of a letter prepared by J. B. STONER, Attorney-at-Law, addressed to JAMES EARL RAY. It is to be noted contents of letter suggest very strongly that J. B. STONER will arrive in Memphis and will make efforts to talk to subject RAY.

There are also enclosed two copies of letter which appears to have been prepared by JERRY RAY to his brother JAMES EARL RAY. In this letter, JERRY indicates he has spoken with J. B. STONER and that STONER has indicated he didn't want a penny for helping JAMES EARL RAY. Of particular significance is the implied criticism of WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE because of his stand on race relations. HUIE, as the Bureau knows, considers himself a liberal on race relations in Alabama. Apparently JERRY's discussions with J. B. STONER disclose that J. B. STONER felt it would be a good idea for JAMES EARL RAY to take the stand.

The Bureau will be kept advised of other developments.

ENCLOSURE

1 copy of Encl bulky Kerr 1 WCA Jim 2-26-69

EX-102

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(3) BUREAU (Enc. 4) (AM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] then told [redacted] that [redacted] received $200.00 and [redacted] kept $200.00 of the money [redacted] had paid; and when [redacted] commented that this left only $100.00 for the board members in Montgomery, [redacted] replied that this is why more money was needed.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] met with [redacted] in the lobby of the Redmont Hotel in Birmingham on 9/3/66, but she did not know the outcome of the meeting.

[redacted] is [redacted] in Birmingham.

WACB, it is suggested that the Mobile Office disseminate this information to Mr. FLOYD MANN (MA), Director of Public Safety, Montgomery, Alabama, in connection with the previous information furnished in referenced letter.

P. O. BOX 6263
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31405



Mr. James Earl Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis, Tennessee

Special Delivery

J. B. STONER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
P. O. Box 6263
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31408

PHONE 355-4271 AREA CODE 912

September 20, 1968

Mr. James Earl Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ray:

I have just received your letter of September 18 requesting that I visit you in Memphis. Please excuse me for failing to answer your earlier letter, but I was in Kentucky where I am now representing eight innocent men who are falsely charged with murder.

I will leave Savannah next Wednesday and will head straight to Memphis to see you as soon as I stop off in Atlanta for one day. I will be at the jail to see you either next Friday or Saturday. Of course, if it is absolutely necessary for me to see you sooner, please advise and I will fly out to see you.

It is nice of you to offer to pay me, but that will not be necessary. I am willing to render any legal services that you request, free of charge.

As soon as you receive this letter, please write a letter to Judge Battle and ask him to please tell the officials at the jail to allow me to visit you when I arrive at the jail. Also, please send a letter to the Sheriff, or whoever is in charge of your jail and notify them that you wish for me to visit you on legal business. If they will let you use the phone, please call me.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

J. B. Stoner

J. B. Stoner

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AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

Jerry Ray
1982 Cherokee
St. Louis, Mo
ZIP CODE 63118

SEP 1968

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr James E. Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis, Tenn

sept 21, 68.

Dear Jimmy:

I received your letter yesterday morning and talked to stoner over the phone a few hours after receiving your letter
I cant tell you every word he told me as unlike our other conversation this one was long, he talked for at least Fifteen min.t.

if you took the stand. He figures on visiting you sept 27. He also said it was against the law for him to advise you on legal matters being you have a lawyer.
The Reason he didnt write to you sooner was because he was in Kentucky.
Ill call Foreman up monday and if I get hold of him then Ill write you the same day, if not Ill keep calling and will let you know as soon as I talk to him personally I hope Foreman agrees to see you and his advice would mean a lot.
like I said in my last letter if anything comes up where you wont to see Jack or I about anything just let us know, also if you wont us to have Hones, Huey or Stoner and they cant make it up here then we could meet them in Memphis. Ill close for now, will write again just as soon as I talk to Foreman. Coral & Jack are okay.
as ever Brother Jerry Ray.

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FBI

Date: 9-25-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Enclosed for information of the Bureau is copy of letter dated 9-24-68 from JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY.

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1 ENCLOSURE
3 BUREAU (Enc. 1)
1 MEMPHIS

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EX-107

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Special Agent in Charge



To. Jerry Ray
1902 Cherokee
St. Louis, Missouri
63118

9-24-68

Dear Jerry;

I recd your letter mostly glad to know everything is allright. I also heard from J. B. Stoner he said he would be up Saturday. I told you in the last letter that you didn't help to talk to Jerome yet but I guess it wouldn't hurt anything what I was gone to do was wait until I found out when Stoner would be here but now I no, I guess you know this case is getting kind of complicated plus they have the trial date set for Nov. 12 and I don't think Howe can do everything that's got to be done. what I would like for you to do is beside

Talking to Foreman is to send me his phone no. + address as a Con writes to him + explain the circumstances of the case to him. Take it easy.

Jim

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F B I

Date: 9/26/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel dated 9/19/68.

HARVEY A. and CLARA S. KLINGEMAN of the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, remain in contact with the Chicago Division, last on 9/25/68, and have had no further contact by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

Bureau will be kept advised.

C. C. - Bishop

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3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 9/27/68

FROM : LEGAT, MANILA (44-2)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

ReBucab, 7/2/68; Manila letter, 7/26/68.

Since the submission of reMANlet, no additional time was expended or expenses incurred in connection with this matter.

3-Bureau
(1-Liaison Section)
1-Manila

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FBI

Date: 9/24/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SACRAMENTO (100-427) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau, 9/9/68, Bureau teletype to Los Angeles and Sacramento, 9/12/68 and Bureau letter to Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Memphis, 9/12/68.

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] Stockton Credit Bureau, 322 East Weber Avenue, advised on 9/18/68, that she could locate no record for [redacted]

[redacted] (NA), San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office, Identification Bureau, advised on 9/18/68 that he could locate no record for [redacted]

It is noted that Clements, California is a very small farm community near Stockton and that there are many itinerant fruit pickers in that area at the present time.

EX-102

The Sacramento indices contain no record for [redacted]

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1937)
1 - Sacramento
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REC-19

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S. C. Bisbow

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

F B I

Date: 9/25/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

MURKIN

[redacted]

On 9/24/68, subject's car, a 1966 white, two-door Ford Mustang, Serial Number 6T07C190647, was turned over to [redacted] and [redacted] They drove the automobile from Atlanta en route to Memphis, Tenn., the same date.

[redacted]

C. C. - Bishop

(3)-Bureau
2-Memphis (44-1987)
2-Atlanta
ORH:bjc
(7)

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Special Agent in Charge

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REPORT of the FBI LABORATORY

1-Mr. Rosen
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Griffith
1-Mr. Mortimer
1- Lab File

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
Attorney General
County Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38101

October 8, 1968

Attention: Mr. Robert Dwyer

This examination has been made with the understanding that the evidence is connected with an official investigation of a criminal matter and that the Laboratory report will be used for official purposes only, related to the investigation or a subsequent criminal prosecution. Authorization cannot be granted for the use of the Laboratory report in connection with a civil proceeding.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Assassination of
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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YOUR NO. 44-38861 -5202
FBI FILE NO. D-680928019 JK
LAB. NO.

Examination requested by: FBI, Memphis

Reference: Letter 9/26/68

Examination requested: Document

Specimens: Three sheets of yellow ruled paper and one sheet of white ruled paper to "Sheriff Morris" and one sheet of white ruled paper to "Lt. Smith" bearing purported handwriting and hand printing standards of JAMES EARL RAY

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COMM-FBI

Result of examination:

The examinations reported in this communication are those requested during a conference with Mr. Robert Dwyer, Mr. James Beasley and Mr. John Carlyle of your office on September 26, 1968.

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Specimen Qc288, a Canadian Money Order, is too indistinct for a satisfactory examination; however, differences were noted between the writings on this item and K211, K488, Q261 and Q262.

The "Galt" signatures alone appearing on Q86, Q131, Q132, Q141, Q173, Q216, Q219, Q221, Q223, Q226, Q258, Q260, Q327, Q337, Kc4 and K5 were determined to have been prepared by the writer of Q261 and Q262 (records of the bartender school in Los Angeles, California).

The conclusions reported in the following paragraph are the result of comparing pertinent questioned items with K211 (records of the Missouri State Prison), Q261 and Q262.

The questioned hand printing or handwriting and the signatures, where they appear, on Q133, Q134, Q215, Q216, Q219, Q221, Q223, Q260, Q326, Q327 and K5 were determined to have been prepared by the writer of K211, Q261 and Q262.

The items in question were compared with specimens K488, Q261 and Q262, previously described. As a result of these comparisons it was concluded that the questioned hand printing or handwriting and signatures, where they appear, on Q133, Q134, Q215, Q260, Q326, Q327 and K5 were prepared by the writer of K488, Q261 and Q262.

Specimen Q337, the location of which was requested by Mr. Beasley, was returned to the Los Angeles Division of this Bureau on May 17, 1968, with the results of a latent fingerprint examination.

K488 is returned to FBI, Memphis. Photographs were made.

FBI

Date: 9-26-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: DOCUMENT SECTION
FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

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Submitted herewith are five separate communications which Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, made available to SAC this date. These are letters prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY. These are all samples of known handwriting and hand printing of subject RAY. They should be utilized for any additional handwriting comparison needed in captioned case.

In addition, there are furnished herewith the originals of two letters which were forwarded by RAY to the Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge of the Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee. Judge BATTLE will be the presiding Judge in the JAMES EARL RAY trial. These letters were furnished by Judge BATTLE to SAC. In connection with these letters, District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, raised point that possibility exists that utilization of material furnished the Judge might be prejudicial at some future date. CANALE pointed out that since Judge BATTLE would hear case he was of opinion that it would probably not be feasible to utilize handwriting in letters sent Judge BATTLE. Therefore, it is requested that handwriting examination prepared by Document Section utilize letters received from Sheriff MORRIS as primary sources for examination purposes.

Results of examination regarding letters received by Sheriff MORRIS should be handled in separate communication. Handwriting examination relative to letters received by Judge BATTLE should not be incorporated in the examination of handwriting contained in letters received by Sheriff MORRIS. The letters received by Judge BATTLE should be made a matter of a

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a separate examination and a separate Laboratory report. District Attorney General CANALE's views should be incorporated in any results pertaining to examination of the letters received by Judge BATTLE.

The originals should be returned to the Memphis Office so that they can be delivered to Sheriff MORRIS and Judge BATTLE.

[redacted]

[redacted]

September 28, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a court order previously issued by Judge W. Preston Battle, Judge of Criminal Court, Shelby County, Tennessee, concerning individuals who should show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court. Previous order is in relation to publicity given case by individuals, including Arthur Hanes, Sr., attorney for James Earl Ray.

Stoner is no doubt identical to Jesse B. Stoner, Vice President of the National States Rights Party with headquarters in Savannah, Georgia.

The Department is being advised.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE HELD CONTEMPT HEARINGS THIS DATE BEGINNING AT APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY A.M. AS OF FIVE PM THIS DATE, CONTEMPT HEARINGS NOT CONCLUDED. FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE WHEN COURT CONVENES AGAIN NINE THIRTY A.M. MONDAY SEPTEMBER THIRTY.

OF INTEREST IN CONNECTION WITH HEARINGS THIS DATE, AT CONCLUSION ARTHUR HANES, SR., ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ASKED PERMISSION TO ADDRESS COURT. HANES ACCUSED THE BAR COMMITTEE WHICH WAS HANDLING MATTER OF SHOWING PREJUDICE IN PROCEEDINGS AND STATED HE HIMSELF MIGHT AT SOME FUTURE DATE WITHDRAW FROM THE CASE AS ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY. HANES SAID HE WAS NOT MAKING POSITIVE STATEMENT AT THIS TIME BUT DID WANT THE COURT TO KNOW AS TO THIS POSSIBILITY. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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— BUREAU ATTENTION DIRECTED TO PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMPHIS OFFICE SUGGESTING POSSIBILITY THAT J. B. STONER MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN INSTANT CASE. Pending

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COPY SENT TO MR. TOLSON

5 OCT 7 1968

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CC-MR. ROSEN

MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

FBI WASH DC

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FBI

Date: 9/27/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel dated 9/20/68.

The following persons have been contacted during the week of 9/23/68 concerning captioned matter and could provide no information relating to JAMES EARL RAY or with persons who robbed the Bank of Alton on 7/13/67:

Chief WILLIAM H. PETERSEN, NA, Alton Police Department, Alton, Illinois;

Captain JOHN LIGHT, Alton Police Department;

WILLIAM E. MAHER, [redacted], Alton, Illinois;

Deputy Sheriff [redacted] Madison County Sheriff's Office, Edwardsville, Illinois;

ROBERT L. STANTON, Madison County Jail;

WILLIAM BEARDSMORE, President, Bank of Alton;

LEE MAAS, Bank of Alton;

[redacted]

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Investigation continuing and informants will be provided specific assignments in an effort to resolve this matter at an early date.

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3 - Bureau (44-38861)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
3 - Springfield (2: 44-561)
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Memorandum

1 - Mr. Conrad 1 -Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer 2-Mr.. Jevons

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 9/26/68

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Reference is made to my memo 9/24/68 advising that three representatives of the Attorney General's office in Memphis would be arriving at the Bureau to go over the evidence in this case on Wednesday, 9/25/68.

Yesterday Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Special Assistant to the Attorney General; Mr. James Beasley, Assistant District Attorney, and Mr. John Carlyle, Investigator for the District Attorney's office came to the Laboratory to discuss evidence connected with and expert testimony belived to be necessary at the forthcoming trial of James Earl Ray. Supervisor [redacted] of the General Investigative Division participated in the discussions.

In the Physics and Chemistry Section (M. S. CLARK, R. A. FRAZIER) detailed discussions were had concerning firearms aspects of the case with SA [redacted] and the hairs and fibers evidence with SA [redacted] In the Document Section they discussed possible document testimony with SA [redacted] Section Chief [redacted] participated in all of the conferences concerning Physics and Chemistry testimony and I was present during the discussions concerning documentary evidence and document testimony. (SEVON S[redacted], ROY H., JAMES H. MORTIMER)

The gentlemen from the Attorney General's office in Memphis advised in detail the specific physical evidence that would be introduced at the trial and the expert testimony concerning this evidence as represented by Laboratory reports previously submitted and made available to the local prosecutor. They did not ask for any evidence but simply reviewed that which was available along with the pertinent testimony. Attached is a list setting forth the Laboratory number and description of each item of physical evidence of pertinence to the forthcoming trial.

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They advised that additional evidence will be submitted in all probability. Included in such possible additional evidence will be letters which Ray has written to the Memphis Judge, to the Sheriff and local court officials in connection with his current incarceration. These letters may be useful as known

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1 - Mr. Mohr
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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Trotter
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standards in connection with document testimony and may simplify the problem of authenticating known writing. In this particular connection, at their request, we will prepare a report directed to the local prosecutor setting forth results of our follow-up examinations and comparisons.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

LIST OF EVIDENCE PERTINENT TO FORTHCOMING TRIAL OF JAMES EARL RAY

Document Section -

Q86	Registration card of New Rebel Motel
Q262	Application for School Admittance
K5	Access to Safe Deposit Box, contract, ledger card and undated letter
QC288	Canadian Money Order
Q134	Enrollment form - Locksmithing
Q215	Envelope postmarked Canada to Locksmithing
Q216, Q219, Q221, Q223	Bank of American money orders
Q326, Q327	Coupon of Modern Photo Bookstore, handwritten letter dated 9/26/67
Q130 - Q133	Three typewritten letters Order blank from Superior Bulk Film Company
Q258, Q259	Interview card, enrollment agreement - Dance Studio
Q141	Provincial Motel registration card
QC367	Hand printed note signed "Ramon George Sneyd"
Q226	Post Office Department Application for Delivery form
Q260	Change of Address form
Q173	Change of Address order, 7/25/68
Q337	Post Office Department Form 1583(Application for Delivery of Mail Through Agent)
KC4	Photos of transfer of 1967 Alabama license, tag receipt, Application for Alabama driver's license

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Firearms: -

Q2	.30-06 Springfield caliber Remington "Gamemaster" slide-action rifle, Model 760, Serial Number 461476, with Redfield telescope sight, Serial Number A17350, with clip
Q3	.30-06 Springfield caliber Remington-Peters cartridge case
Q4-Q12	Nine .30-06 Springfield caliber cartridges (five Remington-Peters and four R-A-55) in Peters cartridge box, Index Number 3033
Q64	Bullet from body
Q71	Board from windowsill in bathroom
Q72	.243 Winchester caliber Remington bolt-action rifle, Model 700, Serial Number 283749 from Aeromarine Supply Company

Hairs and Fibers -

Q1	Rifle box for Browning .243 Winchester caliber rifle, Serial Number 474425
Q13	Large green and brown cloth
Q15	Zipper bag
Q26	White and yellow towel
Q29, Q30	Pair of black socks
Q38	Hairbrush
Q69	Undershorts
Q95	Dark blue short-sleeved sweat shirt
Q97	One white fitted sheet
Q98	One black and white shirt jacket
Q99	One pillowcase

Hairs and Fibers (continued) -

Q100	One fitted sheet with yellow thread
Q102	One pair of size 34 walking shorts
Q103	Rug from trunk
Q104	Pillow from trunk
Q105	Styrofoam container from trunk
Q114	Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side floor
Q115	Vacuum sweepings from left front floor
Q116	" " " rear floor
Q117	" " " trunk
Q206	Green sofa pillow
Q207	Bed sheet
Q208	Bed sheet
Q243	Piece of brown thread with needle
K487	Head hair sample from James Earl Ray

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Date: 9-27-68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

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Enclosed are original and one copy of clipping from "Commercial Appeal," Memphis, Tennessee, indicating Attorney HANES confers with JAMES EARL RAY.

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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Hanes Confers With James Ray

Son Outlines Defense For Father On Contempt Of Court Citation

Attorney Arthur J. Hanes conferred more than two hours with his client, James Earl Ray, at the Shelby County Jail yesterday while his son, Arthur Hanes Jr. prepared to defend his father against a contempt of court citation.

Judge W. Preston Battle, who is scheduled to conduct Ray's trial on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will hear arguments this morning on a contempt citation issued against Mr. Hanes Sr.; Renfro Hays, a private detective, and two newspaper reporters.

Mr. Hanes, Mr. Hays, Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal and Roy Hamilton of the Press-Scimitar are asked to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of a court order to restrain pre-trial publicity in the case.

Also set for today are arguments on motions by defense attorneys for relief of what they charge is a violation of Ray's constitutional right to confer privately with counsel. They charge Ray's cell is "bugged" with microphones they cannot be sure are turned off even when jail attendants say this is the case.

They also charge that constant bright lights and television cameras in Ray's cell constitute an "electronic form of cruel and unusual treatment."

In the contempt hearing Armistead Clay, attorney for the Memphis Publishng Co., is expected to argue that the restrictions sought would be a violation of the guaranties of free speech and a free press contained in the first article of the Bill of Rights.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Commercia Appeal

Memphis, Tenn

Date: 9-27-68
Edition: Final
Author:
Editor: Frank P. Ahl
Title:

Character:
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Submitting Office: Memphis

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 9-26-68

FROM : S. F. Latona

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Special Assistant to the District Attorney of Memphis, Tennessee; Mr. James Beasley, Assistant District Attorney; and Mr. John Carlyle, Investigator for the District Attorney's Office, today, visited the Identification Division and discussed with Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake what his testimony will be at the trial of this case in Memphis scheduled to begin November 12, 1968.

Mr. Dwyer and Mr. Beasley expressed their opinion that the fingerprints of James Earl Ray, taken following his return to Memphis, will not be admissible and requested that all latent fingerprint identifications be charted using fingerprints of Ray taken following his arrest in London. These prints are now on file in Memphis in the District Attorney's Office and will be forwarded to the Identification Division by registered mail on September 27, 1968.

Mr. Dwyer believes that the prints of Ray taken in Memphis will not be admissible as they were taken after he was placed in custody and represented by counsel.

Mr. Bonebrake will subsequently be advised when to appear in Memphis.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1 - Mr. Rosen

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987) 2P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED SEPT. EIGHTEEN LAST ENCLOSING XEROX COPIES OF TWO MOTIONS FILED BY ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, MEMPHIS, TENN. HEARING ON THESE MOTIONS WAS HELD BY JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, MEMPHIS, SEPT. THIRTY LAST.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE PROOF BY BOTH DEFENSE AND PROSECUTION DURING THIS HEARING, JUDGE BATTLE DISMISSED BOTH MOTIONS FILED BY THE DEFENSE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE PORTION PERTAINING TO RAY'S CORRESPONDING WITH HIS ATTORNEY. JUDGE BATTLE RULED THAT WRITTEN NOTES EXCHANGED BETWEEN RAY AND HIS ATTORNEY ARE PRIVILEGED; HOWEVER, THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF OR HIS DESIGNATED AGENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO PERUSE THESE NOTES TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS ANY ATTEMPT TO BREACH SECURITY OF THE JAIL. THESE NOTES SHOULD NOT BE PERUSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASCERTAINING

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THE FULL CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGES.

AT THE INCEPTION OF THE HEARING, ARTHUR HANES SR., ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ADVISED JUDGE BATTLE THAT AFTER CONFERRING WITH HIS CLIENT ON THIS DATE HANES AND HIS CLIENT HAD DECIDED THAT THE LAW FIRM OF HANES AND HANES WILL CONTINUE TO REPRESENT RAY IN RAY'S FORTHCOMING TRIAL FOR THE MURDER OF REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. IT IS NOTED THAT DURING THE HEARING BEFORE JUDGE BATTLE ON SEPT. TWENTY SEVEN LAST HANES SR, IMPLIED TO THE COURT THAT AS A RESULT OF A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION BETWEEN RAY AND HIS ATTORNEY THE LAW FIRM OF HANES AND HANES MAY NOT REPRESENT RAY AT THE TIME OF TRIAL.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY CHANGE OR DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD. P.

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FBI MEMPHIS

426PM 9-30-68 URGENT SDC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3P

MURKIN

JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE AT CONCLUSION OF CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS ADVISED THAT HE DID FIND ATTORNEY ARTHUR J. HANES, SR., PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR RENFRO T. HAYS, AND NEWSPAPER REPORTERS CHARLES EDMUNDSON AND ROY HAMILTON ALL GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF COURT. HE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD HOLD FINAL DECISION IN ABEYANCE AS TO POSSIBLE SENTENCE FOR ALL FOUR.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, JR. ADVISED THIS DATE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE WILL BE IN FBI OFFICE ATLANTA A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER ONE. AT THIS TIME THEY WILL HOLD PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS WHOM THEY FEEL MIGHT BE NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THIS TRIAL. EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT DWYER ADVISED FOLLOWING ARE AGENTS OF INTEREST IN ATLANTA OFFICE:

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IN ADDITION, DWYER REQUESTED CONTACT BE MADE WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL WITNESSES IN ATLANTA FOR ASSISTANCE OF HIS OFFICE. THESE POTENTIAL WITNESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MRS. ESTELLE PETERS, JIMMIE D. GARNER, HENRY H. WATERS, MARY L. BRIDGES, LUCY CATON, MRS. ERNEST PAYNE, CHARLES STEPHENS, AND TWO ATLANTA DETECTIVES, [redacted] AND [redacted] THIS INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED ATLANTA TELEPHONICALLY.

DWYER STATED HE HOPED TO HAVE ALL INTERVIEWS COMPLETED AND WOULD DEPART ATLANTA IN ORDER TO ARRIVE BIRMINGHAM THURSDAY MORNING. AT BIRMINGHAM, DWYER STATED PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR ANY AGENT PERSONNEL TO TESTIFY. DWYER REQUESTED IF POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE SO THAT HE AND STAFF COULD CONTACT THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE BELIEVED OF INTEREST TO HIS OFFICE:

WILLIAM D. PAISLEY, SR. AND JR., PETER CHERPES, DONALD F. WOOD, JOHN W. DESHAZIO, JOHN D. HENNERS, U. L. BAKER, A. L. ERWIN, JOE B. GILLILAND, HERBERT KELLY, C. E. KIRKPATRICK, DIANA BATTLE, MARLON C. MYERS, MRS. JOANNE MYERS, DORIS LADNER, RUBY GOODMAN, O. H. ABRAHMS, CLYDE R. MANASCO, JOHN M. KOPP.

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BIRMINGHAM DIVISION HAS BEEN TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED OF DWYER'S REQUEST.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO BIRMINGHAM AND ATLANTA.

P. END.

~~CORR: PAGE 1 PARAXXXXXXXXXXX--PAGE 1 PARA 1 PROCEEDINGS~~

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~~PARA 2 PAGE 1 LINE 5 HOLD FINAL DECISION~~

~~CORR ON THAT IT IS PARA 1 PG 1 LINE 5 ETC~~

~~NOW PARA 2 LINE 2, DISCUSSIONS THANK YOU~~

~~CLORRXXXX~~ CORR ON PAGE 2 FIRST WORD ~~SLD BE IN~~, ALSO ON LISTINGS ~~OF NAMES ON BOTTOM OF PG 2~~ MR. BAKER ~~SLD READ~~ U. L. BAKER. END

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 10-1-68

FROM : Legat, Rome (44-2) (P.) ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

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The following is set out for the information of the Bureau:

(1) MAN HOURS

Regular - Agent	0
Overtime - Agent	0
Regular - Clerical	0
Overtime - Clerical	0

(2) MILEAGE

Bureau cars	0
Personally owned cars	0

(3) UNUSUAL COSTS 0

(4) NUMBER OF AGENTS WORKING ON CASE 0

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE BIRMINGHAM TEL OCTOBER ONE, SIXTYEIGHT.

BUREAU ATTENTION DIRECTED TO KANSAS CITY REPORT DATED MAY FIFTEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, PAGE FORTYSEVEN THEREOF. REREP CONTAINS INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE BEN EDMONSON, FORMER TOP TEN [redacted] WHO USED NAME ALEXANDER PETER BOLDUAN [redacted] WHILE IN CANADA. KANSAS CITY REPORT SETS FORTH EXTENSIVE INTERVIEW WITH EDMONSON [redacted] WHEREIN EDMONSON [redacted] DENIES HAVING HAD ANY DEALINGS WITH JAMES EARL RAY INSIDE OR OUTSIDE PENITENTIARY.

END.

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FBI WASH DC

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cc to Lang

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FBI

Date: 9/20/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Submitted herewith for the assistance and information of the Bureau is copy of the order issued in instant case dealing with evidence. It is noted the order was not prepared until 9/18/68.

In addition, there are submitted herewith copies of six letters. Five of these were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, two being written by RAY to his brother JERRY, one to J. B. STONER, one to ARTHUR HANES, and one to a firm of solicitors in London. The sixth is a copy of letter received by subject RAY from his brother JERRY.

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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

Number 0[redacted] Letter Name SNEYD.

H.M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.[redacted]

Dear Sir,

I am at present in custody at the above listed address in London England. I'm told more than likely I will most probably be deported to the United States. The reason I am writing you is that I am well versed in English agreed to London to return me to the U.S. and I would like to have it on record now that I have no intentions of making any disturbances that I might have anything to fight but I would rather to tell my story to a judge & jury. Therefore I would respectfully suggest you send someone with less resignation than Mr. Venson. I would write Mr. Venson myself but am acting Mr. Attorney. Hence a similar letter. Sincerely

No. 243 (23150—3-10-62)

R. D. Sneyd.

Mr. Ramsey Clark
Attorney General United States
Washington, D.C.
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Mr. J. B. Stoner
Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 6263
Savannah, Georgia
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In replying to this letter, please write on the envelope:—

Number 059185 Name SNEYD

H.M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.18.

7-11-68

Dear Mr. Stoner;

I was shown a letter recently (3 July) written by you on a legal point which you represented if I needed correct legal assistance relative to the charge against me in the U.S. as you have probably read in the papers. I have retained Mr. Arthur Moses of Birmingham solicitor therefore I would rather wait until I return to the U.S. and get his advice before I take any other action. As far as my personal views on the case I am more concern with the personal charges made against me by the Assistant Prosecution in the murder charge which is the part I know you must attain to the factual role of [illegible]

No. 263 (28150—3-10-62)

44-3686-212

It seems to me now that they charge you with everything they represent them by. To connect you with some organization they disapprove with. In closing I would like to say I appreciate your efforts and also if you should write again would it be me directly at this prison as the other letter you sent was dated Dec. 19 - this one I did not receive it until JULY - 3rd.

Sincerely

Ronnie D Smith

44-38-61-5212

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H.M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.18.

Dear Father

I will just write you a few lines to let you know everything is alright. I will probably be back shortly. my case don't come on for one year could get it on, after Xmas Could it not then it is to appear about July. Cos County to receive my case? don't want it to come on until I will explain later but you know that this one is not doing any to help me as I pleaded Guilty. Could you please get Xmas £6000 you can get some of it Love and Kisses over

[illegible] you mention Ray Jones
[illegible] a good attorney
I will want until I get back
as I want some attorneys
who can work together
so I will let them
decide or recommend who
will be best.
I cared appeal my extradition
hearing but I am getting
tired of being a prisoner
here. I am sure I can
get up about $5000 in
cash but by the time
I get back I could lose
[illegible] property. I
[illegible] you can make
arrangements with the
[illegible] Thanks

Lord Bless You

Mail address.
Arthur J. Jones
617 Frank Nelson Bldg.
Birmingham Alabama 35203
Telephone 324-9531

Air Mail

John Ray
2025 Belvue
Raytown, Missouri

United States America

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H.M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.18.

6-29-68

DEAR SIR,

I thought I would write you
in regard to my Extradition
being held began Thursday
July 25 to be running fin
alized and at this point I think
it unfair of them to notify Dr
Scotch Extradition I must give and
details as you probably have read
the article in the Jo-pa.
I suppose you read the papers
taking English citizens out
you Concerning Mr Wilson Pris
Conference In my opinion or
this Legal Bitch of Scotland
yard stinks when we left
off but I may come up
first Thursday July 25 hope
Presume I read the letter you
sent me and I have no
intention abusing the case

with anyone, I would also
like to say that I have
no intention of making any
oral statement at first
I have nothing to hide but
I would rather tell my
version to a court of law.
I am also going to write a let-
ter to General Clark to put a stop
as it will stop him from
drawing up a settlement while
they are both away from
London to the U.S.
That was highly unwarranted of
Ed Brian, Government not
letting you visit me as they
have a special plane for
so called security cases
from what I gather from my
English Lawyer the U.S. Government
had something to do with
keeping you from seeing me
I hope that it would be
much wiser to stop it up
with a compromise
Also I am writing my brother
asking him to send you a
return ticket claiming that justice
would die upon

Also I have read where they are getting a special place ready in the Memphis Jail for Television Comedians & this I should certainly publicly would like my way to prevent this or do you think it necessary to prevent it. That all I can think of at the present.

Sincerely

R. L. Dreyfl

Britton Lane No.
M.I. 5952 MAPLEWOOD MISSOURI

P.S. Hoping to hear from you

M.R. ARTHUR J. HANES

ATTORNEY AT LAW

617 FRANK NELSON BLDG.

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

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Number 059184 Name SNYDER

H.M. PRISON,
HEATHFIELD ROAD,
WANDSWORTH,
LONDON, S.W.18.

DEAR SIR;

I AM AT PRESENT BEING HELD IN WANDSWORTH PRISON AWAITING THE COMPLETION OF AN EXTRADITION HEARING AND PROBABLY DEPORTATION TO THE U.S.A. ON THUR. 21-1-65. MR. ARTHUR J. HANES MY ATTORNEY FROM THE UNITED STATES CAME TO LONDON FROM THE U.S. TO SEE ME & ONE OF THE PERSONS HE CAME HERE WAS TO CONSULT WITH ME ABOUT A MURDER CHARGE AGAINST ME IN THE U.S. UPON MR HANES ARRIVAL IN LONDON HE CONTACTED MY ENGLISH LAWYER MR. ROGER FRISBY AND ASKED MR FRISBY TO ARRANGE FOR HIM TO VISIT ME AT THE PRISON, MR. FRISBY THEREUPON REQUESTED PERMISSION FROM THE HOME OFFICE

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No. 243 (29150—3-10-62)

H.H. Snyder 5218

FOR MR HANES TO CONSULT
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REFUSED ON THE GROUNDS
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THROUGH HEAVY SCREENS
I THINK FORMER HOME SECRETARY
MR SANAT WOULD CONFIRM THIS
FURTHER THE POLICE AND OTHER
PEOPLE CAN VISIT ME
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GIVEN AT MY HEARING IN
MAGISTRATE COURT AND ITS POSSIBLE
MY CASE HAS BEEN PREJUDICED BY
NOT SEEING HIM SINCE THE
HEARING AND MY TRIAL IN THE
U.S. ARE INTERRELATED.
SINCE THESE CHARGES ARE
INTERRELATED I THINK IT IS
HIGHLY UNUSUAL FOR THE BRITISH
GOVERNMENT TO DENY ME THE
RIGHT TO SEE MY U.S.
ATTORNEY, EVEN IN THE
SO CALLED IRON CURTAIN
COUNTRIES YOU CAN HAVE

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VISITORS FROM ONE'S OWN
COUNTRY. I HAVE WRITTEN
TO THE HOME OFFICE AND
PLAID ENLIGHTEN AN ANSER.
THEREFORE AM WRITING YOU
WITH THE THOUGHT YOU MITE
MAKE INQUIRES, AND IF THE
GOVERNMENT ACTION BE ILLEGAL
YOU MITE PREVENT IT FROM
HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY

Yours Sincerely

44-38 60th St 5212

MR. EDWARD HEATH, M.P.

6-15-68

Dear Jimmy,

I will drop you a few lines to let you know what I know about you over there.

Jim called the Lawyer the other day, and he says you are going to stay a couple of months and he can be over there in a week or two.

I called Percy Foreman that was known Texas Lawyer, but he can only take your case if you ask him.

Judge Cox told the F.B.I. agent that he was going to Reverse your sentence at Jeff. City, but then I think the F.B.I. after a few hours of Miami beat Study papers of the case, the F.B.I. told me to tell the Judge and Sheriff Stevens

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Keep all Card from Mrs. Ley
till can make a call - Card this
Nov (M I - 5 9 15 2 Maplewood Rd)
+ also write to
Mrs at her address J. Ripley
2025 Bellvue
Maplewood, Mo

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During the month of September, the Legat spent two hours on Murkin with no undue expenses either in the way of travel or telephone calls.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

There are enclosed herewith original and one copy of clipping from the "Memphis Press-Scimitar" of 9-27-68, setting forth results of contempt hearings in instant case.

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Lawyers Battle in Court Over Reports About Ray

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TWO CONTEMPT DEFENDANTS CONFER WITH ATTORNEY

Arthur Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, and Roy Hamilton, Press-Scimitar reporter, defendants in the contempt case, are shown with Arthur Hanes Jr., attorney for his father. —Press-S



RENFRO HAYS

Before contempt hearing started.

Scimitar Staff Photos by William Leaptrott

Judge Hears Testimony On Contempt

Hanes and Son Duel With Lucius Burch

Arthur Hanes took the witness stand in Criminal Court today and had heated exchanges with a prosecutor over whether Hanes was guilty of violating a court order against talking "for publicity."

Hanes, defense lawyer for James Earl Ray in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, was one of four persons ordered to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of Judge Preston Battle's court order to restrain pre-trial "publicity."

CHARGED

Named with Hanes were Renfro T. Hays, a private detective employed by Hanes; Charles Edmundson, a reporter for The Commercial Appeal; and Roy Hamilton, a reporter for The Press-Scimitar.

Serving as prosecutor was Lucius Burch, who is also one of a seven-member committee of the Memphis and Shelby Court Bar Association appointed by Battle to assist in restraining publicity.

Judge Battle had ordered both defense and prosecution attorneys, their agents and employes, all law enforcement officials of Memphis and Shelby County, all potential witnesses and all employes at the Courthouse and the County Office Building from "giving interviews or making extra-judicial statements prejudicial to a fair trial by an impartial jury." All of these persons were served with a copy of the order and Memphis newspapers and other news media were sent a copy of the order.

ORDERS READ

The hearing opened with a reading of the court orders issued by Judge Battle concerning publicity. Stories from The Commercial Appeal and The Press-Scimitar were read, along with the stories published on Sept. 12 for which Hamilton and Edmundson were ordered to show cause why they should not be held in contempt.

Bubba Blackwell, Criminal Court Clerk, produced lists with Hamilton and Edmundson's signatures on which they had signed for copies of Judge Battle's orders issued on July 30. This was an at-

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Lawyers Clash as Judge Hears Contempt Cases

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tempt to show that the two reporters had knowledge of the court's orders, even though newspapers were not cited in them.

The junior Hanes made a motion to exclude all the evidence presented and to dismiss the petition against his client. He said that the evidence presented "is not prima facie evidence against him that these conversations ever took place at all," that they were hearsay evidence.

DENIAL

Judge Battle interrupted: "Does he deny these conversations took place?" The young lawyer seemed a little hesitant about answering. Battle insisted: "Answer my question. Does he deny these conversations?"

Then young Hanes said: "Yes, he must deny the substance of the reports (of the conversations). He is in the process of preparing major litigation. If he is going to be subjected to hearsay evidence, he would be subject to the will or vagary of any reporter or editor across the country." He said his father would "be spending all his time" defending himself against such charges.

Battle refused to dismiss the charges and said: "There are real issues to be decided here and now." He referred to the attorneys for the defense as "lawyers who show proneness for making press statements" and holding press conferences.

Burch asked if the senior Hanes said he had been misquoted by Hamilton and Edmundson. "If so, we want it in the record by a sworn statement," Burch said.

BURDEN OF PROOF

The junior Hanes asked: "Your honor, is the burden of proof on the defendant?"

Battle replied: "No, on the petitioners to the case, but they have a right to ask for an affidavit that says he was misquoted."

Hanes read several parts of the Commercial Appeal article of Sept. 12 and denied that they constituted any violation of the order.

Battle then asked about the statements in The Press-Scimitar article of Sept. 12 and about the statements alledgedly made in an interview printed in an Associated Press report from Birmingham.

Battle asked if the senior Hanes made the statements that were reported in the story of the Birmingham interview. Hanes replied: "No, not to Mr. Hamilton."

AP REPORT

Battle replied: "No, it was not made to Mr. Hamilton. It was made and disseminated in an Associated Press report which was picked up by Mr. Hamilton." Then Battle said he wanted to know if Hanes had ever made any extra-judicial (outside the courtroom) statements concerning the Ray case. At that point the junior Hanes offered to put his father on the stand and did so.

The senior Hanes took the stand. After being shown the newspaper clippings admitted that he had made complaints about Ray's treatment in open court, he said: "I did not set up any interviews. I did not call any press conferences."

He said he had declined to answer many questions put to him by newspaper reporters. The junior Hanes asked if he had ever intimated that Ray might not be able to stand trial Nov. 12 as scheduled because of his treatment in the jail.

EARLIER TRIAL

The senior Hanes said in reply: "As a matter of fact, I think this case should have gone to trial earlier. It was set earlier, but obviously for political reasons or some other reasons it was reset until Nov. 12."

POSTPONEMENT

The junior Hanes reread the statement concerning the postponement from The Press - Scimitar article of Sept. 12 and asked if he denied ever making that statement outside the courtroom. The senior Hanes said he did.

Burch asked the senior Hanes if he denied making the statement attributed to him concerning Ray's treatment in the jail. He again denied making the statement.

Hanes continued: "I'm more interested than anybody else, except the judge, in seeing that my client gets a fair trial. I ask you, am I going to do anything to prejudice my client's case?

Burch replied: "Are you also interested in the State getting a fair trial?"

MERITS

"I certainly am, sir," replied Hanes. "I have told the press around the world I would not comment on matters going into the merits of this case."

During the exchange between the two attorneys, they frequently interrupted each other, causing the junior Hanes to complain to the court about the by-play. He also objected to the manner in which Burch questioned the senior Hanes.

His objection was overruled.

Hanes continued his statement: "I have not called any press conferences for publicity. I don't need it. This case itself attracts publicity.

DEFENSE

"I am concerned with the problem of pre-trial publicity. I have argued against it before this court and I believe in it. But I'm going to defend my client with everything in my might."

Burch asked the senior Hanes if he intended in the future to make any statements in violation of the court's order prohibiting extra-judicial statements.

The two attorneys then discussed what constituted extra-judicial statements.

Burch asked Hanes if he thought the statements concerning Ray's treatment "will cause sympathy in the community."

Hanes replied he couldn't judge that. He said the question of whether Ray could get a fair trial could only be determined after a jury had been selected.

Hanes said in reply to a Burch question: "I had a lot of reporters call me, but I have not made any statement prejudicial."

'BUG' STATEMENT

Burch said: "Have you ever made a statement outside this courtroom to any person that . . . Ray has 'enough to bug anybody' because of tight security and bright lights in his cell?"

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MURKIN.

There are enclosed original and one copy each of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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Ray, Attorney Confer Again

Arthur J. Hanes held another jail cell conference with James Earl Ray today while Hanes' son, Arthur J. Hanes Jr., prepared to defend his father at a contempt hearing.

"I told my son that's one case he had better win or look for another law partner," quipped the senior Hanes, a former mayor of Birmingham.

Hanes, two Memphis newsmen and a private detective have been cited to appear before Judge W. Preston Battle at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow and show cause why they should not be held in contempt.

A petition filed last week by the Bar Association committee appointed by the judge to advise him on pretrial publicity charged Hanes and the others with violating the court's anti-publicity order.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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___ MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR

___ MEMPHIS, TENN.

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Canale Says Guards Don't Eavesdrop

Attorney General Denies Charge By Ray's Attorney

By ROY B. HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Atty. Gen. Phil Canale today "emphatically denied" a defense charge that guards eavesdrop over microphones on conversations between James Earl Ray and his chief legal counsel, Arthur B. Hanes Sr. in Shelby County Jail.

In a two-page written reply to defense motions filed last week, the attorney general said the microphones in Ray's cell are turned off during his conferences with Hanes.

"In truth and fact, the petitioner (Hanes) has had tests performed at his request showing to the petitioner's satisfaction that his conferences with Ray cannot be heard by guards in the cell," Canale said.

REQUESTS

The defense motion asked Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to order Sheriff William Morris to "cease and desist" from using television cameras, bright lights and microphones to monitor Ray's cell on the third floor of the county jail building.

Hanes charged he has never been able to talk to the prisoner outside of the presence of at least two guards and without being subjected to the scrutiny of television cameras and microphones.

"The attorney general is curious as to how the petitioner knows what has been or has not been heard by the guards assigned to Ray's cell," Canale stated in his answer, filed in the Criminal Court Clerk's office this morning.

'FOR SECURITY'

Asking Judge Battle to reject Hanes' motions, Canale maintained that the microphones were placed in the cell for security reasons. As to defense contentions that the sheriff's office should be stopped from censoring correspondence between Ray and his attorneys, Canale said the state is legally entitled "to read any written communication emanating from the prisoner Ray to anyone. For the sheriff not to do his duty in this regard would be incongruous with his duty to this office and to the people of this community."

Arguments on the motions are scheduled to be heard in Judge Battle's court Friday, the same day a hearing is scheduled on a contempt petition. Hanes, two newspaper reporters, Roy Hamilton of The Press-Scimitar and Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal, and a private investigator, Renfro Hays, have been instructed to appear before Judge Battle and show cause why they should not be held in contempt for violating the court's pre-trial, anti-publicity order.

Hanes and his son, Arthur J. Hanes Jr., who is assisting in Ray's defense, are flying to Memphis from Birmingham tonight. Ray's murder trial in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King is set for Nov. 12.

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Arresting Officer In London Expected As Ray Witness

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

Detective Supt. Tommy Butler of Scotland Yard, who arrested James Earl Ray at London's Heathrow Airport June 8, is expected to be a key witness when Ray goes on trial in November on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale last night confirmed that Superintendent Butler's name is on the list of prosecution witnesses Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle ordered given to Ray's attorneys.

The list is understood to contain the names of other detectives from London and those of several FBI investigators.

The list is described as "potential witnesses." But Superintendent Butler, a 55-year-old bachelor famed for such things as solving London's 1963 seven-million-dollar train robbery, is considered certain to be subpenaed.

Meanwhile Ray, in his suite at Shelby County Jail, was reported by Mr. Canale as "averaging nine hours sleep in 24 and no more disturbed or nervous than any other defendant called on to answer an indictment by which he could be sentenced to die."

The attorney general described Ray's condition in an answer filed in the Criminal Court clerk's office to charges that bright lights and television cameras interfere with the prisoner's sleep and possibly endanger his health.

Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, chief counsel for Ray, had charged that the conditions of Ray's imprisonment constitute "cruel and unusual punishment."

Mr. Canale agreed that microphones have been installed in Ray's cell but denied this constitutes a violation of the prisoner's right to private counsel.

The microphones are used for security purposes only and are turned off when Mr. Hanes and Ray confer, the attorney general said. Tests have been made and have proved to Mr. Hanes' admitted satisfaction that his conferences with the defendant are private and not overheard, Mr. Canale said.

Mr. Canale described as "ridiculous to the point of being ludicrous" Mr. Hanes' charge that television cameras are being used as a substitute for a lineup in preparing witnesses to identify Ray at the trial.

"If this were done, it would not be competent evidence under United States Supreme Court decisions," Mr. Canale added.

Mr. Hanes and his son, Arthur Hanes Jr., are to spend today in Memphis going over items of evidence, including the white Mustang in which Ray is said to have escaped from Memphis after shooting Dr. King April 4.

Mr. Hanes is also expected to file today his reply to Judge Battle's order to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of the court's order forbidding publicity that might interfere with a fair trial. The contempt hearing is set for 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

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The Commercial Appeal

Memphis, Tenn.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: September 30, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Judge W. Preston Battle, Memphis, Tennessee, issued a court order on September 18, 1968, for the defense to inspect, copy or photograph items and documents of evidence in relation to trial of James Earl Ray on state charges, which include penal records and psychiatric reports of Ray. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling the state's prosecution advised order is in reference to evidence now in possession of Memphis Police Department, and he does not intend to exhibit to the defense any reports contained in our investigative reports furnished to him by us. Representatives of Mr. Canale were in our laboratory reviewing evidence recovered by us and in our possession. Any evidence they request and we turn over to them will be subject to inspection by the defense. The Department has advised it will no doubt be necessary to turn over some of our evidence to Memphis authorities. Evidence recovered by Memphis is under very strict control of Mr. Canale.

ACTION:

This matter is being followed closely, and the Department is being furnished a copy of the court order. The Department will be advised of Mr. Canale's interpretation of the court order.

BACKGROUND:

Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, issued a court order on September 18, 1968, for the defense to inspect, copy or photograph items and documents of evidence in relation to the trial of James Earl Ray on state charges. The items and documents of evidence includes firearm, automobile and objects found therein, guest registers of hotels, motels and rooming houses, penal records of Ray,

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psychiatric reports of Ray, television sets, binoculars, or other tangible objects purportedly used or handled by Ray. The judge in this court order denied the defendants motion to produce ballistic and weapons test.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state's prosecution advised the order is in reference to the evidence now in possession of his department as recovered at the scene of the assassination by the Memphis Police Department. It is noted that the court order cites penal records of Ray and psychiatric reports. Reports such as these are contained in the results of investigative reports furnished to Mr. Canale, with Departmental approval. In relation to this Mr. Canale has advised the court order does not refer to the investigative reports furnished to him and he does not intend to exhibit these to the defense.

Three representatives from Mr. Canale's office were in our laboratory reviewing the evidence recovered by us and which is in our possession. According to Mr. Canale, when any of our evidence is turned over to them at their request, the Defense has the legal right to inspect this evidence. There appears to be nothing objectionable in this, as the Department has advised that it will no doubt be necessary to turn some of our evidence over to the Memphis authorities.

Mr. Canale has advised that Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, has inspected some of the evidence in possession of Memphis authorities and Hanes has not made any requests whatsoever for inspection of evidence in the FBI's possession. Mr. Canale has further advised the evidence as recovered by the Memphis Police Department is under his own very strict control and the utmost security is being maintained to insure the evidence is preserved.

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IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS. No. 16645
(Murder)

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias

ORDER

This cause having come on for hearing on September 6, 1968, on defense Motion for Discovery, the Court having heard arguments of counsel for the State of Tennessee and for the defense, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

It is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED as follows:

The defense Motion for Production of books, papers, documents and tangible objects is hereby granted as to the following: Any firearm or other weapon belonging to Defendant or allegedly used in committing the crime charged; Any automobile allegedly owned or operated by Defendant and any and all objects found therein; Documents, particularly guest registers, pertaining to any hotel, motel, rooming house or other purported place of residence, temporary or permanent, of Defendant from April 23, 1967, until June 8, 1968, and of the alleged victim of the crime charged from March 25, 1968, through April 4, 1968; Any photographs in possession of the Attorney General purportedly showing Defendant or others sought in connection with the crime herein charged; Penal records of Defendant, including any and all medical, optometric, or psychiatric reports contained therein or produced while Defendant was in custody of any authority; Any military records of Defendant in the possession of the Attorney General, including results of medical, optometric, or psychiatric tests and results of proficiency tests; Passports, visas and applications therefor; Manifests, passenger lists, tickets, or other documents pertaining to transportation of or travel by Defendant; Any fingerprints found on tangible objects

named or produced herein; Any fingerprints used or displayed in any search for Defendant; Expended slugs from a firearm, or fragments thereof; Bullets, hulls, shells or casings, expended or unexpended; Maps, television sets, binoculars, or other tangible objects purportedly used or handled by Defendant; Logs and records of calls made over the radio network of any law enforcement agency of Shelby County, Tennessee, during the period of April 4, 1968 through April 5, 1968; The names and addresses of all witnesses for the State in this cause; Any and all statements, signed or unsigned, attributed to or purportedly made by Defendant and ~~any and all statements made in the presence of the Defendant to which note of his reaction was made;~~ A & H. Any bank or trust company records pertaining to Defendant, his accounts or transactions by or concerning him.

The Attorney for Defendant shall be allowed to inspect, copy, or photograph the above named items and documents at such reasonable time, place and manner as shall be mutually convenient to the Attorney for the State and the Attorney for Defendant; The terms of such inspection shall remain under the supervision and control of the Court.

The Defendant's Motion to Produce ballistic and weapons tests and reports thereof is hereby denied as being the work product of a law enforcement officer or Attorney for the State.

Done this 18th day of September, 1968.

W. Preston Battle

Judge, Division 3, Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee

OK Robert K. Dunn
Executive City Attorney

9/14/68
approved for entry
attorney for
defendant

Rosen to DeLoach memorandum

RE: MURKIN

ENCLOSURE (1)

94-38867-5213

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 9/30/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Miami is one xerox copy of a letter addressed to the Shelby County Sheriff, Memphis, Tenn., from [redacted] who is an inmate of the Collier County jail, Naples, Fla.

According to the contents of this letter, [redacted] states he has some information of value re JAMES EARL RAY that would be of interest to the Sheriff. Also in this letter, [redacted] indicates that he wants "something out of the deal as well."

LEAD

MIAMI DIVISION

AT NAPLES, FLA.

Will UACB interview inmate [redacted] Collier County jail, to determine if he does have any pertinent information re the MURKIN investigation. No promises should be made to [redacted] nor should any deals be entered into.

Memphis indices negative as to whether [redacted] was interviewed by any division re MURKIN matter.

(3) - Bureau (Enc. 1) ENCLOSURE
2 - Miami (Enc. 1)
2 - Memphis
RFB:LF
(7)

44-38861-5214

REC-57

18 OCT 2 1968

C. C. Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

5 OCT

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987)

One xerox copy of a letter

REF: MEairtel to Bureau 9/30/68

44-38861-5214

ENCLOSURE

Sept 24, 1968

P.O. Box [redacted]
Naples, Fla.

Dear Sheriff:

My name is: [redacted]

[redacted] age 26 years.

I have been in the Missouri State Prison, three (3) Times.

This is to let you know I got out June 1, 1966. I was in the Walls from: January until June, 1966.

Sir I have some information concerning James Earl Ray. If you are interested please contact me at the

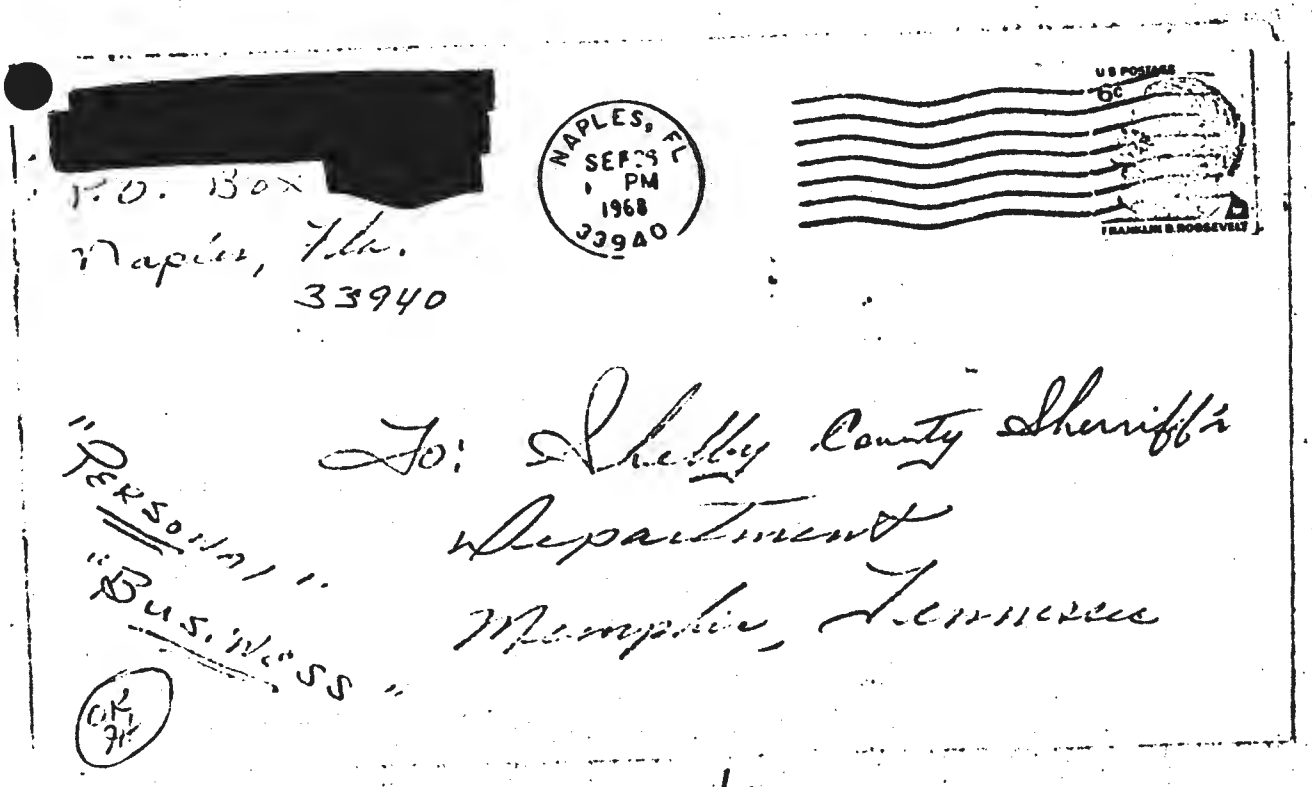
Collier County Jail,
Naples, Florida, Oct 1967.

I think that you will be very much interested, that may I also state that I want something out of the deal as well.

I am doing two (2) years at the county stocade, but I am now in the County Jail, for an escape, of the 22nd. September, 1968.

Hoping To hear from you soon Lucius Lewis [redacted]

P.S. I want the time suspended on me. Out of state Law



[redacted]
P.O. Box
Naples, Fla.
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U.S. POSTAGE
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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

To: Shelby County Sheriff's
Department
Memphis, Tennessee

"Personal"
"Business"

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JH

Mr. Leo M. Pellerzi
Assistant Attorney General for Administration

October 2, 1968

Director, FBI

Voucher Covering Cost of Airplane --
Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In response to verbal instructions received from Mr. F. A. Long, Acting Chief, Budget and Accounts Branch, Justice, there is attached a voucher, for payment from Departmental funds, in an amount of $9,214.60 received from Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, erroneously billed to this Bureau. This voucher covers flight of the plane from the United States to England to pick up James Earl Ray, subject, and return him to the United States. All arrangements for this flight were made by representatives of the Department of Justice. Furthermore, since the plane was used to transport a prisoner, the funds of this Bureau are not available for payment of this voucher.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. Rosen (Direct)

WCJ:klw klw
(11)

MAILED 3
OCT 2 - 1968
COMM-FBI

NOTE: Mr. F. A. Long advised this office voucher would probably be paid from Department funds and that the State of Tennessee had promised to reimburse the Department.

EX-102

44-38861-5215

ENCLOSURE

OCT 3 1968

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

Form 1010
GAO 4C00
1080-106-04

VOUCHER FOR TRANSFERS BETWEEN APPROPRIATIONS AND/OR FUNDS

D.O. Vou. No.
Bu. Vou. No.
Bill No 4026-8-69

PAID BY

Department of Justice, Mr. N. P. Callahan
Aiisistent Director, of Admin. Div. FBI Room 5515
Washington, D. C. 20535

U.S. _____ (Department, establishment, bureau, or office billed) _____, Dr.,

To U.S. HQ MAC (MAEIV.) SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS 62225 (Department, establishment, bureau, or office billing)

ORDER NO.	DATE OF DELIVERY	ARTICLES OR SERVICES	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE Cost	UNIT PRICE Per	AMOUNT Dollars and Cents
	Aug.68	Special Assignment Airlift Service. SFB/999/160 174.80 Two(2)fares from McGuire to Lakenheath A.B. @ 73.00= 146.00 320.80 SFB/1175/200 8,893.80				$9,214.60
		Military Labor Cost: $5,316.82				Record Date-Month: Oct. 68
		Military Labor Cost reflects 57.7% of the Special Assignment Tariff rate for all FY 69 charges.				
					TOTAL	$9,214.60

Remittance in payment hereof should be sent to —

HQ MAC (MAEACAO) SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS 62225 20 Sept. 68

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION — *Billing Office* (Appropriation Symbol must be shown; other classification optional)

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION	AMOUNT
57X4922.030 68 C86 S595200	$9,214.60

CERTIFICATE OF OFFICE BILLED

I certify that the above articles were received and accepted or the services performed as stated and should be charged to the appropriation(s) and/or fund(s) as indicated below; or that the advance payment requested is approved and should be paid as indicated.

_____ (Authorized administrative or certifying officer)

_____ (Date)

_____ (Title)

ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION — *Office Billed* (Appropriation Symbol must be shown; other classification optional)

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Paid by check No. 2165

SPEC[redacted] ASSIGN[redacted]T AIRLIFT FLIGHT ITINERARY L[redacted]

DATE PREPARED: 19 July 68

1. TO:	2. FROM:	
MAC (MABAC) Scott AFB, Illinois 62225	98 MASq, 89 MAWg Andrews AFB, Wash DC 20331	
3. TRIP IDENTIFIER SFB/1175/200	4. AIRCRAFT NUMBER 62-4129	5. AIRCRAFT TYPE C-135
6. REIMBURSING AGENCY Office of the Secretary of the Air Force	CUSTOMERS IDENTIFICATION CODE 4-4-669-4580-525300	BARD NUMBER

7. AUTHORIZATION

Special Missions Office, Hq USAF

8. FLIGHT ITINERARY

	LOCATION	DATE	TIME	FLT TIME
DEPART	Andrews AFB	18 Jul	1415	(leg 1)
ARRIVE	Lakenheath AB, England	18 Jul	2140	7+25
DEPART	Lakenheath AB, England	18 Jul	2335	(leg 2)
ARRIVE	Memphis NAS, Tennessee	19 Jul	0850	9+15
DEPART	Memphis NAS, Tennessee	19 Jul	0955	(leg 3)
ARRIVE	Andrews AFB	19 Jul	1130	1+35
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REMARKS

Passenger Manifest Attached

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TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE	SIGNATURE
JOHN E. JOLLEY JR, LT COL, OPS OFFICER	[redacted]

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GPO 894-143

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT AIRLIFT FLIGHT ITINERARY

DATE PREPARED: 19 July 68

1. TO: MAC (MARAC)
Scott AFB, Illinois 62225

2. FROM: 98 MASq, 89 MAWg
Andrews AFB, Wash DC

3. TRIP IDENTIFIER: SFB/1114/199

4. AIRCRAFT NUMBER: 62-4126

5. AIRCRAFT TYPE: C-135

6. REIMBURSING AGENCY: Department of the Army

CUSTOMERS IDENTIFICATION CODE: 4-4-669-4580-525300

BARD NUMBER:

7. AUTHORIZATION: Special Missions Office, Hq USAF

8. FLIGHT ITINERARY

LOCATION	DATE	TIME	FLT TIME
DEPART Andrews AFB	18 Jul	0140	(leg 1)
ARRIVE Rhein Main AB, Germany	18 Jul	1000	8+20
DEPART Rhein Main AB, Germany	18 Jul	1200	(leg 2)
ARRIVE Andrews AFB	18 Jul	2026	8+26
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		TOTAL FLIGHT TIME	16+46

REMARKS

Passenger Manifest Attached

TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE: JOHN E. JOLLEY JR, LT COL, OPS OFFICER

SIGNATURE:

AF FORM Nov 61, 91

GPO 894-143

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY

Mission #999 VG-7943

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (Agency) requests military air transportation for official travel (Purpose).

Route: Andrews-McGuire

I certify that commercial transportation is neither available, readily obtainable or satisfactorily capable of meeting requirements.

I certify that U. S. military air transportation requested above is required by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is to be billed to: Assistant Director, Administrative Division, FBI, 9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20535.

N. P. Callahan
Assistant Director

44-38811

ENC.

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT AIRLIFT FLIGHT ITINERARY

DATE PREPARED: 13 Aug 68

1. TO:	2. FROM:
(MAC (MABAC) Scott AFB, Ill	98 Mil Alft Sq Andrews AFB, Wash, DC

3. TRIP IDENTIFIER	4. AIRCRAFT NUMBER	5. AIRCRAFT TYPE
SFB/1175/200	62-4129	C135

6. REIMBURSING AGENCY	CUSTOMERS IDENTIFICATION CODE	CARD NUMBER
The Department of Justice		

7. AUTHORIZATION

Special Missions Office-Hq USAF

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REMARKS

Transportation request attached

THIS IS A CORRECTED COPY

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TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE	SIGNATURE
JOHN E ROLLEY JR, Lt Col, Ops Officer	John E Rolley Jr

AF FORM NOV 61 91

GPO 894-143

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT AIRLIFT FLIGHT ITINERARY

DATE PREPARED: 19 July 68

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REMARKS

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TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE	SIGNATURE
JOHN E. JOLLEY JR, LT COL, OPS OFFICER	John E Jolley Jr

AF FORM NOV 91 91

GPO 894-143

AFR 76-28

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF LIABILITY

Memphis # 175

The Department of Justice
Agency

request military air transportation for the return, under extradition proceedings, of James Earl Ray from London, England to the United States.
(Purpose)

ROUTE: Andrews AFB, Md. - Lakenheath AFB, England - Memphis, Tenn. - Andrews AFB, Md.

I certify that commercial transportation is neither available, readily obtainable, nor satisfactory capable of meeting the requirement.

I certify that U.S. military air transportation requested above is required by The Department of Justice
(Name of Requesting Agency)
and is to be billed to Budget and Accounts Office
(Address)
Administrative Division, Department of Justice, Washington D. C. 20530

Signature [signature]

Name L. M. Pellerzi
(Typed or Printed)

Title Assistant Attorney General for Administration

8-9-68
Cpy to 89th MAW

44-38864-1

ENCLOSURE

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 10/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-9586) (P)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis and Jackson, dated 9/26/68, with attached interview of Mr. BILL SARTOR.

Indices check at Jackson disclosed the following:

A review of Jackson file [redacted] disclosed that on 3/3/67, one JAN SARTOR contacted the Greenville, Mississippi, Resident Agent of the FBI where she provided the following information:

She is (at that time) the Greenville reporter for the Memphis "Commercial Appeal" (a daily newspaper from Memphis, Tennessee) and also writes free lance for other papers and magazines. She has written articles under the name of JAN SCUDDER for Sepia, a Negro magazine produced at Fort Worth, Texas. Her husband, WILLIAM SARTOR, writes free lance for Time and Life Magazines.

In August, 1966, she attended a conference of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in

C. C. - Bishop

3-Bureau (RM)
2-Memphis
3-Jackson
2-157-9586
1-157-7945
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

61 OCT 10 1968

Jackson, Mississippi, and later wrote an article for Sepia Magazine concerning this conference. During the period she covered this conference, she was not accompanied by her husband and registered at the King Edward Hotel in Jackson as JAN SCUDDER.

Shortly after her return to Greenville from Jackson, she received a telephone call from an individual who said he was calling long distance from a pay telephone which she assumed was in Jackson, Mississippi. This individual furnished his name as either ED or JAMES FLEMING. He said he had attended the SCLC Conference at Jackson and had seen a man taking a photograph of her standing in front of the King Edward Hotel with two Negro males. He stated he was trying to determine the identity of the photographer, as his picture had also been taken at that time. This individual asked her several times why she was there and asked her whether or not she was a member of SCLC.

A few days later she received another long distance telephone call and the operator said the unidentified caller was trying to reach ED HAMLETT. Mrs. SARTOR said she was not aware of it at that time but later learned that ED HAMLET is a Negro who is a member of the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), which is a branch of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

Mrs. SARTOR alleged that the man's voice in the background sounded similar to the same man who had called her previously.

She received no further telephone calls until last week (5-10-67) when she received another telephone call wherein the operator asked for BILL SARTOR. During this incident the operator said she was trying to reach ED HAMLETT through Mr. SARTOR. She heard the same man's

voice giving the number to the telephone operator. This was also a long distance telephone call, city not known.

Prior to 5/17/67, the telephone operator called and told her they were trying to locate Mrs. SARTOR's mother and the operator requested the name of her mother, and where she could be reached. During this call the same man came on the telephone and said he was calling from Nashville, Tennessee. He indicated his name was JAMES MASON and that he was calling for JAMES FLEMING. He stated he thought they might be related and he was trying to locate relatives.

Mrs. SARTOR alleged that she did not give this man any information. Later, the same day, she received another telephone call wherein the operator said she was trying to locate Mrs. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mrs. SARTOR inquired from the operator the identity of the calling party and she heard a man say that he did not want to give his name. The operator then told her the telephone call was from a public telephone in Memphis, Tennessee.

Since the last incident, her maid, her neighbor, and her employer, the "Commercial Appeal" have all received telephone calls inquiring about her relatives, husband, type of work, and other personal information. She said the telephone call at the "Commercial Appeal" was concerning her association with Sepia Magazine, which she had not told her employer at the "Commercial Appeal" about, and whether or not her husband wrote articles for Ebony Magazine.

During the above interview, Mrs. SARTOR said she was concerned about the harassing nature of the telephone calls and that she was unable to determine the purpose of such calls. She said she felt that someone

may be mistakenly identifying her as a civil rights worker because she attends numerous civil rights functions in an official capacity for her employers. She indicated she does not and never has belonged to any civil rights organizations. She said that one of the editors of the "Commercial Appeal" suggested to her that the originator of these telephone calls could be one EDGAR DOWNING a self-styled investigator [redacted] known to the Memphis area.

The following description and background data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	Mrs. WILLIAM G. SARTOR
Aliases	Jan Sartor Jan Scudder Johnna Lou Scudder
Sex	Female
Race	White
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	
Height	5' 11"
Weight	115 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Marital status	Married (WILLIAM G. SARTOR)
Parents	CHARLES and LULA SCUDDER Spur, Texas
Employment	Reporter, "Commercial Appeal" Memphis, Tennessee; free lance writer.
Residence	[redacted] Greenville, Mississippi.

The file further reflected that on 5/19/67, EDGAR DOWNING contacted the Jackson FBI Office in person seeking information concerning JAN SARTOR. DOWNING indicated

he has been making an investigation concerning the activities of this woman. No information was furnished to Mr. EDGAR DOWNING.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS

Will conduct indices check concerning EDGAR DOWNING. It should be noted that referenced Bureau airtel instructs that no interview of SARTOR should be conducted until the Bureau advises to do so.

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 10-1-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

There are enclosed original and one copy each of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

ENCLOSURE

(3) BUREAU (Enc. 10)
1 MEMPHIS

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(4)

1 copy of each
Encl (5) obt
1 Memphis Ltr
Rec'd 10/3/68

REC- 65

EX 106 44-38861-5217

16 OCT 3 1968

C.D. BISHOP

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

(Mount Clipping In Space Below)

Four Held in Contempt For Ray Case Reports

Sentencing Is Withheld

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle today held in contempt of his court all four defendants involved in news reports of the James Earl Ray murder case, but withheld punishment pending their future actions.

Convicted after a hearing all-day last Friday and this morning were:

Arthur Hanes, Birmingham attorney for the man accused of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Roy Hamilton, reporter for The Memphis Press-Scimitar;

Charles Edmundson, reporter for The Commercial Appeal;

Renfro T. Hays, Memphis private investigator for Hanes.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 1+10

MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 9-30-68
Edition: Home
Author:
Editor: CHARLES H. SCHNEIDER
Title:

Character:
or
Classification: 44-1987
Submitting Office: Memphis

☐ Being Investigated

ENCLOSURE

44-38861-5217

Stories written by Hamilton and Edmundson on Sept. 12 quoting the other two defendants were responsible for Judge Battle's order demanding they show cause why they should not be held in contempt of his previous orders barring extra-judicial statements concerning the Ray case set for trial Nov. 12.

STATEMENT

Battle read a long prepared statement in which he cited the news articles of the two reporters, criticized Hanes and his investigator for making extra-judicial statements, and added that he believed "Mr. Edmundson told the truth" as opposed to investigator Hays.

Battle cited Supreme Court cases, particularly Sheppard vs. Maxwell, backing up his order on extra-judicial news. He said, "these two newspaper reporters avoid responsibility by using the immunity of the First Amendment," but he maintained that they knew the regulations of the order because it was widely disseminated.

Battle summed up his findings by saying:

"Justice demands a fair trial by an impartial jury both for James Earl Ray and the State of Tennessee."

After the judge announced his decision, attorneys for the two newsmen requested a brief recess. The group came back into the courtroom a short time later and Ezra Bryan, Scripps-Howard Newspapers' attorney from Cleveland, presented two motions.

ASKS SENTENCE

Bryan asked Judge Battle to reconsider his decision and, in the event this motion was not granted, to impose sentence so that an appeal could be made.

Bryan argued that to withhold sentence would be to place the newspapers and their reporters "in limbo" as to what they could print about the Ray case.

"This is a matter with which conscientious reporters and responsible newspapers cannot possibly live," said Bryan.

DENIAL

Judge Battle denied both motions. He said that while he "could deeply sympathize" with the newspapers' desire to have an appellate court act, he was not ready to pass sentence at this time, as he had said in his earlier ruling.

Much of this morning's session was taken up with arguments concerning the truth of statements attributed to Hays by Edmundson in his Commercial Appeal story.

Armistead Clay, attorney for Memphis Publishing Co. representing both Hamilton and Edmundson, told the court in his arguments for dismissal that it was clear the U.S. Supreme Court "deliberately refrained" from authorizing such orders that could be used against the press.

'AIN'T TALKING

The other two defendants were reluctant to comment. Asked if he had a statement to make, the elder Hanes said with a laugh: "Yeah, I've got a statement to make —I ain't talking."

Hays, when asked if he would comment, said: "No, sir. I'm not even me."

Court recessed until this afternoon, when Judge Battle was to continue hearing the motion by defense attorney Hanes that the defendant, James Earl Ray, was subjected to cruel treatment by means of the lights and TV cameras trained on him in his cell.

SPECULATION

There was speculation that Ray would be brought down from jail for the hearing. The senior Hanes said he wouldn't call Ray, but the judge might want him, in connection with Hanes' motion that the TV camera and lights in the prisoner's cell are bothering him.

Giving rise to this speculation was that today, for the first time, Sheriff William Morris was sitting in the courtroom.

BATTLE

Much of the morning session consisted of a hot verbal battle between reporter Edmundson and Robert Livingston, attorney for Hays, over the Sept. 12 story which Edmundson wrote.

In Edmundson's 8-paragraph story Hays was quoted as saying security measures for Ray at the Shelby County Jail compared with "devices used by Communist police agents to destroy the health and balance of their victims."

Edmundson quoted Hays as saying Ray's health was threatned by bright lights left shining night and day in his cell, by constant monitoring of the prisoner by TV cameras and by uninterrupted lack of privacy.

The conditions are not the result of intentional persecution, Edmundson quoted Hays as saying.

Leo Bearman Jr. was prosecutor today for the bar association committee pushing the contempt action. He replaced Lucius Burch, who was prosecutor Friday and was out of the city today. Arthur Hanes Jr. defended his father.

ETHICS

Early in the session the question of press ethics featured a verbal battle between Edmundson and Livingston.

The clash was over a story Edmundson wrote about an interview with Hays. Last Friday Hays said he talked with Edmundson three times, including once at Hays' home.

Edmundson said Friday

...that the interview from which the story was written took place at The Commercial Appeal office.

Today Edmundson was first on the witness stand, being questioned at length by Livingston. Edmundson testified:

"He (Hays) said, 'I trust you. Use your judgment.'

"I protected Mr. Hays by writing just a minor part of what he said. You're not serving your own interests by pressing this point. He gave me a hand-written statement by a man reportedly present when this shooting occurred."

OBJECTION

Bearman objected to the questioning.

Livingston replied:

"Every time I ask him (Edmundson) a question for a 'yes' or 'no' he goes off on a big dissertation."

In the beginning of testimony, Livingston asked that charges against Hays be dismissed because of Edmundson's testimony at the end of last Friday's all-day session.

Referring to Edmundson, Livingston said:

"He acted against the advice of his own attorney (Armistead Clay). We had a material witness in the courtroom Friday who could have refuted the testimony. He left on a Greyhound bus Friday afternoon for the state of Kentucky, and Mr. Hays has not been able to reach him all weekend. I submit Hays' rights were prejudiced by this unusual procedure — after both attorneys presented their arguments, the court recessed and Mr. Edmundson went into a huddle with his attorney. Against the attorney's advice, he sought permission of the court to testify."

WITNESSES

Livingston said there were also many members of the bar present Friday who were to be presented as character witnesses. He said they could not be present today because of other commitments. Livingston also again urged that Burch be removed as chairman of bar committee because he was attorney for Martin Luther King.

Livingston added:

"In the event that Hays should be found in contempt of this court, his work as an investigator would be seriously hampered," and added that James Earl Ray "will be denied a fair trial before an impartial jury."

Livingston questioned Edmundson in great detail about his notes on the meetings with Hays. Edmundson said that after the session last Friday he had made a cursory search for his notebook, but had not been able to find it.

NOTES

Hays' attorney accused Edmundson of making mental rather than verbal notes. Edmundson pointed out that most reporters do both. Edmundson retorted:

"The material witness you are talking about had nothing to do with the story that was written. I wrote the story from the interview with Hays at my office. When I visited Hays' home the material witness was there, but the story in question had been published weeks before."

Edmundson said he would be glad to furnish a memo — a long one — that had been written by him to the metropolitan editor from the notes of the interview with Hays. Edmundson said, however, that he had asked Hays to talk to him and "tell me what the defense attitude was and what the defense was going to be. He did tell me, and what was printed was a minor part. The rest can be seen in the memo."

The junior Hanes rose at this point and said, "I object to plans of the defense (being admitted) . . . I deny we had anything to do with the defendant."

INADMISSIBLE

Battle ruled the unpublished material inadmissable because it might prejudice the case against Ray.

Livingston said "when this witness testified he said he did not put everything in that Mr. Hays said. This shows he put everything in he wanted to. Do I understand he (Hays) did not come unsolicited to your office?"

Edmondson: "I went by his office to ask him to come see me. He was not there and I left word for him to call."

Livingston: "You didn't know him before? You saw him on Sept. 6 in the courtroom."

Edmondson: "I didn't see him there in the sense of recognizing him."

Livingston: "How did you know where his office was?"

Edmondson: "That would involve giving away certain sources. I did not feel that I had to protect Mr. Hays any longer when he came here and told deliberate falsehoods. I no longer felt any responsibility to protect him as a source."

Livingston asked Edmondson if he made any attempt to find his notes after he learned that Hays had filed a sworn denial to anything that Edmondson had in his story.

FACTS

Edmondson said he thought it was a legal move and paid little attention to it. "I'm not so deeply interested in legal formalities as I am the facts," said Edmondson.

There was a skirmish between Edmondson and Livingston over what indirect and direct quotations meant in a reporter's vocabulary. Edmondson said heatedly "indirect quotations don't represent a word-for-word account. They are an accurate reflection of what he (Hays) told me."

Livingston questioned Edmondson about a phrase in his story saying Hays "said last night." Edmondson said "he came to my office fairly late in the afternoon — about 4:30—and it was about 6:15 when he left."

Livingston said he still wanted to know what Edmondson meant by "night."

Edmondson said, "I consider night begins at 6 p.m."

STORY WRITING

Several times Livingston questioned Edmundson about why some statements in Edmundson's story were direct quotations and some indirect.

Edmundson told Livingston that he considered himself a better judge of how the story should be written than Livingston.

Edmundson turned to the judge and objected to some of the questions Livingston asked. Battle warned Livingston not to "rag the witness."

Livingston then asked if Edmundson had ever had other complaints about his reporting. Edmundson brought laughs from spectators when he said he had and that chief among them was Burch, chairman of the bar committee. Edmundson offered to describe the circumstances of the complaint, but Judge Battle ruled that it was not pertinent.

Edmundson repeated his statement that all of the information printed in his story was correct and that he, in fact, had left out many things Hays had told him concerning the case.

Hays, in rebuttal testimony said the interview between himself and Edmundson in the Hays home took place before the story in question was printed.

Hays said the interview in



ROY HAMILTON



RENFRO HAYS



ARTHUR HANES



CHARLES EDMUNDSON

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Court Puts Off Sentencing

By JOHN MEANS

Four men were ruled in contempt of court for violating court orders on pre-trial publicity in the James Earl Ray case yesterday, but Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle refused to impose sentence pending their "future actions."

The judge said he was "just not ready to decide" the fate of the defendants despite a plea by a Scripps-Howard Newspapers attorney that sentence be imposed promptly "so that an appeal might be taken."

Judge Battle's action was aimed at Charles Edmundson, a reporter for The Commercial Appeal, and Roy Hamilton, Memphis Press-Scimitar reporter, for articles appearing under their by-lines Sept. 12.

The Commercial Appeal vowed editorially today to fight the ruling to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary. It also promised to continue to report to its readers the developments in the Ray case.

Also cited in Judge Battle's lengthy decision was Arthur Hanes, Ray's attorney, and Renfro Hays, a private investigator working for Mr. Hanes. Mr. Hays was quoted in the article by Mr. Edmundson, and Mr. Hanes' contempt citation stemmed from remarks attributed to him by Mr. Hamilton.

Ezra Bryan of Cleveland, Ohio, attorney for Scripps-Howard, returned to the courtroom early yesterday afternoon after the judge had read his verdict and recessed for lunch, to plead with Judge Battle to reconsider his action in relation to Mr. Edmundson and Mr. Hamilton, or to impose a prompt sentence.

"Conscientious reporters and responsible newspapers cannot possibly live under the circumstances which would arise under the present posture of this case," Mr. Bryan said.

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"Three two men are in limbo, under threat of punishment by the court, rather than under a court order. The penalty must be imposed on the people who open the door, rather than the reporters who report them open."

He called the judge's ruling "censorship at its worst."

Judge Battle's ruling knocked down two basic contentions by Mr. Hanes and the reporters.

The newsmen's attorney, Armistead Clay, contended their rights under the First Amendment involving freedom of the press would be violated under such a citation. Mr. Hanes' lawyer, Arthur Hanes Jr., argued that his father said nothing to newsmen that had not already come out in open court, and therefore was not "extra-judicial" under the terms of the judge's order.

But Judge Battle said, "There is surely an obvious difference between making **charges** and claims in court . . . where the opposing side can challenge the truth of the charges and claim . . . and the giving of unsworn statements outside court . . .

(Such statements) are in violation of the orders of the court whether made before or after the same identical statements are made in open court or in a pleading filed in court.

"It is my present opinion that the respondents, each and all, have failed to show good cause why they should not be held in contempt for the violating of the orders of this court, of which they had notice.

"I am not yet ready to decide what final disposition should be made of the matter. It might well be that future action and conduct of all or some of these respondents might be considered as a mitigation or even as a purgation of the offense."

Judge Battle's verdict also made it clear he did not believe the testimony of Mr. Hays, who swore Friday and again yesterday that he did not make the statements attributed to him in Mr. Edmundson's news story. Mr. Edmundson testified that he did.

"The testimony is in direct conflict," Judge Battle said. It is the duty of the court to determine the credibility of the witnesses and determine the truth of the matter.

"The court believes Mr. Edmundson has told the truth."

Earlier in the day, Mr. Edmundson clashed with Robert Livingston, Mr. Hays' attorney, who asked the reporter why he had not brought his notes into court, knowing that Mr. Hays had filed an answer in court last week denying he was guilty of the contempt charges.

"I didn't take your formal denial as anything but a pro forma legal document," Mr. Edmundson answered. "I don't take my cues from you, or from any orders you file in court."

The attorney then read part of Mr. Edmundson's story.

Q—Did he (Mr. Hays) say that word for word verbatim?

A—Is that in quotation marks?

Q—I'm asking you, is that what he said?

A—And I'm asking you—

Q—Your honor, please instruct the witness—

Judge Battle: Well, let him see the document. You can't examine him without letting him see it.

Q—Your honor, he wrote it.

Judge Battle: Let him see it.

In response to a question as to why he did not use quotation marks, Mr. Edmundson said he felt himself a better judge of how to write a news story than the attorney. "I don't tell you how to practice law."

Q—Why didn't you put it in direct quotes?

A—I didn't want to. Judge, isn't he arguing here?

Judge Battle: I think you're beating a dead horse. Don't bullyrag the witness.

Judge Battle also overruled a motion to dismiss the case against Mr. Hays on the grounds that Lucius Burch, who served as prosecutor in Friday's hearing, was the attorney for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., at the time Ray is accused of slaying him, and consequently is prejudiced against Mr. Hays.

Mr. Burch, the chairman of the seven-man group of attorneys who brought the contempt charges, was not in court yesterday. His place was taken by Leo Bearman Jr., another member of the "friend of the court" committee.

Other members of the committee, appointed by Judge Battle to advise him on publicity and pre-trial procedure, are Alan Hanover, Lee Hardison, James Causey, Cooper Turner Jr. and Don Owens. Mr. Owens is president of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association.

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Cell Scrutiny To Go On

James Earl Ray strode smartly into Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle's courtroom yesterday afternoon, sat quietly for two hours, then heard the judge deny a motion to turn off the lights, microphones and television cameras in his cell at the Shelby County Jail.

Accused in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Ray goes on trial Nov. 12. Yesterday he did not take the stand and did not speak a word to anyone as he sat behind his attorneys, Arthur Hanes and Arthur Hanes Jr. Ray wore a blue, pin-striped suit, a light blue shirt and blue tie and a fresh haircut.

His appearance was delayed from last Friday by a hearing in which Mr. Hanes and three others were accused of contempt of court in connection with publicity in his case. Security measures planned for Friday were put into well-rehearsed operation yesterday afternoon.

Judge Battle ruled that the lights, cameras and microphone in Ray's jail cell constituted reasonable s e c u r i t y measures. "If he's photo-sensitive, department stores sell these black masks like women and people who work at night wear," he told Mr. Hanes.

Sheriff William N. Morris testified that his officers have been ordered to inspect any notes that Ray passes to Mr. Hanes during their talks in his third-floor cell in the County Jail. He and Captain Billy J. Smith, who is in charge of the security detail that guards Ray day and night, both testified that this is to prevent Ray from getting a drawing or diagram of his cell out of the building.

"We are looking for maps, drawings, evidence of jail dia-

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grams," Captain Smith said. "We don't read the notes, we just inspect them."

This brought a request from Robert Dwyer, executive assistant attorney general, that Judge Battle order more stringent security measures, insisting that all Ray's notes should be read. Judge Battle overruled the request, before proceeding to overrule Mr. Hanes' motions to relax the electronic and double-guard vigil over his client.

Mr. Hanes began the hearing by announcing that Ray "has reaffirmed his faith in us . . . we have agreed to continue to represent the defendant." Mr. Hanes had suggested last Friday that differences between him and Ray in trial strategy might cause him to step out of the case.

The lights in the court building dimmed perceptibly at 3:45 p.m., startling deputies in the hallway. Inside the courtroom, Judge Battle looked up at the offending light fixtures, and smiled. Spectators smiled at each other, and the hearing continued.

Four blocks away in the Light, Gas and Water Building, technicians said they conducted a routine switching of power substations. "The flickering affected most of the city. But that's all it was . . . a flickering."

Ray appeared somewhat pale, though Captain Smith said he had gained some weight on his jail diet. The officer said he had been averaging about 8½ hours sleep a night, and Judge Battle commented in his ruling that "It has been testified Mr. Ray has been sleeping more than I have lately."

Lawyers, newsmen and other spectators were subjected to the same rigid security — searches, video tape recordings of voices and the issuance of identification badges — that marked Ray's only other appearance in court when he was arraigned in July. As before, he entered court between two officers. Three burly deputies sat behind him.

He sat quietly throughout the no-recess hearing, yawning occasionally, scratching his right ear now and then. He seemed calm.

Mr. Hanes' reference to "high-powered lights" was the subject of Captain Parker's testimony, when Mr. Dwyer asked him if he had determined the brightness of the 24-hour-a-day lights.

"I checked them with a light meter," Captain Parker said. "In the cell block, outside the cell, they measure nine foot candles. Inside the cell, the reading is six. It's five here in the courtroom, and on an overcast day outside, the reading is 65."

Captain Parker also said Ray "seems a little more relaxed than when he first came here, when he didn't know what was going to happen to him. And he appears to have gained a little weight." He said Ray spends about $20 a month at the jail commissary for "sandwiches, orange juice and milk" in addition to his regular prison fare.

Mr. Hanes dwelled at length on the closeness of the television cameras pointed at Ray's cell, as he questioned Sheriff Morris:

Q—You do have television cameras there?

A—That's correct.

Q—Are they ever turned off, or are they on continuously?

A—They are on continuously.

Q—How many are there?

A—Two.

Q—How far is that from where he sleeps?

A—Would say six or eight feet.

Q—And it would show him when he lay down on his bed or when he went to the bathroom?

A—You could see a movement, but you could not see the details.

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Hanes May Quit As Ray Attorney

By JOHN MEANS

Attorney Arthur J. Hanes Sr. punctuated the end of a day-long legal skirmish yesterday by telling Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle he may step out of the James Earl Ray case.

The Birmingham attorney, who has represented the accused slayer of Dr. Martin Luther King since his arrest in June, told Judge Battle and a courtroom full of lawyers, newsmen and officers that "serious differences have arisen between me and my client as to the best way to conduct his defense and it is possible I may withdraw from this case."

The announcement came at the end of yesterday's court battle on four contempt of court cases.

A committee of seven attorneys, appointed by Judge Battle to advise him on pre-trial publicity and procedures, recommended contempt proceedings against Mr. Hanes, a private investigator employed by him and two newspaper reporters.

One of the newsmen, Charles Edmundson, a reporter for The Commercial Appeal, took the witness stand against the advice of his own counsel yesterday afternoon, to refute earlier testimony by the private investigator, Renfro T. Hays. Mr. Hays had denied statements attributed to him by Mr. Edmundson, which were the basis for the contempt citations.

"I did not originally mean to take the witness stand," Mr. Edmundson testified. "But in view of the reflections cast on The Commercial Appeal by the allegations of Mr. Hays — and Mr. (Lucius) Burch's insistence that my refusal to take the stand constituted a reflection on The Commercial Appeal and on my reputation as a reporter — I could not let it go by without taking the stand and I did not."

The lawsuit is probably unique in the nation's courts. The four were ordered to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of court at the suggestion of the committee of lawyers, whose standing in court is that of "amicus curiae,"—friends of the court. With Mr. Burch as spokesman, the committee acted as the prosecutors, making it necessary for the accused men, or

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"respondents," to defend themselves.

After Mr. Hays testified he did not make the statements attributed to him, Mr. Burch told Judge Battle the case against him was "a very weak case," since his testimony was not contradicted. It was then that Mr. Edmundson demanded that he be allowed to testify.

Roy Hamilton, reporter for the Memphis Press-Scimitar who also faces contempt charges, did not take the stand.

In his just-before-adjournment statement, Mr. Hanes attacked the lawyers' committee, saying, "I think prejudice is showing like a grandmother's petticoat under a granddaughter's miniskirt. I'm going to do everything I can to defend my client against whatever arises, including committees of lawyers. I do not know what their motives are, although I have my ideas."

Judge Battle commented from the bench that "Mr. Burch certainly does not need me to defend him but a charge of any prejudice against Mr. Burch or anyone on this committee, the court thinks is utterly ridiculous.

"We'll finish this matter Monday. Adjourn the court."

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Judge Battle's Decision

CRIMINAL COURT Judge Battle yesterday in an ancillary proceeding to the Ray case ruled that Charles Edmundson, a reporter for The Commercial Appeal, had violated an injunction prohibiting the lawyers and their investigators from making out-of-court statements on certain subjects. Hanes, Ray's counsel, and Hays, an investigator for him, were found guilty of making such statements which had been reported in this newspaper.

Unfortunately, Judge Battle did not enter a final, and so appealable, order by announcing the penalty. Thus, the sword of Damocles is hung over our head. It was suggested by the judge that the penalty might be reduced if henceforth we restricted our reporting of the Ray case to just what was said and done in open court.

Such handcuffing of the press and blindfolding of the citizens in a free country cannot be accepted by a responsible newspaper which must report all important happenings to the people.

History teaches us, most recently in Czechoslovakia, that freedom of speech and press are the cornerstone upon which rest our rights to open and fair trials; in fact, all of our basic liberties.

WITH ALL DUE respect for Judge Battle and the tremendous burden he carries, we must until this matter is finally determined by, if necessary, the United States Supreme Court, report the Ray case. This on the basis of our conviction forst, that the judge's injunction does not apply to this newspaper or its reporters, and second, if it did, it would be a nullity by being in conflict with the free press guarantee of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

In the meantime, our attorneys will be seeking all available routes to a final determination of this most important matter.

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The Tokyo Office has no cumulative totals to reflect in instant case for the month of September, 1968.

In view of the fact that for the last few months there has not been any additional investigation in this area and none is anticipated, UACB the Tokyo Office will discontinue submitting cost data in this matter. Of course, if further investigation is warranted, Legat will submit the data as was done in the past.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

We previously in a memorandum to the Department requested the Department to advise us what additional reports can be furnished to Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, in view of the scheduled state trial in Memphis on November 12, 1968.

The attached is in response to our memorandum and we are instructing our Memphis Office to provide the reports and memoranda immediately to Mr. Canale.

The Department finally took action.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Director
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DATE: October 9

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FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
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D.J. 144-72-6
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SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY

Please furnish Phil Canale, the Attorney General of Shelby County, Tennessee copies of the following reports which you have furnished us in this case:

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2. 5/10 - [redacted] - Chicago
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6. 5/17 - [redacted] - Miami
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18. 7/12 - [redacted] - New Orleans
19. 7/8 - [redacted] - Chicago
20. 7/30 - [redacted] - Atlanta
21. 8/22 - Joe Hester - This report contains the bulk of the information which you obtained from Mexico.
22. Your reports from Canada, which were submitted to us under cover memorandum of August 30, 1968.

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23. The four letterhead memoranda concerning your investigation in Portugal, dated June 13, June 18, June 24 and July 1, 1968.

24. Your letterhead memorandum submitted to us on June 13, 1968 entitled James Earl Ray alias Bridgeman, Sneyd - April 8-6, 1968, which is a summary of information which you obtained from Canada.

Mr. Owen of this office and myself will be meeting with Mr. Canale on Wednesday, October 2. If possible, please furnish these reports to Mr. Canale's office today or tomorrow.

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Enclosed are original and one copy of newspaper clipping in captioned matter, indicating Memphis Press-Scimitar newspaper plans to appeal contempt ruling.

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Press-Scimitar Plans to Appeal Contempt Ruling

Attorneys for The Memphis Press-Scimitar today planned legal action before the Tennessee Supreme Court in an effort to overturn a decision of Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle holding one of its reporters in contempt of court.

The newspaper vowed editorially to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court, if necessary, for relief from the judge's orders against pre-trial out-of-court news concerning the James Earl Ray murder case.

The newspaper said it would continue to print the news despite the conviction of Roy B. Hamilton, its courthouse reporter, and three others also held guilty of contempt.

Also held in contempt were Charles Edmundson, reporter for the Commercial Appeal, which will take action along with The Press-Scimitar; Arthur Hanes, counsel for Ray, who is accused of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Renfro Hays, Memphis private investigator for Hanes.

NEWS STORIES

News stories in the two newspapers Sept. 12 involving the four men held in contempt were the basis for Judge Battle's contempt action.

The judge refused to sentence the two newspaper reporters, despite a request from attorneys, saying he would withhold punishment pending their actions in the future.

The newspapers' counsel contended this placed the reporters and their newspapers in an untenable position and relief would be sought from other courts, if necessary.

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Ezra Z. Bryan, of Cleveland, counsel for Scripps-Howard Newspapers, and Armistead Clay, attorney for Memphis Publishing Co., represented the reporters in court.

STATEMENT

Battle, before announcing his decision, read a long prepared statement citing the reporters' articles, criticizing Hanes and Hays for making extra-judicial statements and adding that he believed Edmundson's testimony but not Hays'.

"Justice demands a fair trial by an impartial jury both for James Earl Ray and the State of Tennessee," Battle emphasized.

Bryan contended that the withholding of sentence would put the reporters "in limbo" as to what they could print about the Ray case. Clay argued that it was clear the U.S. Supreme Court "deliberately refrained" from authorizing such orders that could be used against the press.

NEWS ACCOUNT

The newspaper account by Edmundson, who from the stand clashed hotly with Robert Livingston, Hays' lawyer, had quoted Hays as saying Ray's health was threatened by bright lights left shining day and night in his cell, by constant monitoring by TV cameras and by lack of privacy.

Edmundson's article also quoted Hays as comparing security measures for Ray with "devices used by Communist police agents to destroy the health and balance of the victims."

Hays from the stand denied making any such statements.

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Re Mexico City airtel 9/6/68.

Cost data set forth below represents the best figures available, based partially on estimates, from 9/1-30/68.

I. Total Man Hours

	Regular	Overtime	Total
Special Agent	4	2	6
Clerical	1	0	1

II. Total Mileage: None

III. Unusual Costs: None

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

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Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to my memorandum of September 10, 1968, advising you that Mr. William Bradford Huie was interviewed at his home at Hartselle, Alabama, at his request. We provided you with the results of his interview and requested permission to furnish the information to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee.

In your memorandum of September 17, 1968, responding to the above memorandum, you stated that you would desire postponement of any action on this matter pending your resolution of several questions.

You are requested to advise this Bureau of your determination in this matter, as it appears this should be promptly resolved.

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NOTE:

We previously advised the Department that Mr. William Bradford Huie, author whose books include, "Three Lives for Mississippi" dealing with the murder of the three civil rights workers in June of 1964, was interviewed at his home at Hartselle, Alabama, at his request and wanted to "bargain" with us. (He would furnish us information as provided to him by Ray in exchange for current nonpublicized photographs of Ray.) We advised our Birmingham Office not to "bargain" with Mr. Huie under any circumstances. We also advised the Department that Huie has obtained notes from Ray, and Mr. Huie is preparing an article in "Look" magazine based on these notes. The obtaining of these notes was discussed with the Department and they advised they are considering the question of obtaining a search warrant or subpoena duces tecum for Huie's notesand/or calling Huie before a grand jury.

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The Department by memorandum of 9/17/68, advised us that they would appreciate postponing any action in this matter until they resolved certain questions. This memorandum is to ascertain if the Department has reached a decision.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS 44-1987

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

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REBUAIRTEL SEPTEMBER ELEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT.

ON INSTANT DATE, WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, AUTHOR, HARTSELLE, ALABAMA, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SA [redacted] DECATUR, ALABAMA RA, AND ADVISED SUBJECT RAY HAD PLASTIC SURGERY MAY FIVE LAST AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND HE HAS XEROX COPIES OF DOCTOR'S RECORDS WHICH HE WILL FURNISH IF WANTED. HUIE STATED HE FEELS ALEX BORMAN [redacted] OR BORMANN [redacted] FORMER INMATE MISSOURI STATE PRISON WITH SUBJECT RAY, IS CONNECTED INSTANT CRIME AS INFORMATION RECEIVED BORMAN [redacted] AND RAY WERE IN CHICAGO, ILL., AREA TOGETHER FOR PERIOD OF SEVERAL WEEKS. HUIE STATED ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN FURNISHED FBI LOS ANGELES AND CHICAGO. HUIE EXPRESSED DESIRE OF BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON ALEX BORMAN [redacted] STATING HE PLANS TO CALL BUREAU OCTOBER TWO NEXT FOR THIS INFORMATION. REC-139 44-38861-5221 EX-101

NO PROMISES OR SUGGESTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT INDICATED ~~TO HUIE~~.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) BIRMINGHAM MEMPHIS (44-1987) (PLAINTEXT)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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REBUTELCALL TEN ONE INSTANT.

BENNET OLAN [redacted], ATTORNEY FOR DR. RUSSELL C. HADLEY [redacted]

PLASTIC SURGEON, LA, ADVISED HADLEY [redacted] PERFORMED SURGERY ON NOSE OF JAMES EARL RAY IN LA APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS BEFORE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. SURGERY DID NOT EFFECT APPEARANCE TO ANY DEGREE BUT REMOVED A PROJECTION. OLAN [redacted] REQUESTED IF HADLEY [redacted] INTERVIEWED HE BE PRESENT. UACB, LA WILL ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH DR. HADLEY [redacted]

WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE HAS NOT CONTACTED THE LA OFFICE TO DATE.

END

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: October 2, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowam
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. William Bradford Huie, author, whose books include, "Three Lives for Mississippi" dealing with the murder of the three Civil Rights workers in June of 1964, previously advised us that he entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of King.

Huie again contacted our Birmingham office and wanted to exchange information with us. We previously advised our Birmingham office not to "bargain" with him. He did advise that Ray had plastic surgery performed at Los Angeles in May of 1968 (subsequent to assassination), and he had copies of the Doctor's records. Huie also advised that Ray and one Alex Borman were allegedly in Chicago for several weeks and Borman is connected with the assassination. Huie stated this information furnished to FBI in Los Angeles and Chicago, and he plans to call the Bureau on October 2, 1968 for background on Borman.

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Our Chicago and Los Angeles offices have not been contacted by Huie, however on October 1, 1968, Mr. [redacted] BENNET ULAN Attorney for Dr. [redacted] plastic surgeon in Los Angeles advised that Dr. [redacted] performed surgery on nose of RUSSELL C. HADLEY Ray approximately three weeks before assassination of King. OLAN [redacted] requested if Dr. [redacted] is interviewed that he be present. HADLEY GEORGE BENEDMUNDSON former Top Ten Fugitive [redacted] who was apprehended in Canada in June 1967, used the name of [redacted] surrender Peter BORMAN [redacted] and during extensive interview of [redacted] who denied having any dealings with Ray inside or outside pententiary. EDMUNDSON It is noted that [redacted] was incarcerated in Missouri State Pententiary during pertinent period.

RECOMMENDATION: In view of fact Dr. HADLEY [redacted] is not subject, it is recommended we interview him in presence of his attorney. Pertinent offices have been advised not to "bargain" with Huie.

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Date: 9-24-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Enclosed are original and one copy each of two newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

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White Mustang Sits In Pretrial Spotlight

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

What is probably the most publicized white Mustang automobile in the world is due to be driven to Memphis today from Atlanta and placed under guard in a garage selected by the Memphis Police Department.

It is the 1966 white Mustang the state is expected to say was used by James Earl Ray to escape from Memphis April 4, minutes after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was shot and killed on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

The car was found on an Atlanta side street April 11 after a housewife, learning from a friend the FBI was searching for a white Mustang, exclaimed, "Why, I saw a man leave a car like that in front of my apartment the morning after Dr. King was shot. It's still there!"

The Atlanta police were notified. An inch-by-inch inspection of the car revealed some of the evidence which started the FBI on the way to having Scotland Yard arrest Ray in London June 8.

The Mustang was the subject of a mysterious broadcast from a police squad car of a running gun fight between its occupants and a "blue Pontiac." The broadcast, now believed to have had no basis in fact, was picked up by a ham radio operator who fed the information to a policeman in a squad car.

Arthur J. Hanes Sr., Ray's chief counsel, said in Birmingham last night he will fly to Memphis Wednesday to meet Exec. Asst. Atty. Gen. Robert K. Dwyer to listen to tapes of that broadcast.

The defense may contend the broadcast was inspired by Ray's co-conspirators, of those murder plans they would say Ray had no knowledge.

The police search in Atlanta found in the Mustang green threads like those on a bedspread wrapped around a deer rifle left on South Main near the rooming house from which police say Dr. King was shot.

In a rooming house near where the Mustang was abandoned the FBI found letters addressed to Eric S. Galt, which they were soon to believe was an alias for Ray. FBI agents also found a road map yielding the best fingerprint of Ray they had been able to find.

This permitted Eric S. Galt to be identified as Missouri fugitive convict James Earl Ray, police say.

The Mustang is one of more than 20 items of evidence Arthur Hanes is authorized by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to inspect. It is understood the car is being returned here at this time so Mr. Hanes can look it over next week.

An officer of the Memphis police homicide squad received an advance of $150 to fly on Eastern Airlines to Atlanta last night and drive the Mustang back.

In a separate action, Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. yesterday ordered barriers blocking Washington Street between Second and Poplar removed in a general lessening of the tight security that has prevailed around the Shelby County Criminal Courts Building since Ray was returned from London almost two months ago.

At the same time, he ordered a corridor connecting that building with the Shelby County Office Building reopened.

The street barriers were removed after workmen completed placing heavy protective screens on all the windows of the Criminal Courts Building, which includes the Shelby County Jail where Ray is awaiting his Nov. 12 trial date.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Commercial Appeal

Memphis, Tenn.

Date: 9-21-68
Edition: Final
Author:
Editor: Frank E. Ahlgren
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Submitting Office: Memphis

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Detective Is First To File Denial Of Court Contempt

Private detective Renfro T. Hays yesterday "emphatically denied" he is in contempt of court orders to limit pre-trial publicity in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. murder case.

Mr. Hays yesterday became the first of the four persons ordered to show cause why they are not in contempt to file a response to the citation issued Tuesday by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle.

Mr. Hays' response was filed by attorney Robert I. Livingston. The hearing on the citation against Mr. Hays and the others is to be heard by Judge Battle Friday morning.

Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham, Mr. Hays' employer and chief counsel for James Earl Ray, charged with Dr. King's murder, said he would file his response Thursday. Mr. Hanes said he would represent himself at Friday's hearing.

Armistead Clay, attorney for the Memphis Publishing Co. and for a reporter of The Commercial Appeal and one for the Press-Scimitar, said he will file responses by Thursday.

All the responses, it was learned, will be denials.

Under study is a set of guidelines adopted by the Federal Judicial Conference last week governing statements by attorneys and courthouse personnel on pending criminal cases.

The report written by a committee headed by Judge Irving R. Kaufman of the Second Circuit, United States Court of Appeals, has been sent to the 323 judges of the 93 United States judicial districts with the recommendation it be placed in effect.

The rules are less strict in many details than those urged by the American Bar Association in its "Reardon Report."

The Kaufman report, like the Reardon report, would bar attorneys and courthouse personnel from disclosing an accused person's prior criminal record or his confession. Disclosure of expected testimony also would be forbidden.

The Kaufman report rejects as "unwise . . . any direct curb or restraint on publication by the press of potentially prejudicial material."

Judge Battle's order on publicity does not directly impose any restraint or curb on the press.

Meanwhile, police would not say whether a white Mustang had been returned safely to Memphis from Atlanta this weekend, as planned.

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[illegible]IAL APPEAL

[illegible], TENN.

Date: 9-24-68
Edition: Final
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Editor: [illegible]. ALLISON
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Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 1, 1968

FROM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. With reference to the dissemination of investigative reports in this case to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, there has been absolutely no delay in furnishing pertinent reports to him on our part. With Departmental approval we furnished a copy of our prosecutive summary report, as well as ten additional investigative reports to Mr. Canale. These reports contain the information of evidentiary value to the prosecution of the state violation involved.

Since the Department did not authorize us to furnish the results of our fugitive investigation to locate Ray, such reports were not furnished to Mr. Canale at that time. Although these reports did not pertain directly to the prosecution of the state violation it appeared to us they might be of value to Mr. Canale since they clearly established his fugitive status and his use of various aliases to avoid apprehension. Consequently by memorandum dated 9/18/68, we raised the question with the Department as to whether such fugitive reports should be forwarded to Mr. Canale. To date we have received no reply from the Department, although on 9/30/68, D. Robert Owen of the Civil Rights Division advised he intends to proceed to Memphis on 10/1/68, to discuss the case with Mr. Canale and prior to his departure will advise us what additional reports should be furnished Mr. Canale.

REC 49 44-38861-5225

Mr. Canale has advised our Memphis Office that the purpose of his letter was to "needle" the Department into taking action. He stated the cooperation between his office and the FBI has been extraordinary and he realizes the delay in furnishing pertinent reports is attributable solely to the Department and not to the FBI.

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ACTION:

Upon receipt of authorization from the Department, we will disseminate the designated reports to Mr. Canale.

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SEE DETAILS PAGE TWO...

Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: MURKIN

DETAILS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

With reference to the dissemination of investigative reports in this case to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, there has been absolutely no delay in furnishing pertinent reports to him on our part.

Immediately upon completion of our investigation with Departmental approval, we furnished Mr. Canale a copy of our prosecutive summary report.

By memorandum dated July 24, 1968, we advised the Department that Mr. Canale had contacted our SAC in Memphis and stated that in a conversation with Assistant Attorney General Fred M. Vinson of the Criminal Division, Vinson had informed Canale that he, Canale, might desire, for information purposes, to obtain additional investigative reports prepared by us in this matter. In this same memorandum we requested the Department to advise us which specific reports it desired be furnished to Mr. Canale.

In accordance with authority set forth in Department memorandum August 6, 1968, we furnished Mr. Canale ten additional investigative reports, as well as original documents provided to us by the Department relating to the extradition proceedings of Ray.

These reports, as well as the prosecutive summary reports contained the information of evidentiary value to the prosecution of the state violation involved.

Since the Department did not authorize us to furnish to Canale the results of our extensive fugitive investigation to locate and apprehend Ray, such reports were not furnished Canale.

Although these reports did not pertain directly to the prosecution of the state violation; it appeared to us they might be of possible value to Mr. Canale since they clearly established Ray's fugitive status and his use of various aliases to avoid apprehension. Consequently, by memorandum dated September 18, 1968, we raised the question with the Department as to whether such fugitive type reports should be disseminated to Mr. Canale.

To date we have received no reply from the Department although on 9/30/68, D. Robert Owen of the Civil Rights Division of the Department advised that he intends to proceed to Memphis on 10/1/68, to discuss the case in detail with Mr. Canale. Owen stated that prior to his departure he would furnish us a memorandum advising which additional reports should be furnished to Mr. Canale at this time.

Mr. Canale has informed us that he has experienced no delay by the FBI in furnishing him pertinent reports, in fact he has stated that the cooperation between his office and the FBI has been extraordinary. Mr. Canale stated he is well satisfied with the reports presently in his possession, as they contain the facts and evidence pertinent to the prosecution of the case in state court. He stated he is, however, desirous of obtaining reports relating to the fugitive aspects since they clearly establish Ray's fugitive status and his use of various aliases to avoid apprehension. He further advised that the only purpose of his letter was to "needle" the Department into taking action, and he realized the delay in furnishing pertinent reports is attributable solely to the Department and not the FBI.

ROBERT K. DWYER
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
157 POPLAR AVENUE
MEMPHIS, TENN. 38103

September 27, 1968

Hon. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Pollak: In Re: State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray

As you probably know, we have been doing extensive pre-trial work getting ready for the trial in the above styled matter on November 12, 1968. Prior to this time, we have received a number of investigative reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but there are some reports which we desperately need in preparing for this case which have not yet been tendered to us. In some instances, we have received laboratory reports pertaining to certain physical evidence, but have not received the field reports which would indicate to us who recovered the evidence that was examined in the laboratory, and how and by whom same was transmitted to the laboratory for examination. Of course, we have to keep intact the chain of evidence in presenting this material at the trial.

It is urgently requested that, as soon as possible, this office be furnished with any and all available investigative reports originating and emanating from the following localities, whether such reports have been submitted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, local law enforcement, or agencies outside the continental United States.

EX-110 REC 49 44-38761

I make specific reference to the need for reports from the following localities:

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Chicago, Illinois
New York City
Canada
London, England (We do have the Scotland Yard report.)

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Mexico
Lisbon, Portugal.

Also, since the last report submitted to this office from field offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation dated May 17, we have received no reports since that date, and we would like to have the results of any supplemental investigations. I refer specifically to the possible supplemental investigations from Atlanta, Georgia, Los Angeles, California, Birmingham, Alabama, New Orleans, Louisiana, Kansas City, Missouri, and Newark, New Jersey.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
District Attorney General

PMC:mm
CC: Hon. Ramsey Clark
Attorney General of the U.S.
Dept. of Justice
Washington, D. C.

CC: Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
506 Old P. O. Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20535

What is our delay due to?

Laboratory Transmittal Form
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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - LAB FILE

FBI LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987) Date: October 4, 1968

Re: MURKIN
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OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No.
Lab.-No. 44-38861
D-680928070 JK

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference: Airtel 9/26/68

Examination requested: Document

Remarks: Specimen received 9/28/68

K489 Two envelopes, one postmarked "MEMPHIS TENN. AUG 12 '68" and the other postmarked "MEMPHIS TENN. SEPT 13 '68" and accompanying letters bearing known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY

ALSO SUBMITTED: Envelope postmarked "ST. LOUIS MO. 6 AUG 1968" and accompanying letter beginning "Dear Jimmy Just a few lines..." and signed "Jerry Ray"

MAILED 6 OCT 4 1968 COMM-FBI

Remarks:

Inasmuch as K489 does not sufficiently augment other known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY to permit further identifications in this matter, K489 is returned herewith to Memphis with the "ALSO SUBMITTED" material.

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No Laboratory report is being submitted.

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Photographs of K489 have been made.

Enclosures (2) (K489, ALSO SUBMITTED)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: DOCUMENT SECTION
FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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MURKIN

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Submitted herewith are five separate communications which Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, made available to SAC this date. These are letters prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY. These are all samples of known handwriting and hand printing of subject RAY. They should be utilized for any additional handwriting comparison needed in captioned case.

In addition, there are furnished herewith the originals of two letters which were forwarded by RAY to the Honorable W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge of the Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee. Judge BATTLE will be the presiding Judge in the JAMES EARL RAY trial. These letters were furnished by Judge BATTLE to SAC. In connection with these letters, District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, raised point that possibility exists that utilization of material furnished the Judge might be prejudicial at some future date. CANALE pointed out that since Judge BATTLE would hear case he was of opinion that it would probably not be feasible to utilize handwriting in letters sent Judge BATTLE. Therefore, it is requested that handwriting examination prepared by Document Section utilize letters received from Sheriff MORRIS as primary sources for examination purposes.

Results of examination regarding letters received by Sheriff MORRIS should be handled in separate communication. Handwriting examination relative to letters received by Judge BATTLE should not be incorporated in the examination of handwriting contained in letters received by Sheriff MORRIS. The letters received by Judge BATTLE should be made a matter of a

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a separate examination and a separate Laboratory report. District Attorney General CANALE's views should be incorporated in any results pertaining to examination of the letters received by Judge BATTLE.

The originals should be returned to the Memphis Office so that they can be delivered to Sheriff MORRIS and Judge BATTLE.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 4, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state trial of James Earl Ray, furnished us a letter sent to him by Ray. The judge provided us this letter for our information.

The letter which is dated September 12, 1968, states Ray is calling attention to three articles written about him, namely: a "Readers Digest" article by Jeremiah O'Leary; a photograph and article appearing in a tabloid called "The Inquirer," and a story written by William Bradford Huie appearing in "The Commercial Appeal," - a Memphis newspaper. Ray states that he intends to file libel suits.

Ray expresses displeasure with Huie's article in that it depicts Ray as being only interested in money and in exposing some persons or organization. Ray states "for the record, both public and private, I don't know anyone to expose and I want to disassociate myself from this article."

Ray concludes his letter by stating he is going to sendthese stories to the Ethical Committee of the American Bar Association.

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ACTION:

For information. The Department is being advised.

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Date: 10/4/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 9/27/68.

[redacted] advised suspects [redacted] and [redacted] have strong connections with [redacted] known fence operating, Cottage Hills, Illinois. [redacted] reputed to get 10 per cent of all their take in any criminal activities as repayment for fence merchandise and for providing bond money when needed. Informant states [redacted] will not talk to anyone but he is alleged to have advised suspects not to spend bank robbery loot for at least two years.

[redacted] advised his information still indicates [redacted] and [redacted] as prime suspects in BR at Bank of Alton, 7/13/68; but JAMES EARL RAY not in area at time of BR.

Bank employees and law enforcement agencies can provide no current or additional information in this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. REC- 65
FBI FILE NO.
LATENT CASE NO. 44-38861-5231
91075

October 2, 1968

REGISTERED AIRMAIL

TO:

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General
State of Tennessee
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Attention: Mr. John L. Carlisle
Criminal Investigator

RE:

JAMES EARL RAY;
MURDER

REFERENCE: Letter September 27, 1968
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Addressee
SPECIMENS: Fingerprints of James Earl Ray, alias Paul Edgar Sneyd

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The submitted fingerprints, taken in London by Mr. Arthur Brine, are sufficiently clear to be used in preparing court exhibits. The necessary photographs and negatives have been prepared.

The submitted prints and your mail envelope are enclosed.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)
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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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September 27, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Attention of Mr. G. J. Bonebrake
Fingerprint Division

Re: Fingerprint Impressions of James Earl Ray, alias Ramon Sneyd

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find fingerprint impressions of James Earl Ray, alias Ramon Sneyd, dated August 6, 1968, by authorities in London, these prints having been requested by Mr. G. J. Bonebrake of your department.

Yours truly,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

By John L. Carlisle
John L. Carlisle
Criminal Investigator

JLC:MEF
Enclosure

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Section 71

October 8, 1968

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5232

[redacted]

Reurep of [redacted] dated 10-4-68, at Chicago.

You should disseminate a copy of referenced report to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: October 8, 1968

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SJP

CJP:DRO:stj

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have received today the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 2, 1968, of your Chicago office in the above matter.

Please furnish a copy of this report forthwith to Mr. Phil Canale, Attorney General, Shelby County, in Memphis, Tennessee.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
OCT 7 1968

TELETYPE

FBI MEMPHIS

545PM 10-7-68 URGENT MEN

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, AND LOS ANGELES

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE ADVISED TIS DATE THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS DISCUSSION REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE WILL BE IN FBI OFFICE, LOS ANGELES, A.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER NINE NEXT. AT THIS TIME THEY WILL HOLD PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCES WITH WITNESSES IN LOS ANGELES AREA. THEY WILL ALSO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH AGENTS WHO MAY BE NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH FORTHCOMING TRIAL. EXECUTIVE ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL ROBERT DWYER (NA) WILL MAKE TRIP TO LA, ACCOMPNIED BY AAG JAMES BEASLEY AND INVESTIGATOR JOHN CARLISLE (NA) [redacted]. WITNESSES OF INTEREST TO AG'S OFFICE ARE AS FOLLOWS: REC 99 5233

ESTHER NIETO [redacted].

[redacted] LOS ANGELES, RAN LAUNDRY MARKER BETWEEN MARCH FOUR AND MARCH EIGHTEEN.

LUCY PINEDA [redacted] MANAGER OCT 9 1968

HOME SERVICE LAUNDRY AND CLEANERS.

END PAGE ONE

PAGE TWO

JEROME WALLIS VERNON [redacted] [redacted]

OWNER

APT. B, [redacted] LAUNDRY GALT REGULAR CUSTOMER.

HYMAN BECKMAN [redacted], [redacted] LOS

ANGELES, SERVICED MUSTANG.

BUDD COOK JR [redacted], [redacted], SERVICE

SALESMAN, CORT FOX FORD.

VERN BERNHARDT [redacted] [redacted] LOS

ANGELES, SAW DEFENDANT DURING JANUARY.

DALE LEROY BYKEMA [redacted], LONG BEACH,

CALIF., COLLECTED RENT FROM GALT NOV. AND DEC.

MRS. MARGARITA (FRANK) POWERS [redacted]

[redacted] BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA, RENTED APT. TO AGALT IN NOV. SIXTYSEVEN

ASST. POSTMASTER N. C. BAKER LOS FELIZ BRANCH [redacted] U. S. P. O.,

[redacted] FURNISHED CHANGE OF ADDRESS

CARD ON GALT.

ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MGR [redacted] ST. FRANCIS, FIVE FIVE THREE THREE

HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

[redacted] FIRST NATIONAL BANK, LOS

ANGELES, CHECK FOR TWENTYEIGHT DOLLARS SIXTYFIVE CENTS ENDORSED

END PAGE TWO

ERIC GALT.

ROBERT KEELEY [redacted] ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, RECEIVED CHECK ABOVE FROM GALT.

PACIFIC TEL. AND TELEG., ONE ONE FOUR NINE NO. GOWER ST., LOS ANGELES, TELEPHONE TO GALT AT ONE FIVE THREE FIVE NO. SERRANO, APT. SIX.

PATRICIA ANDERSON [redacted] GLENVIEW AVE., LA.

[redacted] HUNTLEY DR.

[redacted] HOLLYWOOD STATION P. T. &. T., RECORD OF CALLS AND CHECK FOR TWENTYEIGHT DOLLARS SIXTYFIVE CENTS SENT GALT.

MRS RONALD G. MCINTIRE [redacted] SOLD TV IN NOV. FOR NINETY DOLLARS TO MAN WHITE MUSTANG, RED INTERIOR.

RODNEY ARVIDSON [redacted]

OWNER [redacted] NATIONAL DANCE STUDIO, GALT LESSONS DEC. TO FEB. TWELVE.

CATHRYN NORTON [redacted] DANCE INSTRUCTOR.

THOMAS LOU [redacted], INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BARTENDING.

END PAGE THREE

DONALD J. JACOBS [redacted] APT. THREE ONE ZERO, LOS ANGELES, KNEW GALT AT BARTENDING SCHOOL.

CHARLES J. STEIN [redacted] LOS ANGELES.

RITA STEIN [redacted] FRANKLIN AVENUE.

DARBE MARTIN [redacted] ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, [redacted] TRADED TV'S.

JOE PETERS [redacted]

[redacted] HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

JAMES E. MORRISON [redacted] BAR INN RABBIT FOOT'S CLUB, [redacted] HOLLY BLVD.

BC DEL MONTE [redacted] BAR INN RABBITT'S FOOT CLUB, SAME ADDRESSS.

FAY AELVARD [redacted] AVALON CLEANERS, FIVE SIX SIX TWO HOLLYWOOD BLVD.

DR. MARK O. FOREMAN [redacted], BEVERLY HILLS.

AT PRESENT TIME, DWYER HAS ADVISED HE IS NOT CERTAIN THAT ANY AGENTS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR TESTIMONY FROM LOS ANGELES OFFICE. HE WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION AFTER COMPLETING INTERVIEWS IN L. A.

FOR INFO LA, WHO DID NOT RECEIVE COMMUNICATION, BUREAU BY

END PAGE FOUR

TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

"YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, AND ADVISE HIM HE AND/OR HIS REPRESENTATIVES MAY PROCEED TO OUR LABORATORY IN WASHINGTON, D. C. FOR REVIEW OF EVIDENCE IN BUREAU'S POSSESSION. HE SHOULD PROVIDE US WITH SUFFICIENT NOTIFICATION AS TO HIS DATE OF ARRIVAL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE BUREAU AS TO THE IDENTIFTY OF THE RESPECTIVE FIELD OFFICES THAT MR. CNANALE PLANS TO HOLD PRETRIAL CONFERENCES WITH AGENTS AND WITNESSES IN ORDER THAT SACS WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT NOTICE TO ARRANGE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE BUREAU'S INTEREST."

FOLLOWING INTERVIEWS AND COMPLETION OF WORK IN LOS ANGELES, IT IS INTENTION OF DWYER AND HIS STAFF TO DEPART FROM LOS ANGELES FOR MEXICO CITY. HE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CONTACT AT AMERICAN EMBASSY WITH OFFICE OF LEGAL ATTACHE. HE HAS BEEN FURNISHED IDENTITY LEGAL ATTACHE. WHILE IN MEXICO, DWYER AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD LIKE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

END PAGE FIVE

PAGE SIX

EDUARDO MARRIOTT OWNER [redacted] HOTEL RIO, [redacted]

PUERTO VALLANTA, JALISCA. GALT GUEST IN HOTEL FROM OCT. NINETEEN

THROUGH NOV. FIVE, SIXTYSEVEN.

ROBERTO WONG SIERK [redacted] HOTEL RIO, FURNISHED REGISTRATION

CARD ON GALT AND IDENTIFIES PHOTO.

LUIS GARCIA BARTENDER [redacted] HOTEL OLEANA AT PUERTA VALLANTA,

JALISCA, MEXICO. PAL OF GALT, DESCRIBES CAR AND IDENTIFIED

PHOTO OF RAY MAY NINE.

ROMINGR BISCARA BARTENDER [redacted] CASA SUSANA, NEGOTIATED WITH

GALT FOR CAR AND ACCOMPANIED GALT AND [redacted] TO BEACH.

ELENO GUZMAN GARCIA [redacted] ON MAY THREE

IDENTIFIED RAY AS COMING TO HIS BEACH CAFE WITH IRMA [redacted] AND BARTENDER.

ELISA ARELLANO TORRES [redacted] COLONIA

INDEPENDENCIO, GUADALANJARA, JALISCA, MEXICO. [redacted]

ASSOCIATED WITH GALT NOV. SIXTYSEVEN, DESCRIBES CAR AND IDENTI-

FIED PHOTO ON JUNE SIX.

MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO [redacted] AKA. IRMA MORALES [redacted] ATOTONILCA,

JALISCA, MEXICO, [redacted] SPENT TIME WITH GALT, DIDN'T SMOKE

COULDN'T DANCE, PROVIDED SOURCE WITH PHOTO.

END PAGE SIX

LEOPOLDO CISNEROS ASST. MGR. DAIRY QUEEN SHOP [redacted] MAIN PLAZA, PUERTO VALLARTO, JALISCO, MEXICO. ON APRIL TWENTYFOUR RECOGNIZED PHOTO OF RAY AS SUBJECT WHO CAME IN DAILY FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS TO GET HAMBURGER AND PEPSI, DROVE WHITE MUSTANG.

BUREAU REQUESTED FORWARD THIS INFORMATION TO LEGAL ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY. DWYER HAS STATED HE WILL MAKE RESERVATIONS IN LA FOR DIRECT FLIGHT TO MEXICO CITY WHEN HE HAS COMPLETED INTERVIEWS IN LA. SUGGEST THAT WHEN INTERVIEWS COMPLETED LA OFFICE ADVISE BUREAU SO THAT LEGAT, MEXICO CAN BE INFORMED OF PENDING ARRIVAL DWYER, BEASLEY, AND CARLISLE.

RESERVATIONS MADE AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO NINE NINE BY DWYER. DEPART MEMPHIS SEVEN THIRTY PM AND ARRIVE LOS ANGELES TEN EIGHTEEN PM OCTOBER EIGHT NEXT. P END

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FBI MEMPHIS

1:17PM URGENT 10-8-68 PGD

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND LOS ANGELES

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) (1P)

MURKIN

RE MEMPHIS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND LOS ANGELES, OCT. SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

WHILE IN CONTACT WITH ROBERT K. DWYER, FIRST ASST. TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, TENN., AM, OCT. EIGHT INSTANT, AGENT THIS OFFICE INFORMED THAT ATTORNEYS DESCRIBED IN REFERENCED TELETYPE WILL PROCEED TO LOS ANGELES ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, HOWEVER, TRIP TO MEXICO HAS BEEN CANCELED.

MR. DWYER STATED THAT ON HIS RETURN FROM LOS ANGELES, HE WILL REVIEW RESULTS INVESTIGATION IN MEXICO AND WILL MAKE FURTHER REQUEST FOR FBI TO HANDLE THROUGH LEGAT, MEXICO CITY.

JUST AS SOON AS THIS REQUEST IS RECEIVED, BUREAU WILL BE IN FORMED. P.

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OCT 9 1968

LOS ANGELES WILL BE ADVISED

WA.. CAB

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FBI

Date: 10/9/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Bureau teletype to Memphis 4/17/68; Memphis airtel to Bureau 5/13/68, 6/5/68, 7/3/68, 7/8/68, 8/7/68, 9/12/68; Bureau routing slip to Memphis 6/13/68, captioned as above, Bureau airtel to Memphis 7/9/68.

The information set out hereafter are cumulative totals concerning cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau Offices for the period 4/4/68 to 9/30/68:

		Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Cumulative Total
1.	A. Special Agents	96,090	27,171	123,261
	B. Clerks	19,960	1,742	21,702
		116,050	28,913	144,963

2. Mileage traveled by Bucars on this matter: 473,321

3. Unusual or out of ordinary costs:

A.	Per Diem	$6,698.00
B.	Communications	4,087.03
C.	Photography	1,884.68
D.	Hotel Room Expense	59.48
E.	Plane Fares	837.00

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A.M. HEG/acp (5)

A.M.S.D. _____

Spec. Del. _____

Reg. Mail _____

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Registered _____ Special Agent in Charge

F. Miscellaneous:

Xeroxing	$330.94	
Xeroz paper & supplies	14.25	
Mailing Wanted flyers to laundries in U.S.	287.00	
Miscellaneous supplies	65.77	
Confidential item	19.50	
Total miscellaneous		717.46
Total Unusual or out of ordinary costs		$14,283.65

4. Peak number of Special Agents on this case: 3,075 Agents

It is to be noted the above figures constitute only those costs known to the Memphis Division as reported through the Bureau's Field Divisions.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/11/68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed are two Xerox copies of a letter and envelope addressed by subject JAMES EARL RAY to Mr. ARTHUR HANES, SR., Attorney, 617 Frank Nelson Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. This letter was written by RAY, 10/3/68, while incarcerated in Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tenn.

Copies of this letter are furnished to the Bureau for information only.

2 - Bureau (Enc.-2)
1 - Memphis
RGJ:ME
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OCT 1 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

J. RAY
COUNTY JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.

To Mr. Arthur Hanes Sr. Attorney.
617 - First Nelson Bldg.
Birmingham, Alabama
35203

10-3-68

Dear Mr. Hanes,

I'll just write a short letter to let you know everything is alright, am still gaining weight and sleeping 8½ hrs a day. Jerry is coming down shortly but I'm going to have him wait until I see you again, since I want to give him that paper also if you have one of that kind power of attorney I want him to have one of that. I will close for now.

Sincerely
J. Ray

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] New Haven, Connecticut, advised that he recently was at a small gathering of four individuals and one of these individuals was employed at Bendix Aviation

During the course of the conversation a "Bendix" employee mentioned that "Look" magazine beginning with the issue of October 22, 1968, will run a series authored by Earl Ray. In this series of articles Ray reportedly will state that the "Ku Klux Klan hired" him to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] requested that his identity be protected and he did not want to talk with the news of the "Bendix" employee since he feared it would become known the article was based on his information.

We previously had information that William Bradford Huie, author, who allegedly entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write his life story, has been in contact with restaurant owners in Birmingham, Alabama. Based upon information furnished by [redacted], Mr. Huie interviewed these people, as they employed Ray at their restaurant during May and June of 1967, and he promised to furnish them "proofs" of an article to appear in "Look" magazine on November 19, 1968. To date Huie has not furnished the proofs to the restaurant owners.

We have run out similar allegations of persons who have employed by an assassination plot financed by the Ku Klux Klan with negative findings.

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Bureau files contain no derogatory information concerning [redacted]

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ACTION:

For your information. Department will be advised.

REL:jms
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Form 64-64

FBI

Date: 10-7-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-818)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO:MEMPHIS

Enclosed for the Bureau are 5 copies; for Memphis two copies and for New York one copy of an LHM captioned JAMES EARL RAY, which is self-explanatory. A copy of this communication and the LHM is being designated for the New York Office for information since Mc Call's and Look Magazines both have their headquarters in New York City.

[redacted], Conn., whose identity is protected at his request. He declined to furnish the name of the Mc Call's employee since he feared if it became known the employee might lose his job..

[redacted] was concerned that the U.S. District Attorney prosecuting the case might be caught by surprise by the revelation that the Ku Klux Klan hired RAY to assassinate Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr. and that the resulting publicity might cause difficulty in selecting an unbiased jury.

3 - Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Encs. 2) (RM)
1 - New York (INFO) (Enc. 1) (RM)
2 - New Haven
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

[redacted] as under the impression that both Mc Call's and Look Magazines were jointly owned by one corporation.

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and the Memphis Office.

UNITED STATES DEPA ENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New Haven, Connecticut 06510

October 7, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

On October 7, 1968, [redacted] who has furnished reliable informa-
[redacted] advised that on [redacted], 1968, he was
in a small social gathering of four individuals, one of
whom was an employee of Mc Call's Publications, whom he
refused to identify.

During the course of the conversation, the
Mc Call's employee mentioned in a matter-of-fact manner that
Look Magazine beginning with the issue of October 29, 1968,
will run a serial on JAMES EARL RAY. In the course of
articles, RAY reportedly will state that the Ku Klux Klan
hired him to assassinate Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A characterization of the Ku Klux Klan
appears in the Appendix.

[redacted] stated that the Mc Call's employee impressed
him as a down-to-earth, level-headed, business man who
appeared at the time to be making a factual statement. The
Mc Call's employee also stated that [redacted]
article have been sold world wide.

[redacted]

APPENDIX

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.
(NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund, and a National Secretary, and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Association of Georgia Klans, Georgia; Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Kyksos Klan, Texas.

This source advised that at a consolidation meeting at Atlanta, Georgia, September 2-5, 1960, at which the North Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their name be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.

A second source advised in March, 1964, that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960 to 1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.

The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social, and benevolent order."

A third source advised in December, 1963, that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic, and anti-foreign born.

A fourth source advised in July, 1968, that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard.

CONFIDENTIAL

NOTE IN ENVELOPE

1 - Mr. C.D. DeLoach
1 - Miss Holmes

The Attorney General — CONFIDENTIAL — June 11, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan
1 - Mr. M.J. Rozanus

Director, FBI — JUNE

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCES

[redacted] (S) C

As you were previously advised, this Bureau is greatly concerned about the delays involved regarding the requests for electronic surveillances which have been submitted to you. While we are making every feasible effort to obtain essential intelligence data in the internal security field, we cannot hope to fulfill our responsibilities in the intelligence field unless the requested investigative techniques are made available. It is absolutely essential that in critical cases full coverage be given in areas of foreign intelligence, counterespionage, domestic subversion, and insurrection. The requests which are pending are in critical cases and in view of the developments during the past several weeks, particularly concerning activities of subversive organizations, civil rights groups, and organizations affiliated with the New Left, this Bureau must have consideration of the coverage requested of you. (S) C

NOT RECORDED
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I again find it necessary to bring to your attention that your delays involving requests for electronic surveillances are causing a loss of invaluable intelligence information. It is again requested that you furnish your decision as soon as possible concerning the requests which have been made.

(S) U

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CONFIDENTIAL

GROUP 1
Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 5:00 P.M.
DATE 6-11-68
BY

OCT 17 1968

MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

For your information, inasmuch as James Earl Ray has been apprehended, the request for electronic surveillances mentioned in my memorandum dated May 13, 1968, captioned "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.," is hereby withdrawn. (UNCLASSIFIED)

NOTE:

See memorandum C.D. Brennan to Mr. W.C. Sullivan, same caption, dated 6/10/68, prepared by MJJ:sss.

This memorandum is classified "Top Secret" since unauthorized disclosure could result in exceptionally grave damage to U.S. intelligence interests.

Record # 3002
Date 3/21/77

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 10/9/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles [illegible]tel dated 10/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and other receiving offices are two copies of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with Dr. RUSSELL BRADLEY, who performed nose surgery on JAMES EARL RAY.

Dr. RUSSELL BRADLEY, 7060 Hollywood Boulevard, was interviewed on 10/2/68 and furnished the following information:

On 9/25/68 WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE made an appointment with Dr. BRADLEY for professional services. He furnished his residence as 411 Day Street, Hartsville, Alabama and his employment as real estate broker and investor. He furnished his local address as the Bel-Air Hotel, Beverly Hills, California.

During this appointment HUIE advised Dr. BRADLEY that he was actually present to obtain information from BRADLEY concerning surgery he had performed on the nose of JAMES EARL RAY, known to Dr. BRADLEY as ERIC S. GALT. Dr. BRADLEY stated he could furnish no information from his records without first having the written consent of the patient.

HUIE advised BRADLEY that he would obtain RAY's consent.

ENCLOSURE

44-38861-5238

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3 - Bureau (Encls.2)
1 - Memphis (Encls.2)
1 - Birmingham (Encls.2)
2 - Los Angeles
TJA:rmb
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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HULE reappeared at Dr. BRADLEY's [redacted] office on 3/21/68 with a handwritten medical release from HAY witnessed by HAY's attorney, ARTHUR DAVIS. With approval of his personal attorney [redacted] then furnished HULE information concerning ELLO S. GALT from his files.

This information consisted of the facts that Dr. BRADLEY [redacted] had a first appointment with GALT on 2/17/68 for examination. On 3/5/68 [redacted] performed a nasal tip reconstruction for an elongated nasal tip on GALT in his office. On 3/7/68, sutures were removed from GALT's nose and on 3/11/68 sutures were removed. GALT was scheduled to return in six weeks for a postoperative checkup but failed to keep the appointment.

BRADLEY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1 Date 10/9/68

DR. BRADLEY
[redacted], was interviewed and furnished the following information:

DR. BRADLEY
[redacted] stated that the information he would furnish concerns a patient and therefore he considers it of a confidential nature. He stated that prior to making this information public or prior to his testifying to it he first would need a release from the patient.

DR. BRADLEY'S
JAMES EARL RAY utilizing the name of ERIC S. GALT appeared at [redacted] office on February 19, 1968 at 11:30 a.m. for consultation. He furnished his address as 5533 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, telephone 464-1131 and date of birth as July 20, 1931. He listed his nearest relative as CARL L. GALT, 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama. GALT stated he had been referred to [redacted] by the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

DR. BRADLEY DR. BRADLEY
[redacted] stated he performed a nasal tip reconstruction for an elongated nasal tip on GALT in his office on March 5, 1968. A local anesthetic was used. On March 7, 1968 GALT returned [redacted] office to have packs removed from his nose. On March 11, 1968 he again returned and the sutures were removed from his nose [redacted].
DR. BRADLEY'S DR. BRADLEY

GALT was scheduled to return in six weeks for a final postoperative checkup but failed to keep the appointment.

DR. BRADLEY
[redacted] stated he personally saw GALT on each visit. He continued that GALT was quiet and pleasing in manner, unassuming and composed. [redacted] stated that GALT paid $200 in cash for the surgery on the date of the operation, March 5, 1968. [redacted] stated that the surgery he performed on GALT did not alter his appearance to any degree.

DR. BRADLEY DR. BRADLEY

On 10/2/68 at Los Angeles, California File # Los Angeles 44-1974

[redacted] TJA/nmb Date dictated 10/7/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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F B

Date: 10/3/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, 9/30/68.

The three state prosecutors from Memphis, ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY, and JOHN CARLISLE, spent the entire day and early evening in Birmingham on 10/3/68 and were afforded courtesies of the Birmingham Office in arranging interviews, etc., with prospective witnesses. They appeared to be satisfied with responses obtained. They also gave the impression of being extremely dedicated toward the prosecution of this case.

For consideration of the Bureau, it appears advisable at this time for the physical evidence which was personally delivered to the FBI Laboratory immediately after being located to be returned to Birmingham in order that the items may be available for witnesses at Birmingham to produce in response to subpoenas duces tecum. These items include the Aeromarine Supply Company Sales Invoice #2251A, 3/29/68, under the name HARVEY TOWMEYER and the rental agreement, plus related papers, for Safe Deposit Box #5517 at Birmingham Trust National Bank dated 8/28/67 under the name ERIC S. GALT.

3 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Birmingham
HAS:jam
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12 OCT 10 1968

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FBI

Date: 10/2/68

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Via AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM reflecting interview with [redacted] an inmate of the Collier County Jail, Naples, Florida. Two copies of the LHM are being forwarded to Memphis and Kansas City for assistance in their investigation.

The Miami Division is not in a position to evaluate the information furnished by [redacted]

LEADS

MEMPHIS

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will evaluate the information furnished by [redacted] with known information concerning RAY's activities during the period of 1966 referred to by [redacted]

KANSAS CITY

3 - Bureau (Enc 9)
2 - Kansas City (44-760)(Enc 2)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc 2)
1 - Miami
EH/mgc
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FBI

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Special Agent in Charge

OCT 17 1968

AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

Will determine through the Missouri State Penitentiary records, if [redacted] was incarcerated at the same time as JAMES EARL RAY and determine, if possible, if [redacted] and RAY would have been housed in the same quarters and could have had contact as reported by [redacted]

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 44-1854

Miami, Florida
October 2, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

On September 30, 1968, [redacted] was interviewed at his request at the Collier County Jail, Naples, Florida.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date October 2, 1968

[redacted] was interviewed at the Collier County Jail at his request. Prior to the interview, he was advised of his rights as reflected on an executed waiver of rights form.

[redacted] furnished the following statement in his own handwriting:

"September 30, 1968

"I, [redacted], make the following statement to Special Agent [redacted] JR., whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"In 1961, I had the opportunity to meet one JAMES EARL RAY. I was introduced by a friend of mine by the name of [redacted] who was doing twenty four (24) years. He was from New Madrid, Missouri, not far from my home town of Kennett.

"He informed RAY that I was about the last of the good convicts. RAY said he was pleased to meet me, because the big city boys from St. Louis, and K.C., Mo. were turning out to be a bunch of 'punks'. This was the Mo. State Pen, Jefferson City, Mo.

"RAY was the quiet type of guy. He had very little to say to convicts or guards for that matter. I seen him every now and then, but didn't ask many question. We had used a little dope together, but that was all.

"RAY showed great contemp for the colored convicts, as he very seldom talked to them except on business deals for dope or money. He was always telling me how the boys from St. Louis

On 9/30/68 at Naples, Florida File # Miami 44-1854

by [redacted] JR./rgc Date dictated 10/2/68

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"and K.C. always kissed their (Obscene #1) _____. He said he never would, because if it hadn't been for LINCOLN they would still be shining his shoes.

"I was released from prison on [redacted] And never heard from RAY until, 1966.

"In June 4, 1965, I received two (2) years from Butler County, Mo. After thirty (30) days in quarintine I was sent to Church Farm, (one of the prison farm (which is honor).

"Later in January, 1966, I was transfered back to the walls to complete the rest of my time.

"I was placed in Food Service and there I remained until by release of June 1, 1966, from the Missouri State Penitentiary, at Jefferson City, Mo.

"On, or around the middle of February, 1966, I came in contact with JAMES EARL RAY again. He explained that it was nice to see me and that he had a good deal for me.

"He wanted to know if I would do him and myself a big favor; so I said yes; anything to help a friend.

"When he first mentioned escape I thought he wanted me to leave with him, but I quickly explained that I got out on June 1, 1966, that year. He said no, I want you to help me.

"Than after I make it I'll wait on you in St. Louis. He asked me how I would like to make a lot of money so I said doesn't everyone. But I explained I had this girl friend in Tennessee, who was waiting on me, but he let me know that it really didn't make any difference at all.

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"So I wanted to know what his plans were. This is how RAY, explained it to me. Some people (friends in St. Louis) fixed it with some one in Philadelphia, for him to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING.

"I told RAY I didn't want to get mixed up in it. So he let me know real politely that I was already in it only didn't realise it yet. An I couldn't get out unless I wanted it. Than I agreed to go along, after I heard this. Also he told me I was coming up there to the pen, for chicken feed, was I afraid to get ahead? I told him no, but killing KING, we couldn't get away with.

"RAY told me not to worry about a thing. Also how did a grand some of Fifty Thousand (50,000) dollars sound to me? I said great, but what if we get caught? He explained we wouldn't and if we did we would get out of it with a fixer lawyer, besides who in the South like "Niggers"??

"RAY also said after we get KING, we'll beable to get more for one of the KENNEDY's. I said that the Kennedy Family had done more for the United States, than anyone ever had. He said they were like KING, a bunch of Communists all of them and that is the way they wanted people to believe, as I did.

"RAY said: Take that punk J.F.K. (meaning JOHN F. KENNEDY, Late President) for instants, he made you eat with a nigger on the streets didn't he? He made you live by them, go to school with them. So how is he so great? I said, that a change had to come and we had better be ready for one. RAY got mad at me and said not as long as I can kill one of the (Obscene #2)_____. I seen he was angry, so I told him, I guess he was right about it. He said, he knew he was and would get KING to prove it.

"At this time I wanted to know how, JAMES EARL RAY, planned to escape from the walls, of the Mo. State Pen.

"This is how it was to be done. RAY would leave his cell in the month of April, or approx. for the show. He would than have his bed fixed so as a gaurd would not discover him missing. Than I came into the picture:

"RAY was to place himself on top of the main kitchen, where I worked. Then at 2:30 AM I was to send him food and cigarettes, with a jar of water. He was to remain there for about three days, after that I was to get some kind of pills he gave me into the coffee that was to be sent to the Gaurd Towers.

"After that he would wait until they were asleep and he would go over the wall. He had someone, by the name of [redacted] waiting on him from St. Louis, Mo.

"RAY continued to pass me notes, on the matter up until the night he plan to leave.

"The first note read: [redacted] don't let me down if you do you know the score. But you won't!

"The second was. Tear these notes up and flush them! Say can't you just see all that money for one lousey Nigger? We will live in style and travle the world. You can bring your girl along. Your Pal JIM.

"#No. Three: 'Pal, the time has grown near, so all is left is the wait. I think April 12, is a good day, or do you believe Lucky 13. Smile friend, JIM.'

"The last note was:

"Tonight is it my friend and I know I can count on you for your part. Don't lose those pills I gave you!! Remember everything, because my ride will be then. See you on June 1, my friend. Your Friend Always JAMES.

"RAY's escape would have been good if not a guy by the name of [redacted] or something of the sort) hadn't tryed it as well on the same night, but they found him hiding in the show after everyone had left for the cell-house.

"RAY was latter captured on top of the main kitchen, where a guard had seen him, when he tryed to change places.

"JAMES EARL RAY never stated which one of the Kennedy family: All he said was one day it will be: K.K.K. as he put it KENNEDY, KING and KENNEDY. Then our worries will be over.

"He never stated who the other people were in St. Louis or Philrle (just that they may have others lined up for us.)

"When [redacted] was placed in the kitchen I asked why he was trying to leave: He stated he had life and was playing a hunch, but did not know RAY had planned to leave.

"The above is a true statement made by me on this 30th day of September, 1968.

"There has been know threats or promises made to me in this matter what-so-ever. It is of my own free will.

"/s/ [redacted]

"I, [redacted], do hereby swear that the above is true to the best of my knowledge so help me God.

"Signed: [redacted]

"Wittnessed: [redacted]

In addition to the [redacted] further advised that RAY said if he, [redacted] could help him kill MARTIN LUTHER KING it would be worth $50,000 to each of them and later on they could get more than that for taking care of those "stinking KENNEDY's". RAY said it was people like KING and the KENNEDYs who try to run the world and they are all Communists and want nothing but power and domination of the whole world. RAY would never tell [redacted] who had arranged for the money if he killed KING only that it was arranged through someone in St. Louis with someone in Philidelphia.

[redacted] said he was to be near the building from which RAY would shoot KING and after the shots were fired and attention was focused on the building he, [redacted] was to run and create attention to get the police to chase him. He was to have the police chase him for some distance before being caught and this would give RAY ample time to walk away from the building. [redacted] was then to tell the police that he heard shots and since he was an ex-convict he got scared and did not want to get in any trouble so he ran. The police would be unable to prove anything against [redacted] since there would be no gun or powder marks or fingerprints or any evidence linking [redacted] to the shooting. RAY was then going to go "up north" and after awhile purposely get himself picked up on his jail break from the Missouri State Penitentiary, because he said that he would have enough money at that time to hire a lawyer to get him a parole.

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MM 44-1851

MORKIN
CIVIL RIGHTS

FD-302 of [redacted], dated October 2, 1968, at Naples, Florida, on September 30, 1968.

Obscene #1 "black ass", page 2, paragraph 1, line 1.

Obscene #2 "bastards", page 3, paragraph 5, line 9.

SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) October 11, 1968

EX 113 REC-7

Director, FBI (44-38861)

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 10/8/68.

Department is handling the evidence in this matter, and you will be advised accordingly.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

REL:gcw
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COMM-FBI

30CT1 MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

[redacted] (62-387) DATE: 10/7/[illegible]

[redacted] (178-304) (2)

Subject: [redacted]
[illegible] CONCERNING
(OO: [illegible])

[illegible] (2)
(OO: LOS ANGELES)

MEMPHIS (2)
(OO: [illegible])

Re Tampa letter to the Director, 9/30/[illegible].

Re [illegible] of Tampa, New Orleans [illegible] interviewed [redacted] at Shreveport, La., on 9/[illegible].

Enclosed for Tampa is one copy of the [illegible] which sets forth results of that interview.

New Orleans airtel to Los Angeles, 9/30/[illegible], [illegible] caption furnished Los Angeles with 26 copies of the [illegible] in question.

New Orleans airtel to Memphis dated 9/30/[illegible], under [illegible] caption, furnished Memphis with 26 copies of the [illegible] interview in question.

Interview with [redacted] by New [illegible] Los Angeles teletype to New Orleans dated 9/24/[illegible], under the [illegible] caption.

[redacted] COMMUNIST [illegible] [illegible]

2 - Bureau
1 - Los Angeles (Info)
3 - Tampa (1 - 62-[illegible]) (Enc. 1) ([illegible])
(1 - 44-[illegible]) ([illegible])
(1 - 157-[illegible]) ([illegible])
[illegible]
[illegible]

1 [illegible]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/10/68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Attached are two Xerox copies each of two letters written by subject JAMES EARL RAY while incarcerated in Shelby County Jail, Memphis, Tennessee.

Copies of this correspondence are furnished for the information of the Bureau.

2 - Bureau (Enc.-4)
1 - Memphis
RGJ:ME
(3)

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REC-1

17 OCT 14 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

JAMES RAY
COUNTY-JAIL
MEMPHIS, TENN.

6c

To. Mr. J. B. Stoner

P.O. Box-6263

Savannah, Georgia - 31405

11-8-68

Dear Mr. Stoner;

I will just write a few lines to thank you for coming to memphis, also my brother came to visit me after you and I talked to him about the libel case and he said he wanted write you and explain some things more fully, about one charge made in the magazine particular. I was also informed that some scribbler named Drew pearson has been writing articles in some what the same vein, maybe his article caused

I suppose he's another one of Clark's stooges. I guess that's about all for now

Sincerely

Lonnie E. Ray

MR. EUGENE ASK ME THIS QUESTION ALSO, THINKING I HAD SELECTED HIM, AS I UNDERSTAND IS THE PROCEDURE IN ENGLISH COURTS, I UNDERSTAND MR. FRANK NIELTON APPOINTED HIM OFFICIALY BUT I WOULD LITE TO KNOW WHO RECOMMED MR. EUGENE

SINCERELY

James E. Ray

P.S. THE NAME.
Ramon George Sneyd
WAS USE AT THE
BOW ST. HEARING.

To. Mr. Frank Melton

Chief Magistrate
Bow Street Court
London, England.

C/o Chief Clerk,

10-7-63

DEAR SIR;

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT VERY MOSH IF IF YOU COULD GIVE ME ANY INFOKIMATION ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

1. WOULD YOU SEND ME THE PRICE OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF MY EXTRADITION HEARING IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT INCLUDING THE PAPERS THAT WERE SENT OVER BY THE U.S GIUERNMENT. MY ATTORNEY MR. HANES SAID HE HAD TRIED TO GET THESE PAPERS FROM MR. MICHEL EUGUNE BUT REC'D NO ANSER.

2. COULD YOU ALSO WRITE ME AS TO WHOM APPOINTED MR. EUGENE AS MY SOLICITOR, AS THIS MITE COME UP AT MY TRIAL

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 10/14/68

FROM : SAC, Memphis (44-1982) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information are two copies of an Order issued by Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Memphis, Tenn., relative to seating accommodations in the courtroom in anticipation of forthcoming trial.

Also submitted are two copies of an "Order on Scire Facias," issued by Judge BATTLE.

In addition to the above Orders issued by Judge BATTLE, there are enclosed two copies each of the following:

Letter prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY, dated October 14, 1968.

Letter dated October 9, 1968, addressed to subject by his brother, JERRY RAY, St. Louis, Mo.

Letter dated October 14, 1968 from subject to Attorney ARTHUR HANES.

(2 - Bureau (Enc.-10)
1 - Memphis
RGJ:ME
(3)

REC 53

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OCT 25 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias ERIC §
STARVO GALT, Alias JOHN WILLARD, §
Alias HARVEY LOHMEYER. §

ORDER ON SCIRE FACIAS

This cause came on to be heard on a verified petition for citation for contempt of Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., Renfro T. Hays, Roy Hamilton and Charles Edmundson, heretofore filed by the Court-appointed amici curiae; personal service of said petition upon all four named respondents; scire facias issued by this Court ordering said respondents to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of previous orders of this Court; the sworn answer of the respondent Renfro T. Hays; the hearing in open court on the 27th day of September, 1968 and on the 30th day of September, 1968, at which time sworn testimony was adduced by the petitioners and the respondents; the argument of counsel for all parties; the exhibits in the cause, and upon the entire record in this cause, from all of which it appears to the Court:

That the respondents Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., Renfro T. Hays, Roy Hamilton and Charles Edmondson, each, are guilty of contempt as found by this Court in its opinion which has been filed in this cause, and which the Court incorporates by reference in this order the same as if copied herein verbatim; and

The Court being undecided at this time as to what action the Court should take by way of punishment on account of said contempts, and being desirous of giving the matter further consideration,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that this matter be, and the same is hereby, reserved by this Court for further and future orders of this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the motions of the respondents Roy Hamilton and Charles Edmundson, made by and through their attorneys, the Honorable Armistead Clay and the Honorable Ezra Z. Bryan, at the conclusion of the Court's opinion, to reconsider the Court's action and, in the alternative, to fix punishment, are hereby denied.

To all of which the respondents respectfully except.

JUDGE

Oct. 11, 1963 [illegible]

1963, Nunc pro Tunc

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

JAMES EARL RAY
Alias Eric Starvo Galt,
Alias John Willard,
Alias Harvey Lowmeyer,
Alias Harvey Lowmyer.

NO. 16645 Murder First Degree

NO. 16819 Carrying Dangerous Weapon

O R D E R

Attendance in the Courtroom will be limited to the seating accomodations of the Courtroom except insofar as the Court shall order.

The north portion of the Courtroom behind the rails consisting of seats numbered 1 through 42 will be reserved for accredited representatives of the news media who will be admitted to the Courtroom only upon presentation of credentials issued by this Court. The south portion of the back of the Courtroom behind the rails consisting of seats numbered 43 through 77 will be available to members of the public for each session of the Court in order of their appearance except for

____ seats for family and/or friends of the defendant, and

____ seats for family and/or friends of the deceased.

Seat assignments for representatives of news media shall be as follows:

Seat No. 1. Associated Press Representative

2. U. P. I. Representative

3. Associated Negro Press Representative

4. National N. B. C. T.V. and Radio Representative

5. National C. B. S. T.V. and Radio Representative

6. National A. B. C. T.V. and Radio Representative

7. Commercial Appeal Representative

8. Press-Scimitar Representative

9. Tri-State Defender Representative

10. Memphis World Representative

11. Memphis W M C T.V. Representative

12. Memphis W R E C T.V. Representative

13. Memphis W H B Q T.V. Representative

14. Memphis W.M.P.S. Representative

15. Memphis W.D.I.A. Representative

16. The New York Times and News Service Representative

17. Los Angeles Times and News Service Representative

18. Chicago Daily News Wire Service Representative

19. St. Louis Post Dispatch Representative

20. The Nashville Banner Representative

21. The Nashville Tennesseean Representative

22. Washington Daily News-Scripps Howard News Representative

23. Wall Street Journal (National Observer) Representative

24. The Birmingham News Representative

25. Atlanta Constitution Representative

26. This seat to be shared by following named four (4) London newspapers on a revolving basis to be worked out among themselves, and plan to be approved by the Court:
    (a) The London Daily Mirror Representative
    (b) The Daily Telegraph and Morning Post Representati
    (c) The Daily Mail Representative
    (d) The London Daily Express Representative

27. Reuters Representative

28. Deutsche Press-Agentur Representative

29. Toronto Telegram Representative

30. French News Agency Representative

31. This seat to be shared by Life-Time-Fortune magazines on a revolving basis to be worked out among themselves, and plan to be approved by the Court.

32. Newsweek Representative

33. Harpers Representative

34. Saturday Evening Post Representative

35. Gerold Frank, Doubleday and Company

36. George McMillan, Little Brown and Company

37. W.S.G.N., Birmingham

38. Clay D. Blair, Bantam Books

39. Revolving Seats

41. Revolving Seats

42. " "

Enter.

Clifford E. Davis
Judge Division III

Criminal Court, Shelby County, Tennessee

Date: Oct 14 1968

To. Mr. Jerry Ray
1902 Clarke
St. Louis, Missouri.
63113

Dear Jerry, oct-14-68

I rec'd your letter a couple days ago. There is a couple of things I would like for you to do when you come down. One I want to sign the power of attorney over to you, it's just a one page document giving you the right to sign anything for me with my name, I guess you could get me from a notary and bring it home I would then sign it and give that to you. Also when you come down I would like to have you visit Mrs Shelby Clancy, Jim's wife, tell her hi for me.

and ask him to give you any information he has on the limits of an alabama attorney to practice in Tennessee, I seems as if you from alabama you can just file one and a year or two and I might help to have a Tennessee att for the ethics committee hearing. I would ask Mr Howe about this but his in cahoots visiting victims and I don't know when he will be back, well I guess That all for now, Take it easy Jim

P.S.
I left the Bar association in the criminal court Building located in the

Sept 68

Dear Jimmy:

Just a short note to let you know I've got back okay. We got back Friday evening and I received your letter Saturday.

There isn't much to write about as we haven't heard from Nancy or anybody else concerning the case.

All probably will be home and I'll write to Whittier about the charges as soon as you want me to contact anybody for you. Let me know on your return and I can fill you in as far as I can.

There isn't much to write. Everything is pretty quiet. Nothing unusual. Glad you got your letter.

Everybody at the Family is okay.

As ever

Dutch

Jerry Ray.

P.S.

I was just on my way out to mail the mail this letter when I received your last letter. It was just going out to the Statesman when I got it etc. till today your letter came to him and after we got into the information you would either [illegible] or I will write you and give along the information.

as ever

Jerry.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

Air Mail

[illegible]

[illegible] County Jail

[illegible]

J. RAY
MEMPHIS, TENN.
COUNTY JAIL.

To. Mr. Arthur Hanes
Att. at Law.
Birmingham, Alabama.
35203

oct-14-68

Dear Mr. Hanes;

I will just write a short note, everything is about the same, the papers have been writing about 2 articles everyday about the case, the last article took up the whole front page of the 2nd. section. I guess they had a little briefing from the state attorney office as they come up with a couple new theorys, also bring me up a set of heads as am suppose to be a hippie according to the last article, the main reason I am writing the letter is to say I haven't made any real statements while up here and will not until I go to court. If this would [illegible] to the letter I sent

Oct-14-68

To you on att. from Clark from Engle!
I read in the paper a couple of days ago where
the federal courts are using this tactic to
get convictions.
well I suppose that all for now

Sincerely
James E. Ray.
Memphis county Jail ...

FBI

Date: 10/11/68

mit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel dated 10/4/68.

[redacted] who has been devoting a great deal of time to captioned matter, hospitalized for arthritis of the spine and unable to make any inquiry during past week.

[redacted], previously mentioned by East Alton Police Department as possible suspect in band robbery, recontacted at Madison County Jail, Edwardsville; states he wishes to furnish information he feels will be of assistance as soon as burglary trial completed. Case due to go to jury today. [redacted] will be recontacted early next week.

Recontact with bank officials and police agencies during past week unproductive.

REC-8

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3-Bureau (44-38861)
2-Memphis (44-1987)
3-Springfield (2:44-561)
~~(1:91-3699)~~

RCH:lmb
(8)

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/9/68

FROM : LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR HUMAN INTEREST ITEMS ON ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)

ReBulet 8/23/68.

All items received by Ottawa office in this case were included in reports submitted and no effort was made to go through this material to extract same.

A request has been made of the RCMP, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal, for any information along the above line not included in its reports and the Bureau will be advised when replies are received.

3 - Bureau (1 Liaison)
1 - Ottawa
MLI:md
(4)

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FBI

Date: 10/11/68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis tel dated 10/7/68.

ROBERT DWYER and JAMES BEEASLEY, Deputy Attorney Generals, state of Tennessee and Representative JOHN CARLILE (MA), arrived Los Angeles 10:45 p.m. 10/8/68 and departed Los Angeles 10:30 a.m. 10/11/68. On 10/9 and 10/68, the above mentioned individual interview witnesses inceptioned case as follows:

RODNEY ARVIVSON, THOMAS LAU, MARGARITA POWERS, JAMES E. MORRISON, BO DEL MONTE, RUSSEL HADLEY, MARIE MARTIN, CHARLES STIEN, JOW TETERS, FAYE BERNARD, ESTHER NIETO, and LUCY PINELA.

DWYER, BEEASLEY and CARLILE expressed appriciation to the SAC for cooperation and assistance furnished by the Los Angeles Office, FBI.

REC-34 44-38861-5245

EX-105

15 OCT 15 1968

3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Los Angeles

TJA/mlj
(5)

Sent _____ M Per _____

Agent in Charge

FD-263 (Rev. 3-8-67)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
CHICAGO	MEMPHIS	10/2/68	8/23 - 10/2/68

TITLE OF CASE

"CHANGED"

JAMES EARL RAY, aka
John L. Raynd,
John Larry Rayns
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY: SA [redacted] TYPED BY: CMS

CHARACTER OF CASE

CR - CONSPIRACY
UFAC - ROBBERY

Title marked changed to include the aliases used by the subject while in Chicago.

REFERENCE: Chicago teletypes to the Bureau and Memphis dated 8/23 and 24/68.

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Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis:

Subject employed at Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, from 5/3/67 - 6/24/67, as a dishwasher and cook's helper under the name of JOHN L. RAYNS, SSN 318-24-7098. RAY resided at 2731 North Sheffield and 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, during that time. Owners, Indian Trail Restaurant, interviewed by WILLIAM BRANFORD HUIE, author, who has underwritten cost of RAY's defense for exclusive story rights. HUIE's version of KING's murder obtained from subject as told to restaurant owners set forth. Right thumb print of subject developed on paycheck from Indian Trail Restaurant.

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DETAILS:

INTERVIEW WITH OWNERS OF INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT
Winnetka, Illinois

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 8/30/68

On August 23, 1968, Mr. HARVEY A. KLINGEMAN and Mrs. CLARA S. KLINGEMAN, owners, Indian Trail Restaurant, 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, phone HI 6-1703, residence 391 Linden, Winnetka, Illinois, phone HI 6-2932, were interviewed jointly in the conference room at the Winnetka, Illinois, Police Department, after being introduced to the interviewing Agents by Chief DON DERNING (RA), Winnetka, Illinois, Police Department.

They advised that on Tuesday, August 20, 1968, they were contacted by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, Hartselle, Alabama, who is the author of "Three Lives For Mississippi". Mr. HUIE was accompanied by Mr. (First Name Unknown) HANSEN, who is a photographer for "Look" magazine. Mr. HUIE exhibited letters which he claimed were from JAMES EARL RAY and were addressed to a Mississippi attorney. These letters were purportedly given to HUIE by the attorney. HUIE told them that he had obtained all commercial rights to RAY's story and for this he has agreed to underwrite the costs of RAY's defense in the forthcoming murder trial in Memphis, Tennessee. The aforementioned letters were written on half sheets of yellow legal foolscap and both of the KLINGEMANs stated that they recognized the handwriting on these papers as that of the subject RAY, whom they knew under the name of JOHN RAYNS. At this point, the KLINGEMANs were exhibited several photographs of the subject, JAMES EARL RAY, along with other photographs and they both positively identified JAMES EARL RAY as a man employed by them from May 3, 1967, to June 24,1967, as a dishwasher and cook's helper. The KLINGEMANs verified the foregoing statement by furnishing to the interviewing Agents their payroll ledger sheet. A review of the ledger sheet reveals the following information:

Name	JOHN L. RAYNS
Address	2731 Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Cook's helper
Social Security Number	318-24-7098
Rate	$2.10 per hour

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Number of Exemptions 1
Marital Status Single

In addition, the KLINGEMANs also made available the Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate made out in the same name and address and Social Security Number as set forth above, dated May 10,1968.

They also made available the following listed payroll checks all drawn on the Winnetka Trust and Savings Bank bearing the identification in the upper left-hand corner of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, 60093, made out to either JOHN L. RAYNS of JOHN RAYNS and signed by HARVEY A. KLINGEMAN. The checks are endorsed by JOHN L. RAYNS or JOHN RAYNS, two of which have the address 1648 Lunt, Chicago, underneath the signature. These checks are as follows:

NUMBER	AMOUNT	DATE
4838	$57.69	May 7, 1967
4913	$84.89	May 14, 1967
4987	$84.89	May 21, 1967
5058	$84.89	May 28, 1967
5130	$89.63	June 11, 1967
5283	$95.19	June 18, 1967
5357	$77.53	June 25, 1967

The foregoing checks total $664.34.

Mr. KLINGEMAN advised that to the best of his recollection at this time, the last check, Number 5357, was mailed to RAY's brother, name unrecalled, in Northbrook, Illinois, at RAY's request since he left his employment prior to receipt of the check, stating that he was going to work on boats with his brother. As Mr. KLINGEMAN recalls, he received a letter from RAY requesting that the pay due be sent to his brother.

Both of the KLINGEMANs characterized JAMES EARL RAY as an excellent employee, quiet, attentive, prompt, polite, a very good worker, but to their knowledge, had no friends or visitors during the time of his employment. They did recall that during the subject's last week of employment, he received three or four phone calls from a male individual who stated that he was RAY's brother. They could not recall the individual's name, nor did they believe that they would recognize this person's voice if they heard it again.

In conversation with Mr. HUIE, the KLINGEMANs received the following information on a confidential basis and advised that they were rather reluctant to divulge it, but felt that it was their duty as citizens. They requested that this information be maintained on a confidential basis within the FBI. They advised that they contacted Chief DERNING because of his reputation and are now following his advice in furnishing this information to the FBI:

Mr. HUIE showed the KLINGEMANs letters from RAY in which RAY listed employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant. (It should be noted that this restaurant is an old, large, upper class restaurant, of excellent reputation. Chief DERNING advised that the KLINGEMANs themselves have an excellent reputation within the community and that he holds them in very high regard). HUIE told them that RAY had served seven years of a twenty-year sentence at Jefferson, Missouri, prison, during which time he had eight visitors, one of whom was his brother, however, HUIE did not identify which one. Prior to his escape, RAY had stashed away a razor, green prison trousers which had been dyed black, and 12 hersey bars in anticipation that he would have to go without food for some time. RAY also had $300 in his shoe. He escaped in a bread truck and walked to Chicago, Illinois, from Jefferson City, Missouri, which took him about eight days. (The KLINGEMANs do recall that when the subject first appeared at the restaurant, his feet were swollen and that their sister-in-law gave him two Ace bandages to use which he returned three or four days later. This supposedly was mentioned in the letter in HUIE's possession).

Thereafter, RAY read the advertisement in the Tribune wherein the KLINGEMANs had advertised for help in the restaurant. HUIE said that the subject in the letter

mentioned that the employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant was the "high point of his life".

HUIE mentioned that RAY had had only three jobs in his life, one of which was in a shoe factory outside of East St. Louis, Illinois, which was prior to his going to prison the last time. He also said that during the time RAY was employed at the restaurant, he was "tapped on the shoulder" by an individual who recognized him and who threatened to reveal his identity to the police and cause RAY's return to prison if he, RAY, did not work for this person. HUIE said that RAY was given $1,200 during the initial contacts, by the alleged conspirators, and was ultimately paid $15,000, but was due to receive more.

Again, according to HUIE, RAY was told to go to Canada to investigate the difficulty of crossing the border. Supposedly RAY made two trips through the Detroit Tunnel into Canada. He also made a third trip to Canada, date and sequence not given, and "was instructed" to obtain a 40-year-old newspaper, get the names of the males born that date, and search the current phone directory for similar names. He was then to surveil the individuals with similar names to determine whether or not his physical description was similar to theirs. Thereafter, he telephoned persons of his like description, utilizing a pretext, and thereby found a name who had never applied for a passport. RAY then applied for a passport in this name.

The KLINGEMANs advised that they were not sure that they were furnishing this information in its proper sequence, but that to the best of their recollection, the information preceding and following was given to them in this order by HUIE. Thereafter, RAY was given more money to purchase a Mustang which was to be driven to Acapulco, Mexico, for the purpose of obtaining a tourist sticker. He then drove through Mexico to the West Coast and hid out there to receive further instructions from the other individuals in the alleged conspiracy. HUIE stated that RAY was flown to Atlanta from the West Coast, but the time was not right, there was no action and he was sent back to California. He was also told to be in Mississippi at a certain time and place. Supposedly Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was at an Holiday Inn Motel in Atlanta, Georgia, when RAY was flown there.

Subsequently, RAY was given money to obtain binoculars and a shotgun and was to go to Memphis to be somewhere at 3 p.m. in room 312 or 313. Supposedly there were other individuals who also came to this room and there was a Negro male who purportedly called KING out to the balcony. According to HUIE, the actual murderer of KING was not RAY, although RAY was present and at a later time (probably the trial) RAY will identify the murderer. RAY did pick up the rifle, ran to his car, and sped to a rendezvous in Atlanta, Georgia. He was supposed to pick up a "bundle of money", however, the conspirators did not appear. RAY allegedly spent several days or hours at this apartment in Atlanta, Georgia, awaiting the arrival of his "fellow conspirators".

According to HUIE, the plan was for RAY to go to Mexico, but immediately fly north to throw off pursuit and to steer all investigation to Mexico. However, since the conspirators did not appear in Atlanta, RAY fled to Canada thereafter utilizing his knowledge to obtain a passport and fled to England.

The KLINGEMANs advised that the rest of HUIE's story substantially follows the newspaper accounts which appeared after subject RAY's arrest in England. They did note that HUIE stated that RAY did rob a bank in London because he "got real low on money". HUIE at no time identified the alleged fellow conspirators of RAY. He did swear the KLINGEMANs to secrecy and told them that he would mail the "Look" proofs on September 10,1968, and the story would be in the November 10,1968, issue of Look magazine. Both Mr. and Mrs. KLINGEMAN advised that they would make these proofs available to the interviewing Agents for review.

The KLINGEMANs advised that RAY began working for them as a dishwasher and because of his excellent attitude was advanced to cook's helper. During the time he was in their employ, they did not observe him in a car, nor did they know him to own an automobile. He had no visitors, he did not wear glasses, he had no women friends, nor did he make any advances toward the female personnel employed at the restaurang and they noted that his hair was "less bushy" during the time he was at the restaurant than shown in the photographs.

They are not sure how he came to work from his apartment, but believe he might have been met at the Eden's Expressway by WILLIE PERRY and FRED BURNS, who were also employees at the restaurant.

His conduct was excellent and they cannot recall him making any comments one way or another about members of the Negro race and specifically no comments whatsoever concerning MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. RAY made no reference to his previous employment, but did mention that he was in Brimerhaven, Germany, during World War II. They advised that when RAY received the phone calls during his last week of employment he seemed to be disturbed and that his concentration on his work was not as good as it usually was.

They then recalled that according to HUIE, that when JAMES EARL RAY left England, he was going to Lisbon to get to Africa, however, he was unable to do so which is when he returned to England and held up a bank receiving about $200 in loot. They again stated that the information furnished to them by HUIE came from letters which RAY had written to his attorney, who in turn turned them over to the author. Also Mr. KLINGEMAN stated that in one of the letters which he believed was to the attorney from RAY, while he was in London, England, there was a drawing identifying a location which appeared to be Diversey Street and Sheffield Avenue in Chicago, Illinois.

At the conclusion of the interview, the Klingemans again requested that this information be maintained in confidence and expressed a willingness to co-operate with the FBI in my way possible.

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INVESTIGATION AT 2731 NORTH SHEFFIELD

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 9/3/68

EDWARD DONNELLY, who resides at 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment, 7300 Linder Avenue, Skokie, Illinois. DONNELLY was advised interviewing Agents were interested in the person whose name appears on page 13 of the rent registration book DONNELLY keeps for 2731 North Sheffield. DONNELLY was shown a xerox copy of page 13 and was asked if he could recall the person signing the register as JOHN LARRY RAYES on April 30, 1967. DONNELLY advised he recalled an individual who had stayed in the rear basement apartment by that name.

DONNELLY was shown photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 4059426

[redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

Mr. DONNELLY advised the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY looks familiar to him; however, he could not be certain if this person was identical with the man who registered as JOHN LARRY RAYES.

Mr. DONNELLY advised the individual he recalled as being identical with the man who used the name JOHN LARRY RAYES and who occupied the rear basement apartment had trouble with his feet. He recalled this individual had to rub some kind of preparation on to his feet. Mr. DONNELLY stated this man did not have any visitors and he did not know of any associates of this individual. He recalled that Mr. RAYES said he had worked on the Mississippi River as a cook

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on barges. He also recalled that when Mr. RAYMS left the apartment, he said he was going to Canada and was going to look for a job in Canada. Mr. DONNELLY could not recall if this man received any mail while he stayed at the apartment.

Mr. DONNELLY said he did not know if Mr. RAYMS had a car or where he worked. He did not know what of type of work he did, but he did know he left the apartment every day as if to go to work.

Mr. DONNELLY described JOHN LARRY RAYMS as a white, male, age 30 to 40, medium height, slender build, dark hair.

Mr. DONNELLY advised after looking at the xerox copy of page 13 of the rent record book that it appeared the next person to rent the rear basement apartment was GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, Jr.

Mr. DONNELLY stated that someone of the individuals who had lived in his apartments had told him he was moving out of the apartment to go home and stand trial for murdering his brother-in-law. However, Mr. DONNELLY was unable to recall who had made this statement to him, and he did not know if this statement had been made by Mr. RAYMS or some other person.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 3, 1968

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GLORIA DONNELLY, 2731 North Sheffield Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number LA 5-0691, was interviewed at her residence. Mrs. DONNELLY advised she and her husband, EDWARD, own the building at 2731 North Sheffield. Mrs. DONNELLY stated that they rent apartments in the basement and on the second floor of their building.

Mrs. DONNELLY reviewed the Rent Record Book maintained for the rentals at 2731 North Sheffield, and determined there was an entry dated April 30, 1967, showing a rental to a JOHN LARRY RAYMS. Mrs. DONNELLY stated the handwriting on the entry would be the handwriting of the person renting the room. This person occupied the rear basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised from the Rent Record Book she could not determine how long this individual stayed at the apartment; however, the best she could recall at this time was that Mr. RAYMS stayed there approximately three or four weeks. Mrs. DONNELLY advised the apartment is rented by the week and the rental is $12, or $13 a week.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she had some difficulty recalling this individual, but to the best of her recollection he was a quiet man who did not associate with anyone else in the building and did not have any friends or visitors come by the apartment. She further recalled Mr. RAYMS had complained of his feet hurting. She stated on one or two occasions when she was in the rear basement apartment while he was renting it, she noticed he had a lot of books and had bought some cooking utensils.

Mrs. DONNELLY said that Mr. RAYMS received one letter that she knew of while he stayed at the apartment. This letter was from some place in Canada; after receiving this letter, Mr. RAYMS came up and told them he was going to move and go to Canada. He said he was going to work in Canada. Mrs. DONNELLY advised he said something about trying to get on a ship; however, she could not recall any further details of this comment. Mrs. DONNELLY said that

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after receiving the letter, RAYMS moved the same day. He did not leave a forwarding address or indicate where he was going; however, he left the distinct impression he was going to Canada in answer to the letter received.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised that while Mr. RAYMS wanted the basement apartment, he went to work, or at least left the house daily by 7:00 a.m. She advised she could not recall Mr. RAYMS having any type of car.

Mrs. DONNELLY said that her aunt, JEAN WILKS, who had resided with her, rented the apartment to Mr. RAYMS. Mrs. DONNELLY advised JEAN WILKS passed away on May 1, 1968; she recalled her aunt told her this man came into the apartment as a result of seeing an advertisement in the local newspaper called "The Booster". Mrs. DONNELLY advised this is a neighborhood paper and they run advertisements in this paper whenever they have a vacancy.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated the only ones in the building now who would have been in the building at the time Mr. RAYMS occupied the basement apartment are ANNIE KEEGAN and EDWARD SPERLING. She stated that these two persons rent rooms on the second floor.

Mrs. DONNELLY advised DOROTHY LEHNING and her daughter, PHYLLIS, had occupied the front basement apartment for approximately two years. They moved some time in the spring of 1967, and may have been living in the front basement apartment at the same time that Mr. RAYMS was living in the rear basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY reviewed her Rent Records, and from these records she advised an individual named GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, JR. appeared to be the next man to rent the rear basement apartment. The record book showed that Mr. WACHS rented this apartment on May 17, 1967, or June 17, 1967.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated there is currently a disconnected phone in the rear basement apartment. She did not know how long this phone had been in the apartment or if it had been connected when Mr. RAYMS lived in the apartment. Mrs. DONNELLY checked this phone and determined the number on the phone is 227-0336.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she could not recall Mr. RAYMS leaving anything behind when he left other than

some cooking utensils, which would have been left in the apartment for the use of other occupants of that apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY was shown photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 C

[redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

Mrs. DONNELLY stated she was unable to identify any of these individuals as being the man named RAYMS who resided in the basement apartment.

Mrs. DONNELLY stated the person who had the most contact with this man was her aunt, JEAN WILKS, now deceased. Mrs. WILKS ran the rooming house and baby sat for her children and was home all day, and had much more contact with the tenants than herself.

Mrs. DONNELLY described JOHN L. RAYMS as follows: a white male, in his late 20's or early 30's, tall and thin, dark hair. She could not be more specific in her description.

Mrs. DONNELLY made available page number 13 of her Rent Record Book which contained the signature of JOHN LARRY RAYMS.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 3, 1968

EDWARD SPERLING, 2nd Floor Apartment, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his residence. SPERLING was shown photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

[redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

SPERLING advised the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY bears a resemblance to a man who had lived in the rear basement apartment at 2731 North Sheffield, approximately a year ago.

SPERLING advised the man he was referring to was a man named RAYNS. SPERLING stated he never saw this individual have any visitors or associate with anyone in the area. He further stated this man was not friendly with any of the other people living in the building. He recalled that this man lived at the building for approximately one months

SPERLING advised he thought on one occasion he saw this man around or getting into an old car; however, he could not recall the car's description. SPERLING was unable to furnish any other facts regarding this individual.

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Date September 2, 1968

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ANNIE KEEGAN, 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her residence. KEEGAN stated she did not get acquainted with any of the people who had rooms in the basement, and she stated she was unable to provide any information regarding a person who stayed in the rear basement apartment who used the name of RAYNE.

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Date September 2, 1968

PHYLLIS LEHNING, 925 Schubert, Apartment A, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her residence. LEHNING advised she formerly resided at 2731 North Sheffield, in the front basement apartment. She stated she and her mother moved from that apartment on approximately May 10, 1967. She stated theapartment at 925 Shhubert, was rented from May 1, 1967, to the present.

LEHNING stated she could not recall anyone moving into the rear basement apartment at 2731 North Sheffield, at the approximate time they moved from their front basement apartment. LEHNING was shown photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 G

[redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

LEHNING stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on August 24,11968:

A check of the public telephones located in the M. SARNATZKY Pharmacy, 1000 West Diversey Parkway, determined the numbers of these telephones are 348-9470, and 348-9471.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 9/3/68

Mr. JAMES K. ABBOTT, President of Nelson Chevrolet, 1002 West Diversey, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at his place of employment. Mr. ABBOTT advised an individual named GEORGE WASHINGTON WACHS, Jr., was employed by the Nelson Chevrolet Company from May 1, 1967, to August 9, 1967. He was dismissed for excessive absenteeism.

Mr. ABBOTT checked the employment records for WACHS and determined that at the time he was hired he resided at 5300 West Wellington. Mr. ABBOTT made xerox copies of a sheet entitled Social Security Information containing background information on GEORGE WACHS and a copy of an application for position also containing background information on GEORGE WACHS.

Mr. ABBOTT stated he does not know the current location of GEORGE WACHS.

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INVESTIGATION AT 1648 WEST LUNT

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date 9/3/68

LOLA BALLARD DESPINS, Day Clerk at the Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, was interviewed at her place of employment. DESPINS was shown a xerox copy of Registration Card Number 8075. She advised this card was made out by her and the person registering filled out the name, the street, the city and the state.

DESPINS stated she recalls the individual named on this card, JOHN L. RAYNS; however, she can not recall the individual's facial features. Mrs. DESPINS was shown photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 4059426

[redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

Mrs. DESPINS stated none of these individuals looked familiar to her.

Mrs. DESPINS made available a ledger sheet for room number 105 for June, 1967. This sheet shows room number 105 was rented on June 18, 1967. The amount for this rental was a total of $13.61. A notation on June 19, 1967 shows "checked out". Mrs. DESPINS advised this means the person renting the room on June 18, 1967, checked out on June 19, 1967. She stated this person did not come by the desk and did not get back his $1.00 deposit.

Mrs. DESPINS stated she recalled that the individual who rented the room came to the desk, signed the registration card, then went outside. When he came inside to

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sign the registration card, he had no luggage. However, when he walked around the windows on the outside to go to his apartment, she recalled he was carrying a suitcase.

Mr. DESPINS did not see anyone with Mr. RAYNS and she did not know him to have any visitors; however, his apartment is entered from the rear of the building and visitors would not come past the desk where she works.

Mrs. DESPINS advised room 105 is a small room with a small bed, chest of drawers, and table. The occupants of room 105 share a bath with other roomers in the area.

Mrs. DESPINS reviewed the ledger sheet for room 105 for June, 1967, and determined Mr. RAYNS did not make any long distance phone calls or any phone calls which were reported on this ledger sheet.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 3, 1968

Mrs. MAYE CANAPA, Manager, Lincoln Apartment Hotel, 1648 West Lunt, Chicago, Illinois, telephone number RO 4-0900, was interviewed at her place of employment. Mrs. CANAPA was shown photographs of the following individuals:

[redacted] Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

JAMES EARL RAY, FBI Number 405942 A

[redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

[redacted] FBI Number [redacted]

Mrs. CANAPA advised none of these photographs looked familiar to her.

Mrs. CANAPA reviewed the registration cards for May, and June, 1967; card number 8075 reflected that a person named JOHN L. RAYNE, address 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Illinois, checked into room number 105 on June 18, 1967. This man was checked in by clerk LOLA BALLARD. The registration card is marked "rented for one week".

Mrs. CANAPA advised she was not familiar with the person named JOHN L. RAYNE, who stayed in room 105 as per the above information. Mrs. CANAPA advised the clerk, LOLA BALLARD, still works at the Lincoln Apartment Hotel and has remarried, her married name being [redacted].

Mrs. CANAPA made available registration card 8075 to the interviewing Agents.

On 8/24/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

SAs [redacted]

by [redacted] Date dictated 8/28/68

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CG 44-1114

LABORATORY REPORTS REGARDING RESTAURANT PAY CHECKS

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

44-1114
44-38861
91075

August 30, 1968

TO: SAC, Chicago

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 8-23-68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Chicago
EVIDENCE: Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., Q398 through Q405
Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate, Q406

Specimens examined and one latent fingerprint of value developed on check, Q404.

See attached page for result of comparison.

Specimens enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)

J. Edgar Hoover

J. Edgar Hoover, Director

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Your File No. 44-1114
FBI File No. 44-38861
Latent Case No. 91075

August 30, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G

The latent print developed on the check #5283, Q404, is identical with the right thumbprint of James Earl Ray.

The check is enclosed.

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REPORT
of the

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LABORATORY

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: September 4, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-680826086 JK
D-680826161 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Eight payroll checks of Indian Trail Restaurant, Inc., payable to JOHN RAYNS or JOHN L. RAYNS, further described as follows:

SPECIMEN	NUMBER	DATE	AMOUNT
Q398	4838	5/7/67	$84.89
Q399	4913	5/14/67	84.89
Q400	4987	5/21/67	84.89
Q401	5058	5/28/67	84.89
Q402	5130	6/4/67	89.63
Q403	5209	6/11/67	89.63
Q404	5283	6/18/67	95.19
Q405	5357	6/25/67	77.53

Q406 Employee's Withholding Exemption Certificate dated May 10, 1967, bearing Social Security Number 318-24-7098 and signed "John L. Rayns"

Specimens received 8/26/68, from FBI, Chicago

Q407 Sheet from rooming house ledger, page 13, bearing on line 24 the signature "John Larry Rayns"

Q408 Registration card, No. 8075, dated 6/18/67, bearing the signature "John L. Rayns"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that JAMES EARL RAY, K171, K211 and K257 prepared the questioned Rayns signature on Q407, the questioned handwriting on Q408 and the questioned handwriting and hand printing on Q406. Although significant similarities were noted in the endorsements on Q398 through Q405, except the

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endorsement on Q403, when compared with the known writings of RAY, the presence of unexplained variations, insufficient comparable material and distortion in some of the questioned endorsements precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared the endorsements on Q398 through Q405.

The endorsement on Q403 is too distorted for comparison purposes. Although some similarities were noted in the date on line 24 on Q407 beside the Rayms signature when compared with the comparable writing of RAY, the limited and over-written nature of this date precluded a definite determination as to whether RAY prepared this date.

Q393 through Q408 have been photographed and will be returned to Chicago separately.

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FBI MEMPHIS

11:43AM 10-15-68 URGENT SDC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, HAS ADVISED HIS OFFICE IS INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING IN REGARD TO FORTHCOMING TRIAL:

AT NEW ORLEANS -- SPECIFICALLY, WHO IS APROPRIATE AND BEST PERSON TO TESTIFY RE INTRODUCTION OF REGISTRATION RECORDS AT PROVINCIAL MOTEL AND REGISTRATION OF SUBJECT THERE?

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA -- SPECIFICALLY, WHO IS APPROPRIATE PERSON TO TESTIFY RE RECORDS PERTAINING TO REGISTRATION OF MUSTANG IN ALABAMA?

AT WINNETKA, ILLINOIS -- SPECIFICALLY, WHO IS BEST AND APPROPRIATE PERSON TO TESTIFY RE EMPLOYMENT AND RECORDS AT RESTAURANT?

CANALE HAS REQUESTED THAT FBI MAKE CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE PERSONS AS LISTED ABOVE ND DETERMINE THEIR AVAILABILITY TO FURNISH TESTIMONY IN INSTANT CASE.

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ALL OFFICES REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE AS CASE IS STILL SCHEDULED FOR TRIAL, NOV. TWELVE NEXT.

AIR MAIL COPIES CHICAGO, MOBILE, AND NEW ORLEANS. P.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 10/16/68

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Atlanta letter to Director 8/10/68.

On 9/10/68 [redacted] Curtis Publishing Company, Independence Square, Philadelphia, Pa., was requested to furnish any information she had re the subscription of E. S. GALT, 330 Auburn Avenue N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

On 10/2/68 [redacted] provided a photostat of the order request by E. S. GALT. She stated that this was the only information in Curtis Publishing Company files re the subscription.

Enclosed for Memphis is the photostat provided by [redacted]

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1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT PARIS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

MURKIN

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, PHIL M. CANALE, JR., SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WHO IS HANDLING THE STATE PROSECUTION OF JAMES EARL RAY FEELS IT IS NECESSARY THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES ROBERT LEWYER, JAMES BEASLEY AND JOHN CARLISLE TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES IN TORONTO, MONTREAL, LONDON AND LISBON IN THIS ORDER. CANALE OF OPINION THAT INTERVIEWS ARE PERTINENT TO CASE AS THEY CLEARLY INDICATE FUGITIVE AND FLIGHT STATUS OF SUBJECT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF KING. TRIAL IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER TWELVE NEXT AND CANALE MOST ANXIOUS FOR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING.

THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN LISBON, PORTUGAL: REC 29 19 OCT 17 1968

ANTONIO ROCHA FAMA, PASSPORT INSPECTOR, LISBON AIRPORT; AUBRY L. MORANIZ, CANADIAN EMBASSY, LISBON; MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES, CANADIAN EMBASSY, LISBON; GENTIL LUIS SOARES, HOTEL

VIA TELETYPE
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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT PARIS
RE: MURKIN

PORTUGAL, FOUR RUA JOAO DAS REGRAS, LISBON; GLORAI SAUSA RIBEIRO, LISBON.

LEGAT PARIS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SUCAB IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH LISBON AUTHORITIES TO HAVE THE ABOVE WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. CANALE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

NOTE:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Memphis advises that Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state prosecution of James Earl Ray feels it is necessary for his representatives to travel to Toronto, Canada, Montreal, Canada, London, England, and Lisbon, Portugal, to interview witnesses. They desire to depart as soon as possible and it is their opinion that the interviews are pertinent to case as they clearly indicate fugitive and flight status of subject after the assassination of King. Mr. Canale has listed witnesses in each place that he desires to be interviewed and SAC in Buffalo, Legats in Ottawa, London and Paris are being requested to immediately submit response if such arrangements can be made to have witnesses interviewed. After response by these respected offices, we will advise Mr. Canale accordingly.

OCTOBER 16, 1968

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CABLEGRAM

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1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT LONDON

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-33861)

MURKIN

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THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN LONDON:

DET. CHIEF INSPECTOR KENNETH THOMPSON, SCOTLAND YARD;

DETECTIVE S. PHILLIP BIRCH, SCOTLAND YARD; DETECTIVE CHIEF.

SUPT. P. BUTLER, SCOTLAND YARD; CHIEF INSPECTOR ARTHUR BRINE,

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SCOTLAND YARD; DETECTIVE SGT. PETER ELLIOTT, SCOTLAND YARD; MISS MONICA BAKER, [redacted] WALTON-ON-THE-THAMES; CONSTABLE WHITHAM, SCOTLAND YARD; MRS. DORIS CATHERINE WESTWOOD, [redacted] LONDON, S.W. FIVE; MRS. JANET ELIZABETH NASSAU, [redacted] TWENTY NINE EARL'S COURT SQUARE, S.W. FIVE, THIRTY SIX PENYWERN ROAD; MRS. ANNA ELIZABETH THOMAS, ONE TWO SIX WARWICK WAY, LONDON, S.W. ONE; IAN CALVAN, [redacted] KENNETH LEONARD HUMAN, LONDON AIRPORT, HEATHROW TERMINAL TWO.

LEGAT LONDON IMMEDIATELY SUCAB IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH NEW SCOTLAND YARD TO HAVE THE ABOVE WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. CANALE.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

NOTE:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: 10/16/68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

In connection with our investigation concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., there is set forth below the estimated cost to the Bureau through the close of business September 30, 1968.

The total estimated cost is $1,281,847. A peak of 3,075 field agents was assigned to this case and 5,380 hours of unpaid overtime have been performed. Bureau and personally owned automobiles have been driven an estimated 477,312 miles.

ACTION:

None; informational.

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Mohr (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Callahan (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Bishop (sent direct)
1 - Mr. Martindale (sent direct)

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

October 18, 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861)

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Re Airtel to the Bureau dated 10/2/68.

Memphis as office of origin in this case, should follow the matter concerning [redacted] with the Kansas City Division, in order that it will be resolved at an early date.

Memphis will also make a prompt evaluation of this matter upon receipt of information from Kansas City and appropriately advise the Bureau.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT OTTAWA

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861) — 5253

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OCT 16 1968

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MURKIN.

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, PHIL M. CANALE, JR., SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, WHO IS HANDLING THE STATE PROSECUTION OF JAMES EARL RAY FEELS IT IS NECESSARY THAT HIS REPRESENTATIVES ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY AND JOHN CARLISLE TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES IN TORONTO, MONTREAL, LONDON AND LISBON IN THIS ORDER. CANALE OF OPINION THAT INTERVIEWS ARE PERTINENT TO CASE AS THEY CLEARLY INDICATE FUGITIVE AND FLIGHT STATUS OF SUBJECT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF KING. TRIAL IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER TWELVE NEXT AND CANALE MOST DESIROUS FOR EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING.

THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN TORONTO:

PAUL EDWARD BRIDGEMAN, [redacted]

DON MILLS, EMPLOYED BY TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION, ONE, FIVE FIVE COLLEGE ST., TORONTO; ERIC ST VINCENT GALT, [redacted]

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MEMPHIS

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GRAM TO LEGAT OTTAWA
MURLIN

[redacted] SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO, EMPLOYED BY UNION CARBIDE, TORONTO; RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, [redacted], TORONTO ONTARIO, EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPT.; BLANCH VAN LUVEN, [redacted]; SAMUEL MARSHALL, [redacted] TORONTO, EMPLOYED BY LOBLAWS GROCERY, ENESON BENNS, [redacted] WEST TORONTO, EMPLOYED LOBLAWS GROCERY; MRS. SUN FUNG LOO, NINE SIX DUNDAS ST., TORONTO; LILLIAN SPENCER, [redacted] TORONTO, EMPLOYED BY KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU; MRS. ADAM SVPAROVSKI, ONE ZERO TWO OSSINGTON ST. WEST, TORONTO; MRS. MARGARET MAKING, CARE OF MABLE AGNEW, ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO, ONE THREE SEVEN YOUGE, SUITE SIXTY FOUR; MABLE AGNEW, ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO, ADDRESS ABOVE, ROBERT MC NAULTON, [redacted] TORONTO.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERVIEWS OF WITNESSES IN TORONTO CAN BE BEST HANDLED THROUGH THE BUFFALO OFFICE; THEREFORE, BUFFALO OFFICE IMMEDIATELY SUTEL IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH RCMP IN TORONTO FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF CANADA TO INTERVIEW WITNESSES.

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MURRIN

THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES IN MONTREAL:

LOUIS FEIGAN, [redacted]

EMPLOYED BY ENGLAND AND SCOTS WOOLEN CO., LTD.; JOHN WELCH, EMPLOYEE OF ENGLAND AND SCOTS WOOLEN CO., LTD.; A. CHEVARIE, FOUR EIGHT EIGHT ST. CATHERINE ST. WEST, MONTREAL, OGR OF TIP TOP TAILORS; J. B. CLOUTIER, SALESMAN, TIP TOP TAILORS; MR. AND MRS. MORRIS QUINTAL, ONE THREE NINE TWO HICKORY ROAD, WINDSOR, ONTARIO, EMPLOYED AT HI-NEIGHBOR FLOORING CO. LTD., TWO FIVE SEVEN WYANDOTTE ST. EAST, WINDSOR; H. ROTHMAN, OWNER OF HARKABY APARTMENTS, TWO FIVE EIGHT NINE NOTRE DAME EAST, MONTREAL.

LEGAT OTTAWA WILL IMMEDIATELY SUCAB IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH RCMP AT MONTREAL TO HAVE ABOVE-LISTED WITNESSES INTERVIEWED AT MONTREAL.

AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO BUFFALO AND ONE AIRMAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

NOTE:

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Buffalo has also been advised by telephone.

JC

FBI MEMPHIS

10:05AM 10-15-68 URGENT SDC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 5P

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

MURKIN

STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, MEMPHIS, TENN., HAS ADVISED HE FEELS IT NECESSARY THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO INTERVIEW FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

TORONTO, CANADA:

PAUL EDWARD BRIDGEMAN, [redacted] IMPLOYED BY TORONTO BOARD OF EDUCATION, ONE FIVE FIVE COLLEGE ST., TORONTO; ERIC ST VINCENT GALT, [redacted] SCARBOROUGH, ONTARIO, EMPLOYED BY UNION CARBIDE, TORONT; RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, [redacted] TORONTO ONTARIO, EMPLOYED BY TORONTO POLICE DEPT.; BLANCH VAN LUVEN [redacted]; SAMUEL MARSHALL, [redacted] TORONTO, EMPLOYED BY LOBLAWS GROCERY, ENESON BENNS, [redacted] TORONT, EMPLOYED LOBLAWS GROCERY; MRS. SUN FUNG LOO, NINE SIX SIX DUNDAS ST., TORONT; LILLIAN SPENCER, FOUR TWO FOUR BLOOR ST. WEST, TORONTO, EMPOLYED BY KENNEDY TRAVEL BUREAU; MRS. ADAM SVPAKOWSKI, ONE ZERO TWO OSSINGTON ST. WEST, TORONTO; MRS. MARGARET EAKING, CARE OF MABLE

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AGNEW, ARCADE PHOTO STUDION, ONE THREE SEVEN YOUGE, SUITE SIXTY FOUR; MABLE AGNEW, ARCADE PHOTE STUDIO, ADDRESS ABOVE, ROBERT MC NAULTON, TEN BELLEHAVEN CRESCENT, TORONTO.

MONTREAL, CANADA:

LOUIS FEIGAN, [redacted]

EMPLOYED BY ENGLAND AND SCOTS WOOLEN CO., LTD.

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LONDON, ENGLAND:

DET. CHEIF INSPECTOR KENNETH THOMPSON, SCOTLAND YARD.

DETECTIVE S. PHILLIP BIRCH, SCOTLAND YARD.

DETECTIVE CHEIF SUPT. P. BUTLER, SCOTLAND YARD,

CHIEF INSPECTOR ARTHUR BRINE, SCOTLAND YARD.

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TECTIVE SGT. PETER ELLIOTT, SCOTLAND YARD.

SS MONICA BAKER, [redacted]

NSTABLE WHITHAM, SCOTLAND YARD.

S. DORIS CATHERINE WESTWOOD, [redacted] LONDON, S.W. FIVE.

S. JANET ELIZABETH NASSAU, [redacted] TWENTY NINE EARL'S COURT UARE, S.W. FIVE, THIRTY SIX PENYWEIN ROAD.

S. ANNA ELIZABETH THOMAS, ONE TWO SIX WARWICK WAY, LONDON, W. ONE.

N CALVAN, [redacted] S.W. ONE.

NNETH LEONARD HUMAN, LONDON AIRPORT, HEATHROW TERMINAL TWO.

LISBON, PORTUGAL:

TONIO ROCHA FAMA, PASSPORT INSPECTOR, LISBON AIRPORT.

BRY L. MORANTZ, CANADIAN EMBASSY, LISBON.

NUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES, CANADIAN EMBASSY, LISBON.

NTIL LUIS SOARES, HOTEL PORTUGAL, FOUR RUA JOAO DAS REGRAS, SBON.

TONIO TEIXEIRA DA SILVA, INSPECTOR, INTERNATIONAL STATE SECURITY LICE, LISBON.

ORAI SAUSA RIBEIRO, LISBON.

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SUGGEST THAT BUREAU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH BUFFALO OFFICE FOR TORONTO CONTACTS TO BE SET UP THROUGH TORONTO PD AND THROUGH LEGAT, OTTAWA VIA RCMP FOR CONTACTS IN MONTREAL.

ON COMPLETION OF INTERVIEWS IN CANADA, IT IS INTENTION OF CANALE'S STAFF TO PROCEED TO LONDON FOR OTHER INTERVIEWS. REQUEST LEGAT, LONDON, BE INFORMED SO THAT INTERVIEWS CAN BE ARRANGED. LEGAT, LONDON, SHOULD ALSO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS THROUG LEGAT, PARIS, TO SET UP INTERVIEWS IN LISBON.

ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY AND JOHN CARLISLE ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE'S OFFICE WHO WILL HANDLE THESE INTERVIEWS. THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY HANDLES INTERVIEWS AT FBI LABORATORY, ATLANTA, BIRMINGHAM AND LOS ANGELES. DWYER HAS ADVISED THAT HE WILL INFORM LEGAT, OTTAWA OF COMPLETION OF INTERVIEWS AND TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM CANADA FOR LONDON SO THAT LEGAT,LONDON, CAN BE INFORMED. ATTORYNEY GENERAL CANALE OF OPINION THAT INTERVIEWS LISTED ABOVE ARE PERTINENT TO CASE AS THEY CLEARLY INDICATE FUGITIVE AND FLIGHT STATUS OF SUBJECT AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF DR. KING.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE MEMPHIS OFFICE SO THAT CANALE'S OFFICE CAN BE INFORMED PROMPTLY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN

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COMPLETED. ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE MOST DESIROUS THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE EXPEDITED AS HE HOPES TO HAVE ALL NECESSARY PRE-TRIAL ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED IN ADVANCE OF TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER TWELVE NEXT.

AIR MIL COPY, BUFFALO. P.

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FBI WASH DC

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) October 18, 1968

Director, (44-38351)

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN:

Reairtel to the Bureau, 10/1/68.

If not already completed, you should evaluate the information as furnished by [redacted] and advise the Bureau of the results thereof.

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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL PHIL M. CANALE, JR., MEMPHIS, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF EFFORTS OF FBI IN ARRANGING FOR VARIOUS PRETRIAL INTERVIEWS BEING CONDUCTED IN CONNECTION WITH CAPTIONED CASE.

CANALE STATED THAT CAREFUL REVIEW OF THE MATERIAL INDICATES THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY SOME OF WITNESSESS DEVELOPED BY FBI IN MEXICO MAY NOT BE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN THIS CASE. HE IS, HOWEVER, OF OPINION THAT IT WOULD ASSIST IN OVER-ALL PREPARATION OF CASE IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE WHEREBY REPRESENTATIVES OF HIS OFFICE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MEXICAN NATIONAL POLICE WHO HANDLED INVESTIGATION IN THIS MATTER. HE STATED IT WILL OF COURSE BECOME KNOWN DURING COURSE OF TRIAL THAT HIS OFFICE HAS CONDUCTED INTERVIEWS IN MANY PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AS WELL AS INTERESTED FOREIGN COUNTRIES. CANALE STATES THAT WITHOUT AT LEAST AN EFFORT MADE BY HIS DEPARTMENT TO HAVE TALKED WITH NATIONAL POLICE IN MEXICO, SOME ALLEGATIONS OR DOUBTS

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MAY BE RAISED DURING COURSE OF TRIAL . .N IT BECOMES KNOWN THAT HIS DEPARTMENT DID NOT CONDUCT INTERVIEWS OR MAKE EFFORTS TO CONDUCT SAME IN MEXICO. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING INFORMATION WHICH DISCLOSED THAT SUBJECT OF INSTANT CASE HAD ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION WHILE IN MEXICO SHOWED STRONG ANTI-NEGRO SENTIMENTS.

CANALE ALSO ADVISED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO HIS OFFICE TO CONDUCT THE PERTINENT INTERVIEWS IN THIS CASE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. HE STATED THAT EVEN THOUGH NONE OF THE WITNESSES IN MEXICO MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE USED HIS OFFICE WOULD BE IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO R

POSITION TO REFUTE ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES IN TESTIMONY SHOULD ANY OF THE WITNESSES EVER BE SUBPOENAED BY THE DEFENSE AND THEREAFTER CHANGE THE ORIGINAL STORY TOLD.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE APPROPRIATE TIME, IF SUCH CAN BE ARRANGED, WHEN REPRESENTATIVES OF CANALE'S OFFICE CAN DEPART FOR MEXICO AND MEET WITH NATIONAL POLICE REPRESENTATIVES THERE, IT BEING NOTED AT PRESENT TIME CANALE'S REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAVE HANDLED PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS WILL NOT BE BACK IN MEMPHIS UNTIL APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER TWENTYFIVE, SIXTYEIGHT. THE EARLIEST THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL TO MEXICO WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT NEXT. P.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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FBI-BUFFALO

530PM URGENT 10/18/68 DAT

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN.

RE BUREAU CABLEGRAM LEGAT, OTTAWA, OCTOBER SIXTEEN LAST.

INSPECTOR [redacted] RCMP TORONTO, ADVISED THREE TENNESSEE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE RESERVATIONS TO DEPART TORONTO ABOARD FLIGHT EIGHT SEVEN FOUR AIR CANADA SEVEN THIRTY PM OCTOBER EIGHTEEN INSTANT, TO ARRIVE MONTREAL EIGHT FORTYFIVE PM SAME DATE. RCMP TORONTO HAS MADE HOTEL RESERVATIONS MONTREAL FOR THEM. LEGAT, OTTAWA, HAS BEEN ADVISED BY BUFFALO.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Rosen

DATE: **October 19, 1968**

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Day

FROM: **MURKIN**

NORMAN PHILCOX [redacted] Legat, Paris, called at 5:20 a.m., 10-19-68, and advised that the Legat in London had asked him to forward information to Bureau that the Portuguese officials have no objections for Tennessee Attorney General representatives to interview witnesses in Lisbon and the Portuguese were currently running down witnesses to be interviewed. He stated that these individuals should contact the Legat in London upon their arrival there.

He advised that he would send a confirming cablegram on Monday, 10-21-68. He can be reached at home through the military line during 10-19-68.

ACTION: Special Agent [redacted] advised of the above.

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CABLEGRAM URGENT

1 - Mr. Long

TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (44-38861)

[redacted]

[redacted] WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY [redacted] THAT [redacted] AND JOHN CARTER HAVE BEEN [redacted] IN MEXICO. [redacted] REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ADVISED [redacted] TO CONTACT [redacted] AND ADVISED THAT THEY FOUND [redacted] TRAVEL TO MEXICO WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 24-25 [redacted]. [redacted] TO CONTACT [redacted] WHICH DISCLOSED THAT SUBJECT MAY HAD AT LEAST ONE CONTACT WHILE IN MEXICO [redacted].

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2 - MEMPHIS (BY AIRMAIL)

1 - FOREIGN LIAISON (Cleared through SA [redacted])

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[illegible] TO [illegible] ACO CO.
RE: ROPER

[illegible] CONNECTED FOR [illegible] AT HOME.
[illegible] CHARGE [illegible]
[illegible] IN MEXICO:

BANCO [illegible], OLIVER HOTEL [illegible], [illegible] ST.,
PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO. CALL COLLECT TO [illegible] AFTER
[illegible] THROUGH SATURDAY FIVE, [illegible].

[illegible], HOTEL REY, [illegible]
[illegible] AT [illegible] CALLED PHOTO.

LUIS GARCIA, PARADISE HOTEL OLEMAR ST PUERTO VALLARTA,
JALISCO, MEXICO. CALL OF CALL, LE CHEF [illegible]
PIECE OF BAY FOR FIVE.

[illegible], RESTAURANT CASA [illegible],
CALL FOR CALLED ROCHEMILL CHEF AT [illegible].

PEDRO CHUCK GARCIA, BOCO DE NIGUINCHA, ON MAY FIFTH
[illegible] ACCORDING TO HIS [illegible]

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT MEXICO CITY
RE: MURKIN

ELICA ARELLANO TORRES, APENINOS ONE SEVEN SIX FOUR, COLONIA INDEPENDENCIA, GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO. [redacted] ASSOCIATED WITH CALT MOVEMENT INTERESTS, DESCRIBES CAR AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF JOHN DOE.

MANUELA AGUIRRE HERRANO, AKA. IRMA MORALES, PIEDRAMELCA, JALISCO, MEXICO, [redacted] SPENT TIME WITH CALT, DIDN'T KNOW COULDN'T DANCE, PROVIDED SOURCE WITH PHOTO.

LEOPOLDO CISNEROS, MGT. MGR., DAISY QUEEN CHOP, MAIN PLAZA PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, MEXICO. OBTAIN THIRTY FOUR RECOGNIZED PHOTO OF RAY AS SUBJECT WHO CAME IN DAILY FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS TO GET INFORMATION AND DRINK, PROVE SOME HUSTLING.

LEGAT MEXICO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY EXPLORE IF ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH MEXICAN AUTHORITIES TO HAVE THE ABOVE WITNESSES INTERVIEWED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF BU. CABLE.

AIRTEL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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RE/E:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Memphis advises that Mr. Phil M. Canale Jr., Shelby County, Memphis Tennessee, who is handling the state prosecution of James Earl Ray feels it is necessary for his representatives to travel to Mexico to interview witnesses. The earliest that would be available for travel to Mexico would be approximately October 23, 1968, due to the representatives presently traveling in Toronto, Montreal, and Lisbon interviewing witnesses. Mr. Canale is particularly interested in developing information which disclosed that Ray had a conversation while in Mexico about giving [illegible] sentiments. Mr. Canale has listed witnesses in Mexico that he desires to be interviewed and Legat Mexico City is being requested to immediately advise if arrangements can be made to have these witnesses interviewed through Mexican authorities. After response by Legat Mexico, Mr. Canale will be advised accordingly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 10/11/68

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (173-1)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 18 copies (15 to be forwarded to the Memphis Office) of a LHM captioned "JAMES EARL RAY, Aka" and dated as above.

Re San Antonio airtel 5/20/68, Mexico City airtel 7/24/68, and Mexico City airtel 10/4/68.

SOURCES

The first confidential source abroad mentioned in enclosed LHM is [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The second confidential source abroad is [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The third confidential source abroad is [redacted].

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that repeated efforts have been made to contact [redacted] at the Carniceria America in Mexico to obtain additional details regarding the call received by him on 12/17/67. Due to the nearly constant travel status of [redacted] however, these efforts have been unsuccessful. From information developed, it appears that the call was related to his business operation and probably originated with a cattle buyer in the State of Texas. For this reason, no further efforts will be made to contact [redacted] for additional clarification in the absence of a specific lead from the Office of Origin requesting that this be done.

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5 - Bureau (Enc. 18)
(1 - Liaison Section)
(2 - Memphis)(44-1987)
1 - Mexico City

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

October 11, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY, Aka

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Investigation set forth below was conducted to identify subscribers to telephones to which calls were made from Texas during the period December 15-17, 1967.

Telephone Number [redacted]
Sabinas, Coahuila, Mexico
December 16, 1967

On June 28, 1968, a confidential source abroad advised that it had been determined that the above number belongs to [redacted] 53 years of age, who lives with his wife, [redacted] at [redacted] Coahuila. They have three sons living in the United States. One is [redacted] who lives at Carrizo Springs, Texas; the others, [redacted] and [redacted] live in San Antonio, Texas at [redacted] Street. Also residing at this latter address is [redacted] a son-in-law of [redacted]

The source said that the [redacted] Police in Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, [redacted] and the [redacted] Police in Sabinas, Coahuila, both stated that [redacted] and his family are very well regarded business people in the area. None of them have criminal records. The communities of Sabinas and Nueva Rosita are neighboring towns and, according to these police officials, the [redacted] family is well known in both communities.

EARL RAY, Aka

Telephone Number [redacted]
Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico
December 17, 1967

On June 28, 1968, the confidential source abroad stated that the above number is listed to [redacted] and his son, [redacted] They live at [redacted] Nueva Rosita, Coahuila. It was determined that the son, [redacted] was married in May of 1968 to [redacted] who lived at [redacted] in Uvalde, Texas.

Both Police Chief [redacted] of Nueva Rosita and Chief [redacted] of Sabinas, Coahuila, advised the source that neither [redacted] or any of his relatives have any criminal record in those communities.

[redacted]
Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
December 15 and 18, 1967

On June 13, 1968, a second confidential source abroad, advised that the above number is listed to [redacted] whose address is [redacted] in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. It was determined by the source that [redacted] works in San Antonio, Texas in a clothing store called "Sugarman's" and, while staying in San Antonio, lives at [redacted] Street. [redacted] visits Monterrey very infrequently and, when he does come to Monterrey, usually only stays over the week end. The source advised that other residents of this neighborhood stated that [redacted] is a tailor in the clothing store in San Antonio.

[redacted]
Mexico, D.F.
December 17, 1967

On July 18, 1968, a third confidential source abroad advised that the above number is listed to the [redacted] in Mexico City. On June 24, 1968, [redacted] Manager of this concern, stated that the firm buys meat in very large

quantities from the border area of Texas, as well as in Mexico. He said that often they receive unsolicited telephone calls from a buyer in a travel status who advises them concerning livestock available for sale. He stated that his employer, [redacted] handles all long distance calls pertaining to the purchase of livestock and that he, [redacted] knew nothing about a call received at this number on December 17, 1967. He said [redacted] was out of town at that time.

On July 11, 1968, [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been told that an inquiry was made concerning the call received on December 17, 1967, and stated he did not know what it was about. Periodic efforts by the source to contact [redacted] at this address have been unsuccessful.

On October 4, 1968, the third source advised that another attempt had been made on that date to contact [redacted] at the Carniceria America but that [redacted] was again out of the city, traveling on business.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Rosen

DATE: October 20, 1968

C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Day
1 - Mr. Neumann

SUBJECT: MURKIN

[redacted] Legat, Mexico City, telephonically advised Special Agent (SA) [redacted] at 6:00 p. m., 10-19-68, that the Mexican authorities who have to be contacted to make arrangements for representatives of Tennessee State Attorney General's Office to interview witnesses in Mexico will not be available until Monday, 10-21-68. [redacted] stated he will contact the appropriate authorities on Monday and submit the results by cable.

[redacted] Legat, Ontario, telephonically advised [redacted] at 6:30 p. m., 10-19-68, that the three representatives of the Tennessee State Attorney General's Office, namely Robert Dwyer, James Beasley and John Carlisle will depart Montreal, Canada, at 6:50 p. m. (Canada Time), 10-19-68, on Air Canada Flight Number 549, and will arrive London, England, at 7:30 a. m., 10-20-68 (London Time).

SA [redacted] advised of above at 6:45 p. m., 10-19-68.

Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted] Domestic Intelligence Division, at 7:10 p. m., 10-19-68, advised [redacted] that John Minnich, Legat, London, will meet the three representatives from the State Attorney General's Office when they arrive in London.

At 5:30 a. m., 10-20-68, SA [redacted] Domestic Intelligence Division, advised John Minnich telephoned and related that he had met the three representatives from the State Attorney General's Office. Legat Minnich advised Mr. Dwyer would like the following information from Memphis:

1. Are there any developments in the case which might cause it to be continued to a later date?

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2. What, if any, developments are there regarding the Hanes Contempt of Court case?

In addition to the above, Mr. Dwyer asked that SAC Robert G. Jensen tell General Phil M. Canale that the three of them are well and progressing on schedule. Have General Canale call Mrs. Beasley and tell her that all is going well and that Mr. Dwyer is taking good care of Mr. Beasley.

Mr. Dwyer further asked that General Canale call Mr. Dwyer's "friend" and tell the friend that he is well and that they still plan to return Thursday, 10-24-68.

Concerning Items 1 and 2 above, Legat Minnich asked that he be called at the Embassy about 8:30 p. m., London Time (3:30 a. m., Washington Time).

SAC, Memphis advised that he was unable to get in touch with the State Attorney General; however, to the best of his knowledge, there has been no change in the situation with respect to either Items 1 or 2.

FBI

Date: 10/18/68

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AIR TEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374)

MURKIN

Re Memphis tel to the Bureau, 10/15/68; Bureau Cablegram to Legat, Ottawa, 10/16/68; and mytel-calls to the Bureau, 10/17 and 18/68.

At 9:00 AM on 10/17/68, Inspector [redacted] RCMP, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, was contacted and informed that Misters DWYER, BEASLEY and CARLISLE were scheduled to arrive at the Toronto International Airport at 1:57 PM, 10/17/68. At the same time, Inspector [redacted] was informed of the respective positions of these men.

Inspector [redacted] indicated that he had already received instructions from Ottawa as to the impending arrival of these men in Toronto and the purpose of their trip, but that their specific arrival time had not previously been furnished to him. He added that he was assigning Corporal [redacted] of the RCMP, who participated in the original investigation of RAY's activities in Toronto, to "look after" these representatives of the State of Tennessee.

It should be noted in connection with this particular conversation with Inspector [redacted] that he made the observation that it appeared highly improbable to him

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3 - Bureau (AM)
1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info) (AM)
1 - Buffalo
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

that these men would be able to interview all of the people they wanted to talk to and still leave Toronto for Montreal on Friday, 10/18/68.

At 2:08 PM, 10/17/68, Misters DWYER, BEASLEY and CARLISLE were met at the ramp of the Toronto International Airport by SA [redacted] of the Buffalo Office and Corporal [redacted] of the RCMP as they alighted from their plane. Their passage through Canadian immigration and customs was facilitated by Corporal [redacted] and they were thereafter driven to Headquarters of the RCMP in Toronto in an RCMP car by Corporal [redacted] During the brief discussion at the airport, DWYER, BEASLEY and CARLISLE expressed their appreciation for the cooperation of the FBI, pointing out that they "don't know what they would have done if it were not for the Bureau."

At that same time, it was pointed out to these gentlemen that the possibility of arranging all of the interviews which they indicated they desired while in Toronto would be extremely unlikely in the one full day which they have allocated for their stay in Toronto particularly since at least two of the interviews, those of the two landladies at the residences in Toronto at which RAY had stayed required the services of a Chinese and Polish interpreter. Despite this, they insisted they were committed to adhere to their original schedule and that they would have to accomplish as much as they could during the time they had allocated for Toronto.

Arrangements were made with Corporal [redacted] for him to notify the Buffalo Office just as soon as the men from Tennessee "firmed up" their plans for departure from Toronto for Montreal.

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FBI

Date: 10/18/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, 10/15/68, air mail copy to Mobile.

Memphis is referred to FD 302 reflecting interview of [redacted] Motor Vehicle Registration, State of Alabama, 4/9/68 as furnished to Memphis by airtel 1/14/68 in which it stated that subpoena duces tecum concerning auto registration could be directed to [redacted] Mr. HARVEY RABREN [redacted] Department of Revenue, State of Ala., Montgomery, Alabama. Commissioner of Revenue

On 10/17/68, SA [redacted] contacted [redacted] MR HENRY DRAUGHON DIRECTOR [redacted] Motor Vehicle Division, Alabama State Department of Revenue, Montgomery, Alabama, 36104, who advised that subpoena concerning registration of the Mustang in Ala. could be directed to [redacted] as previously reported or to Mr. RABREN DRAUGHON [redacted] He advised that he, [redacted] usually handles such subpoenas by appearing to testify or designating some other individual in that department to produce records, the automobile registrations being under [redacted] control. DRAUGHON'S

DRAUGHON [redacted] advised that either he or someone will be available for testimony concerning this Mustang.

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2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Mobile
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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) October 21, 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed are 15 copies of a LHM as submitted by Legat, Mexico City.

You should incorporate the LHM in your next report.

Enclosures (15)

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: TURKIN

Re Springfield airtel dated 10/11/68.

[redacted] reinterviewed at Madison County Jail, Edwardsville, Illinois; could provide no information of value in instant matter or in robbery of the Bank of Alton. [redacted] advised she is close to [redacted] but he has made no statements regarding bank robbery when topic is brought up in conversation.

Continuing investigation including recontact of bank officials and liaison with law enforcement agencies essence negative.

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IMMEDIATE 10-17-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO 106

MURKIN.

REBUCAB OCTOBER ONE SIX LAST.

CHIEF INSPECTOR KEN THOMSON [redacted] NEW SCOTLAND YARD ADVISES HE HAS KEPT IN TOUCH WITH ALL WITNESSES THIS CASE AND ALL SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW ON OCTOBER TWO NINE NEXT AND EARLIER IF NECESSARY. BUREAU REQUESTED SUCAB AS SOON AS TRAVEL PLANS KNOWN OF THREE TENNESSEE OFFICIALS SO EXACT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE HERE.

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CC: MR. BRENNAN

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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Date:

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[illegible], LA (105-3057)

SAC, [illegible] (157-1077)

[illegible]

[illegible] Bureau, 7/25/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are [illegible] copies of an LHM, and enclosed for Memphis are two copies of same LHM.

Information [illegible] telephone [redacted] furnished to [redacted] Telephone Co., New Orleans, La.

- Bureau (AM) (Enc. 6)
(2) - Memphis (157-1077) (Enc. 2)
- New Orleans (157-[illegible])

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New Orleans, Louisiana
October 17, 1968

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

JAMES EARL RAY;
IO #4132, WF #442-A;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted]

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Date 10/17/38

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The files of the South Central Bell Telephone Company, New Orleans, Louisiana, contain the following information relative to telephone number [redacted]

Listed to: [redacted] in September, 1937.

Address: [redacted] Street

This is a published telephone number.

The above information is not to be made public without the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted] or his authorized representative.

MR. J. T. PFANKUCH, District Accounting Manager

10/11/38 On New Orleans, Louisiana at File # NO 157-10073

SA [redacted] 10/13/38

by Date dictated

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JAMES EARL RAY;
IO #4182, WF #442-A,
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
(Deceased) - VICTIM

The New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau advised that [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, has been employed as [redacted] for 22 years for [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana.

[redacted]

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	52

FBI

Date: 10-18-68

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AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

There is enclosed Xerox copy of letter written to JERRY RAY by subject in instant case. In addition, there is also enclosed Xerox copy of letter written by JERRY RAY to the subject who is in custody at Shelby County Jail. These are furnished for the Bureau's information only.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 2)(AM)
1 MEMPHIS

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Special Agent in Charge

To. Mr. Jerry Ray

1902 Cherokee

St. Louis, Missouri

63118

Dear Jerry;

I am just writing to let you know
in case you forget that visiting days
are only days except Wed + Sun.
I would be better if you come on
weekdays then you could see that
for association with ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible]~~

well I guess that's about all
for this time.

Jim

Oct 11/68

Dear Jerry,

Just a few lines to let you know everything is okay. I typed a letter to the american bro. executive explaining what you wanted to know, I also gave them your address. In case you won't there address is American Brotherhood. 1155 East 60th Chicago Ill. 60637.

Everything is about the same around Ike. I don't know anything news worthy as I've still haven't heard from Yoyo or Huey.

As I said in my last letter I'll probably be down shortly so if you want anything done for you let me know and I'll give you the information when I see you.

Well close for now, Jack, Carol, Romeo are all okay. Write when you get a chance.

Brother Jerry

1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) 10/21/68

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN
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Reference is made to Memphis airtel dated 10/16/68, advising of request for a pre-trial conference between [redacted] JAMES H. [redacted] District Attorney General Phil M. Canale, Jr. and SA [redacted] on October 30, 1968.

MORTIMER

SA [redacted] MORTIMER is available for conference on this date and will arrive Memphis, Tennessee, at 6:54 p.m., on 10/29/68, via American Airlines flight 789.

Memphis is requested to arrange overnight accommodations for SA [redacted] on 10/29/68.

MORTIMER

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FBI

Date: 10/16/68

Transmit the following in _____
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AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTN: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 10/16/68, District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, JR., Memphis, Tenn., made following request in connection with captioned case:

CANALE stated that he would appreciate opportunity to have pre-trial conference with SA [redacted], Document Examiner in FBI Laboratory. CANALE stated that after series of interviews and re-evaluation of material on hand, conference with [redacted] could very well limit the amount of material that might be essential in presenting this case for trial.

CANALE indicated that if possible, he would like SA [redacted] to be at his office the morning of October 30, 1968. CANALE indicated that he felt reasonably certain that the pre-trial conference would not take more than possibly a day and a half.

Bureau requested to advise availability of SA [redacted] so that CANALE can be informed.

(3) - Bureau
1 - Memphis
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

5 OCT 28 1968

October 21, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to representatives of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who are interviewing witnesses in foreign countries. The representatives have been in Toronto and Montreal, Canada and are presently in London.

This matter has been coordinated with [redacted] Foreign Liaison, Division [illegible].

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Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Gandy

STATE 84
URGENT 10-21-68
TO DIRECTOR
FROM PARIS NO. 131

PERKIN.

REBUCAB OCTOBER ONE SIX LAST AND MY TELEPHONE CALL OCTOBER ONE NINE LAST.

PORTUGESE AUTHORITIES HAVE NO OBJECTION TO INTERVIEW BY TENNESSEE OFFICIALS OF PERSONS NAMED IN BUCAB AND ARE LINING UP INTERVIEWS.

I AM IN CONTACT WITH TENNESSEE OFFICIALS THROUGH LEGAT LONDON AND I PLAN DEPART PARIS OCTOBER TWO THREE NEXT ONE ONE: FOUR ZERO A.M. FOR LISBON TO ASSIST IN CONTACTS AND WILL RETURN PARIS A.M. OCTOBER TWO FIVE NEXT.

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cc 81 44-38861-5272

RECEIVED: 12:34PM JDR

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CC-MR. BRENNAN
MR. ROSEN
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MR. DELOACH FOR MR. DIRECTOR

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Date: October 17, 1968

To: Director, FBI (Bufile : 44-38861)

Attention : _____

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There are enclosed original and one copy each of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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Hanes Resumes Verbal Onslaught

Cites Story Quoting FBI Linking Ray, Prints

The attorney for James Earl Ray, charged with murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., renewed his verbal onslaught against a court order to limit pretrial publicity in the case.

Arthur J. Hanes conceded that Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, who has held him in contempt, has the right to forbid him to discuss the "merits of the case against Ray. But he can't get after me, according to the Reardon report, for commenting on other things."

"Other things," according to Mr. Hanes, embraces the conditions of Ray's imprisonment in the Shelby County Jail, the release of only one photo of Ray, showing him shackled and manacled, and the unsuccessful effort of a Ku Klux Klan attorney from Georgia to become associated in Ray's defense.

Judge Battle's order he said, has not prevented an FBI spokesman from giving interviews pointing to Ray as Dr. King's slayer.

Tuesday Mr. Hanes cited a story in the Wichita (Kan.) Beacon quoting George Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint expert, as saying fingerprints taken of Ray in London matched "latent fingerprints" taken by detectives in Memphis shortly after Dr. King was slain on a motel balcony here last April.

A dispatch from Wichita said that, besides making the speech at a police seminar there on fingerprint identification, Mr. Bonebrake said in an interview afterward, "There is no doubt in my mind that Ray at least handled the murder weapon."

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Hanes Calls Court Group Hypocrites

Says Prosecution Allowed Comment in Ray Case

Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, socked it to a court-appointed committee in the Dr. Martin Luther King murder case today, calling them a "committee of Harper Valley P-TA hypocrites."

The reference is to the hit record, "Harper Valley P-TA," which recounts the tale of a mini-skirted widowed wife told by the P-TA that "as a mother, you're not fit." She wore her mini-skirt into the next meeting and "socked it to the Harper Valley P-TA," recounting the vices of the members and branding them as "Harper Valley hypocrites."

Hanes called the committee 'hypocrites' because he contends that representatives of those prosecuting Ray are being allowed to make statements about the case while he has been criticized for making comments.

SHOW CAUSE

The seven-lawyer committee, headed by Lucius Burch, recommended to Judge Preston Battle that Hanes be required to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of Battle's order restricting pre-trial publicity. Battle held Hanes, a private detective in his employ and two newspaper reporters, in contempt but has not passed sentence.

"Sheriff (William) Morris said in a press conference that the man's (Ray's) cell is fine. I said I disagreed. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark stated on television that Ray committed this crime with no conspiracy involved," Hanes said.

NO PLEA

"I suppose if I had opened my mouth and agreed with Ramsey Clark and Sheriff Morris, nothing would have been said about it. Nothing would have been heard from Mr. Burch's committee of Harper Valley P-TA hypocrites."

Hanes said he had not filed a plea to set aside Battle's decision in the contempt

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hearing. "I'm going to wait and see if he sentences me. I may at that time appeal. Still, on the other hand, whatever he decided to mete out to me, I could take it as long as that bunch (the committee) could live with their consciences."

Other members of the legal committee are J. Alan Hanover, Cooper Turner Jr., James D. Causey, Leo Bearman Jr., Lee A. Hardison, and Don Owens.

EXAMINATION

The Birmingham attorney flew to Memphis yesterday to continue his examination of the evidence the state is expected to introduce when Ray goes on trial Nov. 12 on a murder charge in the April 4 slaying of Dr. King.

Hanes complained that Battle's court order limiting publicity favors the prosecution and only limits the defense. He cited an interview with George Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint expert, in Wichita, Kan., which was reported in the Wichita Beacon.

"Here is a man who is a key witness for the FBI telling the whole world that he is an expert for the bureau, that he testified in London and is going to testify in Memphis against James Earl Ray," Hanes said.

FINGERPRINTS

Bonebrake was quoted in the story as saying the fingerprints found in Memphis matched those "taken of the man arrested in London" and those taken of James Earl Ray while he was at the Missouri Penitentiary.

"Therefore, my testimony tended to implicate him in the murder of Dr. King as well as identify him as the fugitive wanted for escaping from the Missouri Prison," Bonebrake was quoted as saying. The FBI expert was identified as the man who "led the search through thousands of fingerprints on file at the Washington, D.C., FBI headquarters for the identification of the killer" and the "government's star witness in the extradition proceedings" against Ray.

Bonebrake was quoted as saying that "FBI agents obtained 'good' latent prints from a rifle believed used to kill Dr. King, from a telescopic sight on the rifle and from a pair of binoculars found at the scene."

"This was a real break for us," Bonebrake was quoted. "We had several names to go on but we didn't know which one was correct. Ray had purchased a car under the name of Galt, bought the rifle under another name and registered in Memphis using the same John Willard."

The story quoted Bonebrake as saying he expected to go to Memphis to testify on the fingerprint identification during Ray's coming trial. "There's no doubt in my mind that he (Ray) at least handled the murder weapon," he was quoted.

NO COMMENT

Bonebrake was in Wichita speaking to an area seminar on fingerprint identification for law enforcement agencies. A FBI spokesman said in Washington today that Bonebrake was out on assignment and was not available for comment. "We are not making any comment on that case whatsoever unless it was public knowledge," the spokesman said.

"Everybody seems to be leaning toward the prosecution. All the court officials seem to be," Hanes said.

"Three thousand FBI agents working on the case, the resources of the state of Tennessee, the press and this community are working to ensure that the state of Tennessee gets a fair trial.

"I am the only one standing between my client and the great forces of government. I will not be intimidated.

"It is pretty easy to admonish an unpopular lawyer who has an unpopular client and an unpopular case, to look upon him with disfavor.

"I never heard of a judge criticizing a sheriff or a prosecutor they live with and do business with every day."

Hanes said he did not believe his latest statements were in violation of Battle's anti-publicity order.

"I have not said anything, nor will I say anything, going to the merits of the case," he said. "But I will

say this that when a lawyer is overcome by timidity in criticizing the courts we have lost a lot of individual freedom in this country.

"We should guard against any person or any court being immune to criticism. The time is past when a person or a committee can mount a pedestal, adjust his halo and say don't criticise my actions.

"In my opinion the flames of justice have flickered mighty low in the headwinds of the great forces which have been amassed against my client."

Hanes said he had complained to Battle about a picture released by Morris showing the sheriff leading a handcuffed Ray into jail. "It depicted him (Ray) as some kind of dangerous animal dragged from his cave," Hanes said.

"I asked the judge to let me have a photographer come in and photograph him as a normal human being. This was denied. I feel if the sheriff had a right to release the photograph, we certainly had the right to release one showing him as he normally is."

Hanes said he planned to go to the attorney general's office today to listen to the police radio tape recordings from the night that Dr. King was killed and to inspect any further evidence that has come into the office. He said he will remain in Memphis until tomorrow night.

THOMPSON

Meanwhile, it was also learned today that Hanes spent several hours yesterday conferring with Memphis attorney Russell X. Thompson.

Earlier in the case, Thompson was reported to be under consideration as associate counsel in Ray's defense, but Hanes later denied it.

Thompson confirmed Hanes was in his office in connection with preliminary work he had done previously but declined further comment.

Hanes' visit, however, again led to speculation that Thompson would become associated with him.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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REBUCAB TO LEGAT MEXICO OCTOBER EIGHTEEN LAST.

THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM LEGAT MEXICO IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY CONCERNING POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. PHIL M. CANALE TO VISIT MEXICO FOR PURPOSE OF INTERVIEWING WITNESSES:

AMERICAN CITIZENS TRAVELING IN MEXICO AS TOURISTS MAY NOT LEGALLY ENGAGE IN BUSINESS OR INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES. THROUGH LIAISON WITH MEXICAN MINISTRY OF GOVERNMENT, (GOBERNACION), EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO OBTAIN INFORMAL WAIVER OF ABOVE FOR SHELBY COUNTY OFFICIALS OR, IN ALTERNATIVE, ARRANGE FOR SOME TYPE OF SPECIAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION PERMITTING THEM TO ENTER MEXICO FOR PURPOSES OUTLINED IN RECAB. HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS IN GOBERNACION, WHO HAD PREDICTED SUCCESS FOR THESE EFFORTS, ADVISED ON OCTOBER TWO TWO INSTANT NO WAIVER OR SPECIAL DOCUMENTATION COULD BE OBTAINED INFORMALLY AT THIS TIME.

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DECISION IS LARGELY BECAUSE TOP OFFICIALS OF THAT AGENCY AND OTHER HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE INCENSED ABOUT RECENTLY PUBLICIZED CASE WHICH OCCURRED IN BORDER AREA ALLEGEDLY INVOLVING IMPROPER ACTIVITY ON MEXICAN SIDE BY AGENTS OF U. S. NARCOTICS AND CUSTOMS BUREAUS. BRIEFLY, ONE [redacted] A MEXICAN, WAS SENTENCED TO SIX ZERO YEARS BY FEDERAL COURT AT LAREDO, TEXAS ON [redacted] ON NARCOTIC CHARGES. MEXICAN PRESS NEXT DAY HIGHLIGHTED CHARGES BY [redacted] AND ATTORNEYS THAT HE WAS DRUGGED AND KIDNAPED AND BROUGHT ACROSS BORDER TO U. S. CUSTODY. HIS RELATIVES AND LAWYER HAVE REPORTEDLY PROTESTED TO GOBERNACION AND TO PRESIDENT OF MEXICO. GOBERNACION CONTACTS UNDERSTAND PERFECTLY THAT BUREAU WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THIS REPORTED INCIDENT BUT REACTION IS STRONG ENOUGH AND BROAD ENOUGH AMONG MEXICAN OFFICIALDOM TO ENCOMPASS ALL U. S. INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES, AS IN PAST CASES WHERE MEXICAN SOVEREIGNTY ALLEGEDLY VIOLATED.

AS SECOND CHANNEL, TENNESSEE AUTHORITIES COULD SUBMIT INTERROGATORY TYPE DOCUMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH REQUEST THAT PROSPECTIVE WITNESSES NAMED IN RECAB BE LOCATED AND QUESTIONED BY VICE - CONSUL OF U. S. CONSULATE AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, WHO SPEAKS SPANISH AND IS ACCREDITED TO MEXICAN GOVERNMENT.

THIRDLY, STATE DEPARTMENT COULD BE APPROACHED BY STATE OF TENNESSEE WITH FORMAL REQUEST THAT SPECIAL PERMISSION BE REQUESTED FROM MEXICAN GOVERNMENT FOR VISIT OF PROSECUTOR'S REPRESENTATIVES TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS.

TELETYPE TO SAC MEMPHIS
RE: MURKIN

YOU SHOULD [illegible] ADVISE MR. CANALE THAT IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE MADE BY THIS BUREAU TO HAVE WITNESSES INTERVIEWED PURSUANT TO THEIR REQUEST. MR. CANALE SHOULD BE FURTHER ADVISED THAT IN THE EVENT HE DESIRES TO PURSUE THIS MATTER FURTHER THAT ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE BY MR. CANALE THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

NOTE: This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, desires that his representatives proceed to Mexico and interview witnesses in this case. He requested Bureau assistance in this matter. We directed a cablegram to our legal attache in Mexico City listing witnesses desired to be interviewed by Mr. Canale and requested our legal attache to advise if arrangements can be made for these interviews.

Our legal attache has advised that efforts were made to make arrangements for representatives of Mr. Canale to interview witnesses in this case on an informal basis with Mexican Government officials without success. Our legal attache advises that due to a recent incident involving a case of U. S. Narcotics and Customs Bureaus with the Mexican Government, the reaction is very high with Mexican officials concerning all U.S. investigative agencies. Legat advises that interviewing of these witnesses may be affected through State Department.

SAC, Memphis being instructed to advise Mr. Canale that request to interview witnesses in Mexico with Bureau assistance cannot be completed at this time, and if Mr. Canale desires to pursue this matter further, he should handle through the State Department. This matter coordinated with foreign liaison and they feel that if Memphis authorities pursue this matter of interviewing witnesses through the Bureau, this could very possibly jeopardize the Bureau's operations in Mexico in the future. Department being advised.

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BUREAU MAY WISH TO ADVISE OFFICIALS PREPARING PROSECUTION THAT NEGRO SAILORS INVOLVED IN INCIDENT MENTIONED IN RECAB WERE BELIEVED TO BE FROM THE CRUISE SHIP "ITALIA" WHICH MAKES REGULAR EXCURSION TRIPS FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO MAZATLAN, PUERTO VALLARTA AND OTHER WEST COAST MEXICAN PORTS ON REGULAR BASIS DURING FALL AND WINTER MONTHS. SAILORS MIGHT BE IDENTIFIED THROUGH INQUIRY AND MAY WELL REMEMBER INCIDENT INVOLVING SUBJECT AT "CASA SUSANNA" AT PUERTO VALLARTA.

BUREAU WAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT UNWARRANTED DISCLOSURE OF EXTENT OF THIS OFFICE'S ACTIVITIES WHILE HANDLING LEADS IN CAPTIONED MATTER COULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO FUTURE BUREAU OPERATIONS IN MEXICO. INTERVIEWS AT PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, CONDUCTED BY SA [redacted], IN CAPACITY OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE BUT NOT IDENTIFIED AS BUREAU AGENT. [redacted] ELISA ARELLANO TORRES AND MANUELA AGUIRRE MEDRANO, WERE INTERVIEWED BY [redacted] WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL POLICE. THESE TWO WOMEN WERE DEFINITELY TRANSIENTS AND EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION MAY BE NECESSARY TO LOCATE THEM. IF SELECTED AS WITNESSES, THEY MAY NOT BE ADMISSABLE TO U.S. IN ABSENCE OF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

BUREAU RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED TO ADVISE IF TRIP TO MEXICO UNDERTAKEN BY REPRESENTATIVES OF STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL CANALE AND TO FURNISH INSTURCTIONS REGARDING ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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REURTEL OCTOBER SIXTEEN CONCERNING ARTICLE APPEARING IN "THE COMMERCIAL APPEAL." INFORM [redacted] GEORGE BONEBRAKE IS FINGERPRINT EXPERT WHO PRESENTED DETAILED TESTIMONY IN OPEN COURT IN LONDON, ENGLAND, IN CONNECTION WITH EXTRADITION OF RAY. TESTIMONY RECEIVED WIDESPREAD PUBLICITY IN NEWS MEDIA THROUGHOUT WORLD. DURING POLICE SCHOOL CONDUCTED BY BONEBRAKE AT WICHITA, KANSAS, SEPTEMBER NINE THROUGH THIRTEEN LAST IN A CLOSED SESSION MEMBERS OF CLASS ATTEMPTED TO QUERY BONEBRAKE AS TO DETAILS OF FINGERPRINT TESTIMONY. BONEBRAKE GAVE NO FACTS OTHER THAN WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN QUOTED BY PRESS CONCERNING HIS LONDON TESTIMONY AND THIS IN ONLY VERY BRIEF FASHION. NO MEMBERS OF PRESS WERE PRESENT. ON ONE OCCASION DURING SCHOOL, MEMBERS OF PRESS WERE BRIEFLY INVITED TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS AND TO COLLECT DATA FOR STORY

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NOTE: Cover memo C. E. Ganley to Mr. Trotter dated 10-17-68 captioned "James Earl Ray, Latent Fingerprint Evidence," CEG:hs

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CONCERNING POLICE SCHOOL. MEMBER OF CLASS REMARKED TO A REPORTER THAT BONEBRAKE WAS FINGERPRINT EXPERT IN RAY CASE. REPORTER THEN SAID HE RECALLED BONEBRAKE'S NAME. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OCCURRED AT THIS SESSION OR ANY OTHER SESSIONS OF CLASS. BONEBRAKE STATES UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT ANY QUOTATIONS IN PRESS OTHERWISE ARE OUTRIGHT FABRICATIONS AND FALSEHOODS. WHEN BONEBRAKE TESTIFIED IN LONDON SUCH TESTIMONY BECAME PUBLIC SOURCE MATERIAL AND ANY FURTHER ELABORATION FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE IS PURE FABRICATION.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 3P

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"THE COMMERCIL APPEAL," MEMPHIS MORNING NEWSPAPER, HAD ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE, OCT. SIXTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, CAPTIONED AS FOLLOWS: "LECTURE BY FBI AGENT ANGERS RAY'S ATTORNEY." THIS ARTICLE WRITTEN BY CHARLES EDMUNDSON, WHO WAS ONE OF THE REPORTERS CITED FOR CONTEMPT BY JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE IN SEPT., SIXTY EIGHT.

ARTICLE PREPARED BY EDMUNDSON QUOTES HANES AS COMPLAINING COURT ORDER "PROTECTS THE PROSECUTION AND ONLY MUZZLES THE DEFENSE." ARTICLE FURTHER STATES THAT HANES HAS DECLARED PROSECUTION WITNESSES HAVE BEEN MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONVICTING HIS CLIENT AND HE HAS HAD NO CHANCE TO COUNTER THEM. HANES REPORTEDLY CITED A LECTURE BY GEORGE BONEBRAKE, AN FBI FINGERPRINT SPECIALIST, IN WICHITA, KANSAS, SEPT. ELEVEN, AND QUOTED ON PAGE ONE OF THE WICHITA BEACON. THE BEACON IDENTIFIES BONEBRAKE AS A MAN WHO "LED THE SEARCH THROUGH THOUSANDS OF FINGERPRINTS ON FILE WITH THE FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON SEEKING IDENTIFICATION OF THE KILLER."

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BONEBRAKE QUOTED AS AYING IN WICHITA, "I WAS ABLE TO TESTIFY THAT THE LATENT FINGERPRINTS WE FOUND IN MEMPHIS MATCHED

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THOSE TAKEN OF THE MAN ARRESTED IN LONDON, AND THAT THE SAME PRINTS MATCHED THOSE TAKEN OF JAMES EARL RAY WHILE HE WAS AT THE MISSOURI PENITENTIARY."

BONEBRAKE REPORTEDLY WAS ADDRESSING A WITCHITA AREA POLICE SEMINAR ON FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION. ARTICLE CONTINUES BY STATING THAT FRANK GAROFOLO, ASST. CITY EDITOR OF THE WITCHITA BEACON, SAID YESTERDAY NEWSMEN WERE PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE LECTURE AND NOTHING WAS PUT OFF THE RECORD AT THE POLICE SEMINAR. A MAJOR IN THE WITCHITA POLICE DEPARTMENT OBJECTED THE NEXT DAY, MR. GAROFOLO SAID, THAT THE SPEECH HAD BEEN QUOTED TOO MUCH IN DETAIL.

JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE HAS ACKNOWLEDGED, ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE, THAT HIS POWER TO LIMIT PUBLICITY APPLIED ONLY IN THE BOUNDERIES OF HIS JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN.

HANES HAS SAID THAT THE ORDER HAS A DIFFERING EFFECT AND IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: "WHILE THE ACCUSED AND HIS ATTORNEYS HAVE BEEN ORDERED NOT TO GIVE INTERVIEWS, KEY WITNESSES FOR THEPROSECUTION, SUCH AS MR. BONEBRAKE, HAVE BEEN FREE TO MAKE STATEMENTS." ATTORNEY GEN. RAMSEY CLARK STATED ON TELEVISION THAT RAY COMMITTED THIS CRIME WITH NO CONSPIRACY INVOLVED. WHEN I SAY THE CONTRARY

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I AM HELD IN CONTEMPT."

THIS MORNING, DON OWENS (FORMER FBI AGENT) [redacted], WHO WAS MEMBER OF PANEL OF ATTORNEYS WHO ASSISTED JUDGE BATTLE IN CONNECTION WITH CONTEMPT HEARINGS, CONTACTED SAC.

OWENS [redacted] STATED THAT PANEL OF ATTORNEYS WOULD MEET THIS MORNING AND DISCUSSION WOULD BE HELD REGARDING STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO BONEBRAKE WHICH APPEARED IN NEWSPAPER. OWENS [redacted] SAID THAT AMONG THE QUESTIONS THAT WOULD BE ASKED OF HIM WOULD BE:

(1) DID BONEBRAKE MAKE THE STATEMENTS AS ATTRIBUTED TO HIM IN THE PRESS?

(2) WHO IS BONEBRAKE?

(3) WHERE WERE THESE STATEMENTS MADE, IF MADE AT ALL?

(4) WHEN WERE THEY MADE AND WHY WERE THEY MADE?

OWENS [redacted] HAS ADVISED THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE A PROMPT ANSWER, IF POSSIBLE, TO HIS QUESTIONS SO THAT HE WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO CLARIFY SITUATION AS REPORTED IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

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Why is it our representatives can't keep their mouths shut on restricted matters?

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MR. ROSEN

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Date: 10-18-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Submitted herewith for assistance of the Bureau are two Xerox copies of letter received this date from PHIL M. CANALE, JR., District Attorney General. It is noted the letter requested that all physical evidence pertaining to the JAMES EARL RAY case now in possession of the FBI be forwarded to his office.

In view of the information set forth in the second paragraph of Mr. CANALE's letter, it is suggested that a copy be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

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Special Agent in Charge

PHIL M. CAN[illegible], JR.
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October 16, 1968

Mr. Robert Jensen
Special Agent in Charge
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Office Building
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Re: State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray

Dear Mr. Jensen:

Confirming my telephone conversation with you, it is requested that all the physical evidence pertaining to the James Earl Ray case now in the possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation be forwarded to this office. As you know, we have to comply with the Court's order in making all the tangible evidence available to the defense attorney for his inspection.

I understand that Mr. [redacted] document examiner with the laboratory of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, may still be working on some of his material. If so, we will contact him and ask him to bring his portion of the evidence personally to Memphis so we can discuss it with him.

Thanking you for your consideration in this and all past matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
District Attorney General

PMCJr:MEF

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

October 25, 1968

Director, FBI (44-38861)

1 - Mr. Long

EURKIN

Enclosed you will find a Xerox copy of Legat communication to the Bureau under date of October 22, 1968, in relation to representatives of Mr. Phil M. Canale's office visit to Mexico.

You should take the pertinent portions from this communication and submit them in an LHM suitable for dissemination along with your contacts with Mr. Canale responding to their request.

Enclosures

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Date: 10/1[illegible]

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (44-363) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Director, dated 5/1/68.

On 10/16/68, [redacted] Brownsburg, Indiana, telephonically contacted this office advising that he wished to speak to an agent in regard to captioned subject. Arrangements were made to meet him at which time he furnished information substantially the same as was furnished by his wife, [redacted] in referenced airtel. The only discrepancy with information furnished previously by his wife was that he compared photographs that were published of JAMES EARL RAY to the persons that he remembered having overheard at the Gulf Truck Stop, Lebanon, Tennessee, in late March, 1968. After comparison he advised that none of the five men he overheard at the truck stop were identical to JAMES EARL RAY. His wife had previously stated in referenced airtel that one of those persons had been RAY.

[redacted] advised that after hearing this conversation with the five men in the restroom at the truck stop on or about the last day of March, 1968, that he and his wife turned around and traveled back to Memphis, a distance of about 65 miles, to report what he had overheard. When they returned to Memphis, however, he got scared, did not want to get involved and did not report what he had heard to anyone. They left Memphis and traveled East in the direction they had been traveling before returning to Memphis. [redacted] in referenced airtel, advised to the contrary that he did not mention hearing of the plan to kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING that day, and she did not advise of having returned to Memphis to report such information.

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6-Bureau (44-38861) (RM) 1-Indianapolis
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Special Agent in Charge

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In addition to the above information, [redacted] advised that he was approached by a man on the night of 10/13/68, at the bar of Howard Johnson's, located at I-465 and Indiana State Highway 136, in Indianapolis. This man, according to [redacted] knew all about [redacted] and was aware of his poor financial status. This man followed him to the car and told [redacted] that he could make $100,000 if he would testify to what he heard in the restroom in Lebanon, Tennessee, in late March. The man did not tell him who would pay the money, but told [redacted] that if he was interested he was to be in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the airport at 3:00 AM, on Saturday, 10/19/68. The man also told [redacted] that if he did not believe him, to go to the Holiday Inn bar, at the Indianapolis airport at 5:00 PM the next evening. [redacted] advised that he did, in fact, go the next evening to the Holiday Inn bar, which was on 10/14/68, but he was not approached by anyone. On the morning of 10/15/68, at approximately 5:30 AM, [redacted] heard a noise at his apartment door, and found a note which stated "Sat. 3:00 AM, OKLA. City. How much money". [redacted] stated that he became very worried and finally on 10/16/68 made a telephone call to ARTHUR HAYNES, attorney for JAMES EARL RAY, in Birmingham, Alabama, attempting to find out if HAYNES was responsible for the offer of $100,000 for [redacted] to testify. He talked to HAYNES, at which time HAYNES mentioned to [redacted] that he had received a mysterious phone call several days before, advising that he should get in touch with a [redacted] however, HAYNES had taken it as a prank call. HAYNES knew of no offer of money to [redacted] if he would testify, but did take [redacted] address and phone number.

After talking to HAYNES, [redacted] immediately called the Indianapolis office and requested to talk to an Agent. [redacted] gave as his reason for not contacting the FBI previously, that he was an ex-con and was not fond of dealing with police in any manner, however, he was scared and felt that he must make known the above information. [redacted] furnished both notes he had received to interviewing Agents.

Indianapolis Office is retaining these notes at this time and has instructed [redacted] to promptly advise if he is recontacted in the future by anyone concerning this matter. As the substance of this interview with [redacted] has previously been furnished to the Bureau and Memphis, it does not appear further investigation is necessary. The Indianapolis Office will keep the Bureau and Memphis advised of any further developments.

It should be noted that in referenced airtel, mention is made of the fact that [redacted] was a patient twice at Patton State Hospital, Sacramento, California, and once at Atascadero State Hospital in California.

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AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

There are enclosed for information of the Bureau, original and one copy each of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 6) ENCLOSURE
1 MEMPHIS

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ar Article Opposes Battle's Stance

e Reardon report of the erican Bar Association on rial publicity in criminal es "does not restrict the s from printing any infor- ion it can get," says a nphis attorney who helped e the report.

is is the opinion of Walter Armstrong Jr., a member e Reardon Committee and rman of the American Bar ndation's Survey of Admin- stion of Criminal Justice.

Armstrong maintains this — the opposite of that by an amicus curiae com- ee appointed by Judge W. ston Battle — in an eight- e article in a current issue e Tennessee Bar Journal.

r. Armstrong refused yes- ay to be interviewed on subject since it is in con- ersy in Judge Battle's t. But he said he stood ualifiedly on his Bar Jour- article. It was published before Judge Battle held in contempt two Memphis newspaper reporters who wrote stories from interviews with Arthur J. Hanes Sr., attorney for James Earl Ray, charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"I am convinced some guidelines are necessary for both the media and the bar if the right to a fair trial is to be preserved," Mr. Armstrong wrote. ". . .Against this background, let us consider the (Reardon) report and the so-called 'blackout' of news which it imposes.

"In the first place, it does not restrict the press from printing any information it can get. It does suggest certain restrictions upon attorneys, law enforcement officers, judges and judicial employes in releasing such information . . .

"No one denies the right of the press to print without prior restraint . . . You can't stop the newspapers from printing it if they can get it; but you can certainly stop them from getting it."

With the advice and assent of a bar committee headed by Lucius Burch, Judge Battle on Sept. 20 held Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal and Roy Hamilton of the Memphis Press - Scimitar in contempt of court.

The court agreed with a defense contended that the newsmen had not been served with a copy of his order. But he held they were covered by it by extension as defined in previous contempt cases in Tennessee.

Ezra Bryan, attorney for Scripps-Howard Newspapers, and Armistead Clay, attorney for the reporters, disagree. They say that none of the categories "covered by extension" would include the respondents in this case.

They have filed a motion for Judge Battle too rehear the case and have announced that if relief is not granted, appeal will be taken to higher courts.

Besides Mr. Armstrong's interpretation that the Reardon report does not "restrict the press," the Kaufman report, a parallel document published two weeks ago and covering the federal courts, says specifically it disfavors, at this time at least, pre-trial publicity orders applying to the press. The Kaufman report expresses doubt that guarantees in the United States Constitution regarding freedom of speech and freedom of the press permit such orders being applied to the news media.

Mr. Armstrong quotes the opinion of the Supreme Court in Sheppard vs. Maxwell, "Given the pervasiveness of modern communications and the difficulty of effacing prejudicial publicity from the minds of jurors, the trial courts must take strong measures to ensure that the balance is never weighed against the accused."

The defense in the Memphis contempt case has pointed out that it would be virtually impossible, from the legal point of view, to prejudice the accused by quoting his attorney.

"Remember," says Mr. Armstrong toward the end of his article, "the Reardon report does not limit the press in what it can publish in any way, with one single exception. It does characterize as contempt of court the dissemination of a statement going beyond the public record of the court for the purpose of affecting the outcome of the trial." The Memphis reporters have not been taxed with trying to affect the outcome of the Ray trial.

Judge Battle's amicus curiae committee met yesterday to consider possible action on interviews with Mr. Hanes published in Wednesday's Press-Scimitar and The Commercial Appeal. Members of the committee would not comment on their conference. It is known they were offended by Mr. Hanes' phrase terming them "a committee of Harper Valley PTA hypocrites."

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ENCLOSURE

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Lawyers Discuss Blast by Hanes

A committee of lawyers advising Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle on publicity in the James Earl Ray case had a closed meeting today, but the Press-Scimitar learned that the subject was the vocal blast aimed at the committee and the court's pre-trial publicity order by Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney.

Hanes yesterday referred to the lawyers as "a committee of Harper Valley PTA hypocrites" and criticized its publicity guidelines adopted by Judge Battle as favoring the prosecution.

The seven-member committee refused to meet with a group of newsmen of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity, to discuss the publicity controversy despite a suggestion earlier by Judge Battle that it would be a good idea.

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DISCLOSURE

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Hanes Resumes Verbal Onslaught

Cites Story Quoting FBI Linking Ray, Prints

The attorney for James Earl Ray, charged with murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., renewed his verbal onslaught against a court order to limit pretrial publicity in the case.

Arthur J. Hanes conceded that Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, who has held him in contempt, has the right to forbid him to discuss the "merits of the case against Ray. But he can't get after me, according to the Reardon report, for commenting on other things."

"Other things," according to Mr. Hanes, embraces the conditions of Ray's imprisonment in the Shelby County Jail, the release of only one photo of Ray, showing him shackled and manacled, and the unsuccessful effort of a Ku Klux Klan attorney from Georgia to become associated in Ray's defense.

Judge Battle's order he said, has not prevented an FBI spokesman from giving interviews pointing to Ray as Dr. King's slayer.

Tuesday Mr. Hanes cited a story in the Wichita (Kan.) Beacon quoting George Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint expert, as saying fingerprints taken of Ray in London matched "latent fingerprints" taken by detectives in Memphis shortly after Dr. King was slain on a motel balcony here last April.

A dispatch from Wichita said that, besides making the speech at a police seminar there on fingerprint identification, Mr. Bonebrake said in an interview afterward, "There is no doubt in my mind that Ray at least handled the murder weapon."

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) 10/25/68

Director, FBI (44-38861) 1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Re Indianapolis airtel to the Bureau dated 10/17/68.

Bureau is in receipt of referenced communication concerning information as given to Indianapolis by [redacted] also in receipt of Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 5/1/68 concerning information as provided by [redacted] wife of [redacted]

Memphis should advise the results of any investigations conducted as a result of information furnished by [redacted] and submit your recommendations based on both interviews.

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NOTE:

Springfield communications dated June 1, 1968, furnished information as a result of their interviewing [redacted] who gave information concerning implications of James Earl Ray in the King assassination. His wife now furnishes information to our Indianapolis office which refutes some of the information furnished by [redacted]

Memphis being instructed to advise Bureau the results of any investigation conducted concerning this matter and to submit their recommendations.

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TELETYPE URGENT

Mr. Long

TO: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) -5282

MURKIN DEC-82

RE BIRMINGHAM TELETYPE TO BUREAU OCTOBER TWO TWO LAST.

YOU SHOULD ADVISE ARTHUR J. HANES, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, IN WRITING THAT IF HE HAS ANY INFORMATION WHICH HE BELIEVES WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE FBI, HE SHOULD FEEL FREE TO FURNISH IT TO THE BIRMINGHAM OFFICE. SULHN.

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NOTE: This is in reference to request of Hanes, Attorney for James Earl Ray, that we exchange information with him on activities of black militants which can be utilized by Hanes during Ray's local trial.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
OCT 24 1968
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October 22, 19[illegible]

[illegible]NERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a telephone call received by the SAC, Birmingham from Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray. Hanes wants to exchange information with us as to activities of black militants and wants to use any data furnished by Bureau during trial, which is scheduled for state court in Memphis on November 12, 1968. We obviously are declining this request.

Hanes previously advised he wanted to talk to the Director in relation to some "concerns" of his. Hanes was advised that he should furnish any information that he has to the SAC at Birmingham.

Birmingham is being instructed that Hanes should be advised in writing to the effect that if he has any information which he believes would be of interest to the FBI, he should feel free to furnish it to the Birmingham Office.

Department being advised of Hanes contact with us and our reply to him.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF ... U.S. DEPARTMENT ... COMMUNICATION ... OCT 22 ... 68 TELETYPE

FBI BIRMGHAM

10:07AM 10-22-68 URGENT AMB

TO DIRECTOR, (44-38861)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

JAMES EARL RAY, AKA; DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., VICTIM; CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY.

ON THIS DATE ARTHUR J. HANES, SR., BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN THIS CASE, TELEPHONED BIRMINGHAM SAC RALPH J. MILES, STATING QUOTE THIS IS A GENUINE CONCERN CALL UNQUOTE. AFTER STATING HIS GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE FBI AND HIS INTEREST IN THE WELL BEING OF HIS COUNTRY, HANES SAID THE FORTHCOMING TRIAL OF RAY WOULD PROVIDE QUOTE A GREAT FORUM FOR EXPOSING SOME THINGS WHICH NEED EXPOSING UNQUOTE. ENSUING CONVERSATION DEVELOPED THAT HANES CONCERN WAS QUOTE WITH THE BLACK MILITANT GROUPS AT WORK IN THIS COUNTRY WHOSE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE EXPOSED UNQUOTE.

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HANES REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO MEET WITH A BUREAU OFFICIAL IN BIRMINGHAM, WASHINGTON, OR ANY OTHER SUTIABLE LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING INFORMATION AS TO ACTIVITIES OF BLACK MILITANTS WITH A VIEW TOWARD USING ANY DATA

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MR. DELOACH FOR ... DIRECTOR

FURNISHED BY THE BUREAU DURING TH RAY TRIAL. SAC ADVISED HANES THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO RECEIVE FROM HANES ANY INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES BUT, AS HANES WELL KNEW, THE INFORMATION POSSESSED BY THE FBI COULD NOT BE DISCLOSED TO HIM UNDER REGULATIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. HANES NONETHELESS ASKED THAT HIS REQUEST BE CONVEYED TO THE BUREAU AND THAT HE BE CONTACTED TODAY OR TOMORROW AS TO THE BUREAU'S POSITION.

SAC BIRMINGHAM RECOMMENDS THAT HANES AGAIN BE INFORMED THAT THE BUREAU WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION HE POSSESSES BUT CANNOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES FURNISH HIM WITH ANY INFORMATION ALONG THE LINES REQUESTED. IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT HANES BE ADVISED THAT IF HEW WISHES TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER HE SHOULD DIRECT A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

BIRMINGHAM WILL AWAIT BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE RETURNING HANES CALL.

AIR MAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-361) - P -

SUBJECT: SUSKIN

Re Springfield teletype to the Director, 10/23/68.

Contact with Chief of Police [redacted], Alton, Illinois, and other law enforcement agencies has determined no new information relating to robbery of The Bank of Alton on 7/12/67 or possible connection in robbery of [redacted]. Persons contacted are as follows:

WILLIAM MAHER
[redacted]
Alton, Illinois
CHIEF WILLIAM H. PETERSEN (AA)
[redacted]
Alton, Illinois
Chief Deputy Sheriff
[redacted]
Madison County Sheriff's Office
Edwardsville, Illinois
WILLIAM MEARSACKE
[redacted]
Alton, Illinois

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[illegible], Memphis (44-[illegible])

[illegible], 1968

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1 - Mr. Long

Re Bureau airtel to the Bureau dated 10/[illegible]/68.

Enclosed for Memphis and Kansas City is one copy of the identification record concerning [redacted] for [illegible] in cyclic file [illegible] maintained by [redacted]

Memphis and Kansas City should [illegible] the evaluation in this matter.

Enclosure

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AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Submitted herewith for the information of the Bureau and Kansas City is a supplementary investigation report prepared by Dewitt County Sheriffs Department, Clinton, Illinois. It is noted that report sets forth information received from a prisoner by the name of [redacted] alias [redacted] During the course of interview [redacted] states he has been associated with a [redacted] alias [redacted] during course of investigation states that [redacted] alias [redacted] told him that JAMES EARL RAY and [redacted] were permitted to escape from the Jefferson City Penitentiary at the same time so that they could kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. [redacted] also reportedly told [redacted] that he and RAY were both later arrested in Memphis, Tennessee, at the same time and subsequently released.

The Memphis Division has no information available indicating that [redacted] and RAY were arrested at the same time in Memphis and subsequently released.

It is suggested that the Bureau review the identification record of [redacted] to determine whether or not there is any information disclosing a common arrest or a common incarceration with subject JAMES EARL RAY.

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The Kansas City Office, at Jefferson City Penitentiary, should review records to ascertain whether or not [redacted] alias [redacted] has ever been incarcerated at Jefferson City Penitentiary and whether or not any information available to indicate he is an escapee, and whether time of escape corresponds with that of JAMES EARL RAY.

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Kans: : City should also determine whether or not there is any information available indicating that [redacted] may have been incarcerated at the same time as JAMES EARL RAY or may possibly have been a cellmate of JAMES EARL RAY.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 10-17-68

FROM : C. E. Ganley

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY
LATENT FINGERPRINT EVIDENCE

James Earl Ray is the accused slayer of Martin Luther King. He was apprehended in London, England, on 6-8-68 and extradited to the United States on 7-19-68 and is currently awaiting trial in Memphis, Tennessee, on state homicidal charges. In order for Ray to be extradited from England, the United States Government was required to present detailed testimony as to (a) the identity of the individual and (b) his alleged implication as King's slayer. To establish these points, at the Department's request, Bureau transported Latent Fingerprint Examiner George Bonebrake to London where he presented expert fingerprint testimony on 6-27-68. Bonebrake's testimony received widespread publicity in the news media throughout the world. As a matter of fact, he was the only witness presented by the United States Government and this was made much of by the world press.

On 10-16-68 Charles Edmundson, newspaper reporter for the Memphis "Commercial Appeal" got wind of a story that had been printed by the Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" newspaper on 9-12-68 covering a police school that Bonebrake had conducted at Wichita in early September. (News Reporter Edmundson and Defense Attorney Arthur Hanes, Sr., are currently under contempt citations issued by Memphis Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, such citations having been issued on 9-30-68 accusing Edmundson and Hanes of violating the trial judge's order barring extrajudicial statements in the Ray case. Edmundson and Hanes have apparently dredged up the Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" news story in an attempt to offset the court's action against themselves.)

Mr. Bonebrake, who is on annual leave, has been contacted concerning the allegation that he unnecessarily aired the fingerprint testimony in this case before a police school in Wichita, Kansas, in early September. Bonebrake states that when he appeared before the class they already knew - through the prior extensive publicity concerning his London, England, testimony - that he was the fingerprint expert in the Ray case. On one occasion, members of the class, in a closed session, attempted

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1 - Mr. Rosen
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to query him as to the details of the fingerprint testimony. Bonebrake states that he gave no facts other than what had already been quoted by the press concerning his London, England, testimony and this was in a very brief fashion. No members of the press were present. On another occasion during the class at the instigation of the local police department, members of the press were briefly invited to take photographs and to collect data for a press story on this school. One member of the class who seemed friendly with the reporter mentioned that Bonebrake had been the fingerprint expert who had given testimony in London. The reporter then said he recalled Bonebrake's name. No further questions were asked and no other information was volunteered by Mr. Bonebrake at this session or any other sessions of the class. Bonebrake states unequivocally that any quotations in the press otherwise are outright fabrications and falsehoods.

Memphis teletype of 10-16-68 poses certain questions as propounded by [redacted] former FBI Agent and member of panel of attorneys assisting Judge Battle in connection with contempt hearings against Reporter Edmundson and Attorney Hanes. Queries in essence ask for specifications on allegations made by Edmundson. Attached teletype instructs Memphis to contact [redacted] and furnish full facts as set forth herein pointing out that when Bonebrake testified in London such testimony became public source material and that any further elaboration from any other source is pure fabrication.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approval of attached teletype.

Bonebrake talked too much

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Date: 10-24-68

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CR - CONSPIRACY

OO: ME

ReBUtel 10-24-68.

Enclosed is FBI requested, original and four copies.

3-Bureau (enc. 5)
1-Birmingham
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

1400 - 2121 Building
Birmingham, Alabama 35203
October 24, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

On October 22, 1968, Mr. Arthur J. [illegible], Jr., [illegible] Harbor, Alabama, attorney [illegible] Louis Earl Ray, [illegible] Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Birmingham, Alabama, stating that "this is a genuine concern call." Mr. Hanes expressed his deep interest in the well-being of his country and stated that the forthcoming trial of Ray could provide "a great forum for exposing some things which need exposing." In the ensuing conversation Hanes stated that his specific concern was with the Black Militant groups at work in this country and activities which could be exposed.

Mr. Hanes requested that arrangements be made for him to meet with an official of the FBI in Birmingham, Alabama; Washington, D. C.; or any other suitable location for the purpose of exchanging information as to activities of Black Militants. He indicated that his interest in securing information from the FBI was in order that a suitable expose of such Black Militant activities could be made during the forthcoming trial of James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mr. Hanes was informed that the FBI would be happy to receive from him any information pertinent to the security of the United States, but that information possessed by the FBI could not be disclosed to him under regulations of the Attorney General of the United States. This advice

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James [illegible]

was confirmed to Mr. Jones by letter dated October 24, 1968, in which he was again informed that he should feel perfectly free to furnish to Mr. Tolson or any representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Birmingham, Alabama, any information he believes would be of interest to the FBI.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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FEDERAL BUR... INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
COMMUNI... 'S SECTION

OCT 23 1968

TELETYPE

FBI MEMPHIS

607 PM URGENT 10-23-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS TELEPHONE CALL THIS DATE.

U. S. ATTORNEY THOMAS L. ROBINSON, WDT, MEMPHIS, TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THIS OFFICE AND ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

ROBINSON SAID A MR. BROWN FROM THE DEPT. OF JUSTICE HAD TELEPHONICALLY CONATACTED HIM. BROWN REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM A NEWSPAPER SOURCE IN WASHINGTON, D. C. THAT JUDGE BATTLE HAD CITED OR PLANNED TO CITE AN FBI EMPLOYEE WHO COMMENTED REGARDING THIS CASE SOMEWHERE IN OKLAHOMA. BROWN ALSO ADVISED ROBINSON THAT HIS INFORMATION INDICATED THAT SOMETHING MIGHT BE SENT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REGARDING THIS MATTER. REC-9 5287

USA ROBINSON WAS REFERRED DIRECTLY TO DON OWENS [redacted] FORMER FBI AGENT AND ONE OF THE SEVEN ATTORNEYS WHO ARE ACTING ON BEHALF 101 12 OCT 30 1968 OF JUDGE BATTLE IN PREPARING VARIOUS PETITIONS AND ORDERS RESTRICTING PUBLICITY, ETC. IN INSTANT CASE. COPIES OF PREVIOUS ORDERS IN THIS CASE HAVE BEEN FURNISHED TO THE BUREAU.

COPY OF SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER WHICH WAS PREPARED IN THIS CASE HAS BEEN SECURED FROM DON OWENS [redacted] AND HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY AIRTEL

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MR. BLOOM FOR DE... [illegible]

TO THE BUREAU THIS DATE. SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER POINTS OUT TO COURT THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHICH IS GIVEN AS ALLEGED RESIDENCE OF GEORGE BONEBRAKE. PETITION AS OF CLOSE OF BUSINESS THIS DATE HAS NOT BEEN FILED. DON OWENS [redacted] HAS ADVISED THAT COPY OF PETITION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FBI, MEMPHIS. THIS PETITION WILL BE FORWARDED AMSD ON MORNING OF OCT. TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. THE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT INDICATES THAT IN THE EVENT PETITION IS SERVED, IT IS PROPOSED IT BE MAILED TO AG CLARK INASMUCH AS BONEBRAKE IS EMPLOYED BY DEPT. OF JUSTICE.

OWENS [redacted] ALSO SAID SHORTLY BEFORE FIVE O'CLOCK THIS DATE THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY EVEN THOUGH PETITION WILL BE PREPARED, IT MAY NEVER BE FILED. OWENS [redacted] ALSO SAID THAT IN ANY EVENT, IT IS FELT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN BY JUDGE UNTIL AFTER TRIAL.

OWENS [redacted] IS COGNIZANT OF FACT THAT BONEBRAKE DID TESTIFY PUBLICLY IN LONDON AND THAT HIS TESTIMONY THERE IS MATTER OF RECORD.

OWENS [redacted] HAS ALSO STATED THAT IT DID NOT APPEAR TO HIM THAT ANY PROBLEM WOULD BE PRESENTED IN THAT STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO BONEBRAKE APPEAR TO BE THOSE TO WHICH HE TESTIFIED PUBLICLY IN LONDON.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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CC-MR. BOSS

FBI

Date: 10/23/68

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AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (ATTN: INSPECTOR [redacted] IDENTIFICATION DIVISION)
(44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information are two copies of a report submitted by the committee of seven attorneys in instant case. It is noted this report deals with an article which appeared in the "Commercial Appeal" on 10/16/68 under the caption, "Lecture by FBI Agent Angers Ray's Attorney." GEORGE BONEBRAKE, FBI Fingerprint Examiner, is quoted in this article.

As of the close of business, October 23, 1968, a petition based on this supplemental report has not been filed before the Court. Immediately on establishing that the petition is filed, a copy will be secured and submitted for the Bureau's information.

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Special Agent in Charge

JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS
ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS
JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS
HARVEY LOHMEYER,

Defendant.

FILED 10-23-68
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY [illegible] D. C.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF AMICI CURIAE

The following is a unanimous supplemental report of the Amici Curiae appointed by the Honorable W. Preston Battle, Judge of Division III of the Criminal Court of Shelby County, Tennessee, in the above-styled cause.

Your Amici Curiae find and report as follows:

1. That on October 16, 1968, there appeared in the Commercial Appeal an article under the headline: "Lecture By FBI Agent Angers Ray's Attorney", in which one George Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint specialist, is extensively quoted. Mr. Bonebrake is also quoted in the Memphis Press-Scimitar of October 16, 1968 in an article under the headline: "Hanes Denounces Court Group As 'Hypocrites'", and again in an article in the Commercial Appeal of October 17, 1968 under the headline: "Hanes Resumes Verbal Onslaught".

Your Amici Curiae are of the opinion that there is probable cause to believe that the statements allegedly made by George Bonebrake are in violation of this Court's orders regarding pre-trial publicity in the above case. However, your Amici Curiae believe that the said George Bonebrake is a resident citizen of Washington, D. C. and as such is not immediately amenable to the processes of this Court. Therefore your Amici Curiae propose to file a petition in this Court

requiring the said George Bonebrake to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court for violation of this Court's orders, and further propose to mail a copy of the petition to the Honorable Ramsey Clark, the Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice, by whom said George Bonebrake is believed to be employed, requesting that the said George Bonebrake submit himself voluntarily to the jurisdiction of this Court so that a proper hearing may be held. In the event said voluntary submission is not forthcoming, the petition will recommend that this Court issue its process at such time as the said George Bonebrake shall come into this Court's jurisdiction.

2. That your Amici Curiae are currently investigating the manner and occasion by which the above-referred-to comments alleged to have been made by the said George Bonebrake on September 11, 1968 in Wichita, Kansas came to be quoted in the news media of Memphis, Tennessee on October 16 and 17, 1968. Your Amici Curiae would advise the Court that, upon the completion of this investigation, we shall again report to this Court regarding any additional recommended action against other parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucius E. Burch, Jr.

W. Alan Hanover

Cooper Turner, Jr.

James D. Causey

Leo Bearman, Jr.

Lee A. Hardison

Don G. Owens

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TO: [illegible]

FROM: [illegible]

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Special Agent in Charge

[redacted] is in a closed status.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished to the New Orleans Division for its information concerning the final disposition of this matter by the Tampa Division. No LHM is being enclosed for New Orleans, Los Angeles, [redacted] because it only contains the information furnished by the New Orleans Division, and previously furnished results to Los Angeles and Memphis.

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UNITED STATES DEPAR' ' NT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF ' ESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Tampa, Florida
October 14, 1968

[redacted]

Reference is made to prior communications in captioned matter, the most recent one being dated August 13, 1968.

Date 8/22/68

[redacted] was interviewed at the Shreveport, Louisiana, Resident Agency. At the outset of the interview [redacted] was advised of his rights but declined to sign a waiver of same. [redacted] declined to furnish a signed statement but voluntarily furnished the following information:

[redacted] denied that he had received or was ever in possession of a great amount of money as a result of his participation in the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING and the assassination of Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY. He further denied stating to anyone he was on the payroll of the OSI and CIA.

[redacted] said he definately did not participate in any manner, nor did he have any knowledge of or information concerning the murders of MARTIN LUTHER KING and Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

[redacted] admitted that he was glad KING was dead as he felt KING was a troblemaker, but emphasized that he did not have anything to do with killing him.

[redacted] said he could not remember making any statements to anyone regarding any of the above. He admitted that he may have made them when he was in a drunken condition, but could not recall making any such statements. He said he often has black-out periods which occur when he is drinking and he has been known to appear sober even when he is in a drunken state.

[redacted] said [redacted] or his former employer at [redacted] Orlando, Florida. He and [redacted] have been out drinking together on a few occasions, usually after closing shop or on a payday night. [redacted] has been trying to get him into trouble with his wife. [redacted] said [redacted] thinks he is a ladies man and has in the past tried to take his wife out. His wife has told him that [redacted] has called her several times and in addition to trying to make a date would tell her of his running around with other women. [redacted] believed [redacted] tells his [redacted] wife what he tells [redacted] in confidence. He was sure [redacted] told her about

On 8/8/68 at Shreveport, Louisiana File 80-[redacted]

by SA [redacted] /jab Date dictated.

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his being responsible for another girl's pregnancy at the time he married his wife.

[redacted] stated he has never confronted [redacted] with any of the above, but [redacted] has told him that he called him one night when he was drunk and cursed him out. [redacted] said he could not remember this call.

[redacted] advised that he has a serious drinking problem, but he did not consider himself an alcoholic. He said he was treated in the Veterans Administration Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina, for drunkeness shortly after his release from the Air Force in 1953. He further advised he had been a patient at Cherry Hospital, Goldsboro, North Carolina, for about 2 months during the past year. While at this hospital he underwent a number of psychiatric tests. He did not know the results of the tests.

[redacted] stated that he has had this serious drinking problem since his marriage in November 1967. He indicated he was forced to marry his wife as a result of her pregnancy prior to their wedding. He said, since his marriage he has been under constant pressure from his wife and in addition has serious financial problems.

[redacted] advised that because of his heavy drinking and the resulting "black-outs" he is not able to fix exactly his whereabouts on specific dates during the past year. However, he remembered the night of MARTIN LUTHER KING's death and said he was drunk at the time. He was registered at the Motel South, Orlando, Florida. With him at the time was a girl friend, whom he identified as [redacted] who operates the [redacted] Orlando, Florida. He said she is about 38 years of age. He recalled hearing of KING's death on the T.V, on the night it happened.

[redacted] said he did not remember where he was the night Senator KENNEDY was shot.

[redacted] could not account for his whereabouts on the night of June 5, 1968 and said he could not recall where he was at all during the month of June as he again was on a drunk.

[redacted] remembers flying from Orlando, Florida.

to Los Angeles twice in recent months. The last was about August 4, 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines. He stayed in Los Angeles four days and left driving a rented car after an unsuccessful effort in finding a job. On his way to Shreveport he stopped briefly at Phoenix, Albuquerque, and Hope, Arkansas. He claimed he pawned his 357 magnum revolver with a police officer in Hope, Arkansas, for $45 on August 23, 1968. The gun was purchased for his second job as a security guard with Associated Security Company, Orlando, Florida. He claims he has never used the gun in commission of a crime.

[redacted] believed the previous trip to Los Angeles was made in June 1968 when he flew via Delta Airlines from Orlando, Florida. He was looking for a job on the occasion also. He stayed only two days and remembers returning from California via an unrecalled airline and that he stopped at Las Vegas, Denver, New Orleans and Miami. He does not remember if he stayed in any of these cities for any length of time. After reaching Miami he rented a car and drove to Orlando.

[redacted] claims he had no employment other than his jobs in Orlando and that he financed his trips with the money earned from working these two jobs, along with using his credit cards.

[redacted] recalled after driving from Miami he did not go home, but to a motel with [redacted]. The following day he drove back to Miami and then returned to Orlando by bus. He thinks he rented the car at Miami from either Hertz or Avis-Rent-A-Car.

[redacted] stated he has not worked any where since August 4, 1968, and that he presently had in his possession $36.00 which was left over from the sale of his gun.

[redacted] claimed he pawned a .38 Colt "Cobra" in Los Angeles on the last trip at an unrecalled pawn shop and that he presently has no weapon.

[redacted] could not recall any other details concerning his first trip to Los Angeles, he said he was drinking heavy on these trips and could not remember anything much about them. He could not remember the names of motels where he stayed. He claimed he [illegible] friends in Los Angeles and

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that he made none while there on these trips.

[redacted] stated he is not now and never has been a member of any "hate" type organization such as the Ku Klux Klan.

[redacted] stated he would be leaving Shreveport, Louisiana, this evening by bus and could be reached through his mother [redacted] Clinton, South Carolina.

The following description was obtained from interview and observation:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	Fayetteville, North Carol[redacted]
Height	6'1"
Weight	175
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Scars and Marks	None
Marital Status	Married [redacted]
	[redacted]
Children	
Parents	Father - [redacted]
	Mother - [redacted]
Brothers	[redacted] Carolina 33.
	Since [redacted] High Point, North Carolina
Sister	[redacted] age 19, Fayetteville, North Carolina employed Ft Bragg, North Carolina
Residence	[redacted] Orlando, Florida
Military Service	US Air Force 1951-1955, Honorable discharge
	Serial [redacted]

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Arrest Record — Numerous drunk arrests -- no felony arrests

Social Security # [redacted]

Occupation [redacted]

Previous employment [redacted] Orlando, Florida; [redacted] Newport News, Virginia; [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana

Previous Residences: Raleigh, North Carolina, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Asheville, North Carolina, Newport News, Virginia, Indianapolis, Indiana, Orlando, Florida

Friends [redacted] Clinton, North Carolina [redacted] Orlando, Florida

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: October 14, 1968

SJP:efw

FROM: Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

D.J. 144-72-662
#41-157-147

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Reference your memorandum of October 4, 1968.

My memorandum to you of October 8, 1968 under this caption requested you to furnish a copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated October 2, 1968, to Mr. Phil Canale, Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

The subject matter of the [redacted]port concerned information originally received from Mr. William Bradford Huie. My October 8 memorandum was intended to reflect my determination to authorize you to furnish the information obtained in the interview of your agent with Mr. William Bradford Huie to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.

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FBI MEMPHIS

12:26PM 10-30-68 URGENT SDC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN

USA GILBERT MERRITT, MDT, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THIS MORNING OF FOLLOWING:

MERRITT SAID NEWSPAPER REPORTER NAMED JIM SQUIRES, ASSOCIATED WITH THE "NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN," CALLED MERRITT AT ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM, OCTOBER TWENT/NINE LAST. MERRITT ADVISED HE HAD BEE ASLEEP AND DOES NOT RECALL CLEARLY EVERYTHING SQUIRES HAD TO SAY. MERRITT SAID HE UNDERSTANDS SQUIRES HAS WRITTEN, OR WILL WRITE, ARTICLES ON RAY'S DEFENSE.

SQUIRES REPORTEDLY TOLD MERRITT THAT ON EVENING OF OCT TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, SQUIRES RECEIVED LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL FROM SOME PLACE IN CANADA, POSSIBLY TORONTO. THE PERSON CALLING IDENTIFIED HIMSELF TO SQUIRES AS [redacted] (PH). [redacted] SAID HE WAS REPRESENTING OR CALLING FOR MAN NAMED [redacted] ALSO PHONETIC. [redacted] IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE

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WARREN COMMISSION RE SOME PERSON HE HAD SEEN IN CANADA WHO ALLEGEDLY HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH ASSASSINATION OF LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. [redacted] TOLD SQUIRES DESCRIPTION OF PERSON DESCRIBED BY [redacted] IS SIMILAR TO DESCRIPTION OF

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INDIVIDUAL IN CANADA WHO ALLEGEDLY MADE OFFER OF MONEY TO JAMES EARL RAY TO GO TO MEMPHIS FOR SOME JOB.

MEMPHIS INDICES HAS NO DATA WHICH CAN BE IDENTIFIED WITH EITHER [redacted] OR [redacted] SQUIRES, REPORTER IN QUESTION, KNOWN TO AGENTS IN NASHVILLE AREA AS BEING LONG TIME REPORTER. NO KNOWLEDGE THAT SQUIRES HAS EVER PRESENTED PROBLEM IN CONNECTION WITH INTERVIEWS BY AGENTS OF OPINION THAT SQUIRES WILL REPRESENT NEWSPAPER FIRST.

MEMPHIS RECOMMENDING THAT INTERVIEW OF REPORTER SQUIRES BE HAD AND THAT INTERVIEW BE CONDUCTED ALONG LINES THAT SQUIRES IS BEING CONTACTED SOLELY FOR PURPOSE OF DETERMINING WHAT INFORMATION HE HAS THAT HE REPORTED TO USA MERRITT. AFTER INTERVIEW OF SQUIRES AND IF MATERIAL APPEARS PERTINENT CONSIDERATION CAN THEN BE MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT ADDITIONAL INIES ARE WARRANTED IN CANADA.

UACB, EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE INTERVIEW WITH SQUIRES THIS DATE. P. END.

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TO: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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YOU SHOULD INSTRUCT AN AGENT ASSIGNED TO YOUR OFFICE TO IMMEDIATELY PROCEED TO FBI LABORATORY, WASHINGTON, D. C., VIA COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE IN BUREAU'S POSSESSION AND TURN OVER SAME TO MR. PHIL M. CANALE, JR., STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. THE AGENT WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A DETAILED LISTING OF THE EVIDENCE BY OUR LABORATORY.

YOU SHOULD INSURE THAT THE CHAIN OF EVIDENCE IS PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND ALERT MR. CANALE THE EVIDENCE IS BEING PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO HIM BY YOUR AGENT. [illegible] SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM MR. CANALE.

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AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, 10/23/68.

Subsequent to dispatch of referenced teletype, a copy of petition prepared in instant case was secured. Two Xerox copies being submitted at this time so that Bureau will have benefit of most recent petition issued in instant case.

As of 6:00 PM, October 23, 1968, petition forwarded with this Airtel has not yet been filed.

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and made a part of this petition.

That your petitioners believe that the said George Bonebrake

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE		
VS.		NO. 11645 MURDER - FIRST DEGREE
JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALIAS JOHN WILLARD, ALIAS HARVEY LOWMEYER, ALIAS HARVEY LOWNYER		NO. 16819 CARRYING DANGEROUS WEAPON

PETITION FOR CONTEMPT

TO THE HONORABLE W. PRESTON BATTLE, JUDGE OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DIVISION THREE:

Your petitioners, Amici Curiae, show unto the Court as follows:

That petitioners are the duly appointed and acting Amici Curiae, having been so appointed by order of this Court on July 29, 1968;

That heretofore the Court on July 18, 1968 entered an order on Courthouse and Courtroom Procedures and Publicity, and on July 23, 1968 said Court entered an amendment to said order.

Further, under date of July 30, 1968, said Court supplemented said orders by a further order of Court prohibiting and enjoining the perpetration of certain specific acts in connection with the above-styled causes.

That all three of said orders are part of the record in these causes and, among other things, contain the following language in the order of July 30, 1968:

> "All lawyers participating in this case, their assistants, associates, staff members, investigators and employees under their supervision and control, County Medical Examiner, Jury Commissioners, Criminal Court Clerk, County Sheriff, Police Officials and other law enforcement officers, employees of this Court and all other persons employed in the 'Criminal Courts Buildings', their associates, deputies, assistants, staff members and personnel under their supervision and control, are forbidden to take part in interviews or press conferences for publicity and are enjoined from making extra-judicial statements about this case which . . ."

Honorable [illegible] copy [illegible] of this petition.

Further, said order of July 30, 1968 contained the following paragraph:

> "All persons or entities subject to this Order who feel aggrieved by anything herein contained are hereby admonished that any such grievances or complaints should be judicially presented."

That there appeared in the Commercial Appeal, a newspaper of general circulation in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, under date of Wednesday morning, October 16, 1968, an article under the heading: "Lecture By FBI Agent Angers Ray's Attorney", the one in which George Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint specialist, is quoted. A copy of said item is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made a part of this petition.

That under date of Wednesday, October 16, 1968, there appeared in the Memphis Press Scimitar, a newspaper of general circulation in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, an item entitled: "Hanes Denounces Court Group as 'Hypocrites'", in which said George Bonebrake is again quoted. A copy of said item is likewise attached hereto as "Exhibit B" and made a part of this petition.

That there appeared in the Commercial Appeal under date of Thursday, October 17, 1968, under the heading: "Hanes Resumes Verbal Onslaught", an item which again quoted the said George Bonebrake. A copy of said item is attached hereto as "Exhibit C" and made a part of this petition.

That your petitioners believe that the said George Bonebrake is a resident citizen of Washington, D. C., and is not amenable at this time to the processes of this Court, but that your petitioners respectfully recommend to the Court that should their

prayer for the issuance of a Scire Facias for a show cause order as hereinafter set out be granted by this Honorable Court against the said George Bonebrake, that a copy of this petition be mailed to the Honorable Ramsey Clark, the Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice, by whom your petitioners believe said George Bonebrake is employed, requesting the said George Bonebrake to submit himself voluntarily to the jurisdiction of this Court so that a fair and proper hearing may be held. That, in the event said voluntary submission is not forthcoming, your petitioners recommend that this Court issue said processes at such time that said George Bonebrake shall come into and be within the jurisdiction of this Court.

That your petitioners believe the respondent herein named, George Bonebrake, had actual knowledge of the aforesaid orders, decrees and injunctions issued by this Court.

Petitioners aver, therefore, that there is strong cause to believe that respondent, George Bonebrake, is in contempt of the orders and injunctions of this Court by reason of the aforesaid articles and acts as alleged and that he should be cited to appear and show cause, if any he has, why he should not be held in contempt of this Court.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PETITIONERS PRAY:

1. That proper process issue demanding George Bonebrake to appear before this Honorable Court and show cause, if any he has, why he should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court and its orders and, upon the hearing of said cause, the Court enter such other orders as may be proper in the premises.

2. For such other and further relief as the Court may feel right and proper under the circumstances.

Lucius E. Burch, Jr.

J. Alan Hanover

Cooper Turner, Jr.

James D. Causey

Leo Bearman, Jr.

Lee A. Hardison

Don G. Owens

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, the aforementioned petitioners, who state that they have read the foregoing petition and that the facts contained therein are true to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

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TO THE CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

File this petition and issue scire facias upon the petition ordering the respondent, George Bonebrake, to appear before this Court on the ____ day of _____, 1968, at _____ o'clock to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court for violation and disobedience of the Court's orders.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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There are enclosed original and one copy of newspaper clippings in captioned matter dated 10/24/68.

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Battle Widens Net Of Contempt To Snare Fingerprint Expert

An FBI fingerprint expert in ashington will be asked to pear before Criminal Court dge W. Preston Battle to ow cause why he should not held in contempt of an or- restricting publicity in the se of James Earl Ray, harged with killing Dr. Mar- Luther King Jr. April 4.

A special bar committee ap- inted to advise the court on etrial publicity recommend- that FBI Agent George Bo- brake be required to show use why a lecture and inter- w at a police seminar in ichita, Kan., were not in con- mpt of the court's order.

The Wichita Beacon on Sept. quoted Mr. Bonebrake as ying "the latent fingerprints tained in Memphis, the ones en in London and the ones ken of Ray at the Missouri son were all the same . . . ere is no doubt in my mind at Ray at least handled the rder weapon." Mr. Boneb- ke spoke in Wichita Sept. 11.

The bar committee recom- endation, filed with the riminal Court clerk yester- y, asked that United States y. Gen. Ramsey Clark di- t Mr. Bonebrake to submit untarily to the jurisdiction the court.

If he doesn't, the committee commended that Judge Bat- e issue his "process at such me as the said George Bo- brake should come into this urt."

Mr. Bonebrake is scheduled testify in Ray's trial. The al will begin Nov. 12.

Mr. Bonebrake's comments ere read by the bar commit- e in the Oct. 16 issue of The ommercial Appeal. Arthur J. nes, chief counsel for Ray, eported the Bonebrake inter- iew to a staff member of The ommercial Appeal. The facts ere verified in phone calls to ichita.

Mr. Hanes charged the court with a publicity order "that protects the prosecution and only muzzles the defense" and cited the Bonebrake statement.

Judge Battle earlier held four persons, including Mr. Hanes, in contempt for stories concerning the case. Others held in contempt, were Roy Hamilton, a reporter for the Memphis Press-Scimitar, Charles Edmundson, a reporter for The Commercial Appeal, and Renfro Hays, an investigator for Mr. Hanes.

Judge Battle withheld sentence, saying those held in contempt might purge themselves by future satisfactory conduct.

Attorneys for The Commercial Appeal and the Memphis Press-Scimitar have announced they will appeal the reporters' convictions on the ground that pretrial publicity rules are unconstitutional as applied to the press in the Ray case.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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The Commercial Appeal

Memphis, Tenn.

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Two-Month 'Missing Link' Reported In Ray Activity

CHICAGO, Oct. 23. — (AP) — James Earl Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., worked in a north suburban restaurant for two months in early 1967, the Chicago Tribune said Wednesday in a copyrighted article.

The articles, in Thursday morning editions, said that Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Klingeman, owners of the Indian Trail Restaurant in suburban Winnetka, hired Ray as a dishwasher shortly after his escape April 3, 1967, from the Missouri State Prison in Jefferson City.

They found their employe, who gave the name of John L. Rayns, so efficient that they raised his salary from $103 to $117.50 a week, Mrs. Klingeman told the Tribune.

However, she said that Ray seemed preoccupied, received several phone calls a week, and—the day before he quit—received a strange, unidentified visitor at the back door.

The Klingemans were unaware that John L. Rayns was really James Earl Ray until mid-August, when a writer, (William Bradford Huie) commissioned by Ray to write his life story, contacted them.

They then informed the FBI.

Recalling Ray's record as her employe, Mrs. Klingeman said: "I'm sure there's good in him. I've hired at least 1,000 employes over the last 35 years and thought myself a good judge of people."

The day after the mysterious visitor appeared at the back door, Ray failed to come to work. One day later, the Klingemans got a letter from "Rayns," postmarked Quincy, Ill., asking that they forward his back pay to a Winnetka post office box.

He said that he was taking a job on a ship.

Later, the FBI located Ray's brother, Jerome, 32, working as a groundskeeper at a country club near the restaurant.

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Editor: Frank R. Ahlgren
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ENCLOSURE

Mrs. Klingeman said she later learned that the Social Security number "Rayns" gave on his application for a job was that of James Earl Ray.

She said that she was told by FBI agents in an interview Aug. 24 that her information "had supplied the missing link" in the government's study of Ray's whereabouts from the time of the jailbreak until he was seized in London for the King assassination.

Mrs. Klingeman said that the FBI had shown her photographs of Ray that she and her husband identified as "Rayns."

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

October 29, 1968

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On October 24, 1968, W. Preston Battle, Judge of the Criminal Court, Shelby County, Tennessee, signed a petition requiring that George Bonebrake, a latent fingerprint examiner of this Bureau, appear before the Court December 4, 1968, to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of the Court. In accordance with your telephonic request of October 24, 1968, pertinent facts concerning this matter are set out below.

Mr. Bonebrake conducted an advanced latent fingerprint police school during the five-day period September 9 through 13, 1968, at Wichita, Kansas. This school was sponsored by the Wichita Police Department and seventeen officers from the Wichita Police Department and eight departments in the immediate area attended. This was a closed school for law enforcement officers and representatives of the press and public were not permitted. Mr. Bonebrake has advised that on one occasion during the class, at the invitation of the sponsored police department, members of the press were briefly invited during a recess period to take photographs and to collect data for a local press story on this school. One member of the class who seemed friendly with the reporter mentioned that Mr. Bonebrake had been the fingerprint expert who had given testimony in Memphis. The reporter commented to Mr. Bonebrake that he thought he recognized Bonebrake's name. No further questions were asked and no other information was volunteered by Mr. Bonebrake.

Mr. Bonebrake states unequivocally that at no time has he discussed his fingerprint testimony with press representatives or unnecessarily aired fingerprint testimony of this case. On one occasion during the latent fingerprint school in Wichita, Kansas, members of the class, in a closed session, attempted to query Mr. Bonebrake as to details of the fingerprint testimony. Mr. Bonebrake states that he gave no facts other than what had

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2 - Memphis (Foregoing is furnished for your information and so that you may properly advise the prosecuting attorneys in this case.)

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Note: Cover memo N. E. McDaniel to Mr. Trotter dated 10-28-68 entitled MURKIN, NEM:hs

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already been quoted by the press concerning his London, England, testimony. No member of the press was present at this time.

Mr. Donebrake presented expert testimony on June 27, 1968, in London, England, in connection with the extradition of James Earl Ray. He testified that three latent fingerprints developed in this case, the fingerprints of James Earl Ray taken by the Los Angeles Police Department, fingerprints of James Earl Ray taken by the Missouri State Penitentiary, and fingerprints of the subject of the extradition hearing taken by Scotland Yard, were fingerprints of one and the same individual. Such testimony thus became public source information and has since been quoted extensively in news media throughout the world.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 24, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Trotter

OM : A. Rosen

JECT: MURKIN

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Information received from Memphis that Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, had cited or planned to cite an FBI employee who commented on the Martin Luther King assassination case. [redacted] former FBI Agent, is one of seven attorneys acting on behalf of Judge Battle in preparing petitions to determine if the Judge's court order has been violated. [redacted] advised that committee presenting Judge Battle with petition which states that George Bonebrake, a Latent Fingerprint Examiner, may be in violation of Judge's court order on basis of an article appearing in newspaper concerning police school conducted in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, is aware of this matter and is of opinion this will not affect his handling of the prosecution. Bureau took administrative action previously on this matter.

ACTION:

Memphis has obtained copies of this petition and they are forwarding same to Bureau. Department is being advised

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I hope Judge cites Bonebrake if he was too gratuitous to go on the witness stand. H

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DETAILS PAGE TWO

Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: [redacted]

DETAILS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

U. S. Attorney Thomas L. Robinson, Memphis, contacted our Memphis Office and advised a Mr. Brown from the Department of Justice contacted him and informed him he received information from a newspaper source in Washington, D. C. that Judge J. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, had cited or planned to cite an FBI employee who commented on the Martin Luther King assassination case. Mr. Brown indicated to Robinson that some thing may be sent to the Attorney General regarding this matter

SAC, Memphis, referred Robinson to [redacted], former FBI Agent, who is one of seven attorneys who are acting on behalf of Judge Battle in preparing various petitions to determine if Judge Battle's court order regarding restrictions of publicity and comments about this case have been violated.

[redacted] informed us that his committee met to determine, among other things, if the comments by Int. Fingerprint Examiner, George Bonebrake, at a police school in Wichita, Kansas, were in violation of the Judge's court order. It is to be noted that a recent article appeared in a Memphis newspaper citing a story printed by the Wichita, Kansas, "Eagle" newspaper covering a police school that Bonebrake conducted in Wichita in early September, 1968. During this class, members attempted to query Bonebrake as to details of his fingerprint testimony and Bonebrake gave no facts other than that which had already been covered in the press concerning his London testimony. Members of the press were present at this police class. The committee is presenting Judge Battle with a petition concerning their findings relative to the comments of Bonebrake, which states that Bonebrake may be in violation of the Judge's court order and the petition points out the court does not have jurisdiction in Washington, D. C., which is given as alleged residence of Bonebrake.

[redacted] advised that although the petition is prepared it may never be filed, and to him there does not appear to be any problem in that statements attributed to Bonebrake appear to be those to which he already testified publicly in London.

This matter has been brought to the attention of the Bureau previously and administrative action was taken against Bonebrake. Mr. Will M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, advised he is aware of this entire matter, is not concerned in the least and is of the opinion this will not affect his handling of the prosecution.

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Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

October 25, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the State's prosecution of James Earl Ray, has contacted our Memphis Office and requested that all physical evidence pertaining to the James Earl Ray case now in possession of the Bureau be forwarded to his office.

On September 16, 1968, Mr. D. Robert Owen [redacted] of your Division authorized turning over to Memphis authorities the 1966 Mustang automobile, and Memphis authorities took possession of this car on September 24, 1968. This discussion with Mr. Owen was confirmed by letter dated September 19, 1968.

Mr. Owen [redacted] on October 24, 1968, advised Special Agent [redacted] had discussed with Mr. Canale the turning over of all evidence to him and as a result thereof, we should comply with the current request of Mr. Canale. We are, therefore, turning over to Mr. Canale all evidence in this case presently in the Bureau's possession. In accordance with [redacted] request, an Agent of our Memphis Office will obtain the remaining evidence from our Laboratory and turn it over to Mr. Canale as this will minimize the testimony required for the chain of evidence.

Attached is a list of the evidence being turned over to Mr. Canale.

Enclosure

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NOTE:

Pursuant to instructions of the Department, we retained all of the evidence in this case recovered by us with the exception of the 1966 Mustang in view of the outstanding Federal Civil Rights charge. Department advised that Mr. Canale no doubt needs particular items of evidence in the Bureau's possession and we should furnish any item they request to them.

In view of the current request of Mr. Canale to turn all the evidence over to him, this matter was taken up with the Department on 10/22/68. On 10/24/68, [redacted] advised us in accordance with the line set forth in attached letter. Memphis will be advised accordingly. Our Laboratory has been advised.

Assassination of M[illegible]n Luther King, Jr.

Evidence recovered by FBI

Original invoice and copy from Aeromarine Supply Company, dated 3/29/68, from FBI Birmingham

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG: (from FBI, Atlanta)

Floor mat from right front floor
Floor mat from rear floor
Floor mat from left front floor
Floor mat from trunk
Air filter cartridge
Wheel jack from trunk
Dark blue short sleeve sweat shirt
One rubber shoe, size 7-8½
One white fitted sheet
One black and white shirt jacket
One pillowcase
One fitted sheet with yellow thread
One black sport shirt
One pair of size 34 walking shorts
Rug from trunk
Pillow from trunk
Styrofoam container from trunk
One pair of men's brown socks from trunk
One hunting knife and sheath
Spare tire mounting from trunk
Lug wrench from trunk
Blue-handled screwdriver from trunk
Used windshield wiper blade from trunk
One Personna razor blade
Soil sample from spare wheel and tire
Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side floor
Vacuum sweepings from left front floor
Vacuum sweepings from rear floor
Vacuum sweepings from trunk

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG: (from FBI, Atlanta)

A piece of Kleenex box bearing letters "At pool" on one side and names "Ginger Day and Anita Katzwinkel, 1535 Serrano, Apt. 6," on other side
One air release shutter in original package
Sunglasses with case
Two pieces of cardboard from trunk
Scraps of paper from glove compartment
Scraps of paper from under rear seat

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(from FBI, Atlanta)

Soil from right fender well
Soil from right fender well
Soil from right rear wheel
Soil from right rear fender well
Debris from lower part of left fender
Soil from left front wheel
Soil from left rear wheel
Scraping from front left tire tread
Soil from underneath body in front of differential
Soil from differential
Soil from front of exhaust pipe
Soil from underneath body in front section
Soil from left fender well
Soil from left rear fender well
Scrapings from left rear tire tread
Scrapings from tread of right rear tire
Scrapings from under glove compartment
Scrapings from tire tread, right front tire
Scrapings from front part of engine
Water from windshield washer bag
Spare tire and wheel from trunk

ITEMS FROM ROOM 6, 113, 14th ST., NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(from FBI, Atlanta)

Bed sheet
Bed sheet
Standard Oil map of Atlanta
Partial book of matches bearing advertisement of "Albert Pick
Piece of lined paper
Newspaper from shelf
Piece of pink paper bearing hand printed name "Jimmy Ower"
Keyhole saw

ITEM FROM ROOM 5, 107, 14th St., NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(from FBI, Atlanta)

Section of newspaper dated 4/7/68

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Booklet entitled "What is the John Birch Society"
Gulf Oil Company map of Atlanta
"Arrow" map of greater Atlanta
Box of Nabisco saltine crackers

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(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Jar of French's mustard
Coffee cup
Water glass
Small can of Carnation evaporated milk
Jar of Maxwell House instant coffee
Box of "C & H" sugar
One knife (Forgecraft)
One National's Citation pencil
Wire electric cup heater
One portable Zenith television, Model #N 2205-6
Jar of Kraft's Catalina French Dressing
Package of Golden Grain California lima beans
Can of "Iris" ground black pepper
Box of five National's Citation pencils
Gulf map of Southeastern USA
Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma
Map of Mexico
Map of Los Angeles published by Mitock & Sons
Map of Los Angeles (Richfield)
Shell map of Louisiana
Map of California
Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico
Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity
Tie (brown with brown, blue and silver diagonal stripes)
Pair of grey trousers
Booklet entitled "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing"

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Four coat hangers
Two cardboard inserts for coat hangers
Handkerchief
Pair of socks

ITEMS FROM ROOM 2, 113 14TH STREET, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Large key blank
Small key blank
Piece of black thread
Piece of brown thread with needle
Metal strip, $\frac{3}{4}$" by $1\frac{1}{2}$"
Business card for "HANEY'S SHEET METAL"

White shirt received from FBI, Newark

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Material from ashtray received from FBI, New Orleans

Six sets of type used in Thermo Seal machines, further described as follows: (from FBI, Albany)

Type size	Characters
Regular 18-point type	Letters
Regular 18-point type	Numbers
Narrow 18-point type	Letters
Regular 15-point type	Numbers
Narrow 15-point type	Letters
Narrow 15-point type	Numbers

Strip of ¼" red Thermo Seal marking tape received from FBI, Albany

Can of Schlitz beer, 12-ounce size from Southaven Minnow Shop, received from FBI, Jackson
Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop, received from FBI, Jackson

Also Submitted: (received from FBI, Atlanta)

Four lifts of latent impressions found on automobile
Rearview mirror from 1966 Ford Mustang
1967 Alabama license plate 1A-88354
1968 Alabama license plate 1-38993
Three cigarette butts from top of wardrobe, Room 6
One cigarette butt from under wardrobe, Room 6
Ten latent lifts from Room 6
Latent liftsA1 throughA3 from Room 5

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ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MEMPHIS

25 lifts from room #34 of Rebel Motor Hotel
Elimination fingerprints of N. E. Zachary and Jewel Greer Roy
Elimination fingerprints of 21 individuals
(1 latent from "flop house" eliminated
1 latent from Rebel Motel registration card eliminated)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

Remington rifle box
Box of cartridges
Safe deposit box #5517 from Birmingham Trust National Bank
Fingerprints of six bank employees
Palm prints and finger-tip impressions of five Birmingham Trust National Bank employees
Bank draft for $337.24, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company
Major case prints of two Aeromarine Supply Co. clerks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Five transparent lifts from 66 Mustang
Luncheon check from "Mammy's Shanty Restaurant"

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, NEW ORLEANS

Nine items recovered from room at 623 Royal Street in New Orleans

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MIAMI

Piece of brown wrapping paper with label bearing #777, etc.
Piece of brown wrapping paper with label bearing #3829
Cardboard box

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ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BUFFALO

Photo of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan form -
Known handwriting of [redacted]

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, LOS ANGELES

Known handwriting of [redacted] KATZWINKEL
Known handwriting of [redacted] FLIKEID
Chevron map of Los Angeles
Chevron map of California

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, JACKSONVILLE

Known handwriting of [redacted]
(postcard)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, CHICAGO

Known handwriting of [redacted] GENDEL MACK
Known handwriting of [redacted] and THOMAS FLIKEID
[redacted] SUSAN FLIKEID
Known handwriting of [redacted] JERRY VM. RAY

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

[redacted] checks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Known handwriting of [redacted] JOHN WILLARD

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MOBILE

Known handwriting of 11 persons (obtained from Ala. State Dept. of Safety, Montgomery, Alabama)

MISCELLANEOUS LAUNDRY TAPES RECEIVED FROM NUMEROUS FBI OFFICES

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ITEMS BEING PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO MR. GALE BY LABORATORY EXAMINER [redacted] MORTIMER

(From FBI, Memphis)

Registration card of New Rebel Motel in name "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of four-page handwritten letter dated at Montreal, Que., signed "Code letter 'G'"
Bar of Cameo toilet soap

(From FBI, Miami)

Envelope and accompanying letter "Get Tommy Nash"

(From FBI, Los Angeles)

Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68 with envelope from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter from [redacted] PARKER to Galt re apartment
Pair of women's black shoes
Change of Address order dated 4/25/68 signed "Eric S. Galt"
Nine Bank of America money orders
Typewritten letter "Inclosed is MO.." signed Eric S. Galt"
Post Office Department Application for Delivery of Mail Through Agent, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank of Futura Books, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Interview Card
Dance studio enrollment agreement
Change of Address form
Installment note (bar tending course)
Application for School Admittance
Airmail envelope to Tiffany Enterprises and accompanying typewritten letter enclosing money order for handcuffs
Envelope postmarked Los Angeles, Apr. '68, mailing address sticker "Mr. Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L. A. 90027"

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(From FBI, Chicago)

Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67 re camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67 re camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67 re camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank from Sup. Bulk Film Co. in amount of $337.24 (hand printed)
Also Submitted: 6 miscellaneous items of Sup. Bulk Co.

(From FBI, Newark)

Enrollment form of Locksmithing Inst., Little Falls, N. J., in name "Eric S. Galt"
Confidential Information form of Locksmithing Inst., signed "Eric S. Galt"
Envelope postmarked Montreal, Canada, (hand printed) to Locksmithing Inst. from "Eric S. Galt"
Four payment coupons, order blank, two envelopes re Locksmithing, Envelopes containing lessons #3 and #9
Photocopy of Canadian Money Order signed "Eric S. Galt"

(From FBI, New Orleans)

Provincial Motel registration card dated 12/17/67, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Two sheets of motel stationery bearing indented writing impressions

(From FBI, Atlanta)

Newspaper clipping bearing handwriting "Galt 1052 N side Dr. 8760770"
Sealed envelope to [redacted] with hand printing of Eric S. Galt
Eastern Airlines ticket envelope, Fl.309/Y, Atlanta to Memphis

(From FBI Headquarters)

Pink envelope addressed "The Federal Bureau.."

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(From FBI, Jacksonville)

Photocopy of Certificate of Title in the name "Michael St. Pierre"

(From FBI, New York)

Modern Photo Bookstore coupon bearing hand printing of "Eric S. Galt" and handwritten letter dated 9/26/67

(From FBI, Washington Field)

Typewritten letter re emigrating to Rhodesia signed "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of Statutory Declaration of Guarantor form
Application for Canadian Passport (photograph)
Photograph of RAY and signature "Ramon George Sneyd"

(From FBI, Buffalo)

Photocopy of hand printed note dated 4/20/68, signed "Ramon George Sneyd"
Also Submitted: Photograph of partial palm print and passport photograph

(From FBI, Mobile)

Photocopies of Alabama 1968 Motor Vehicle forms

(From FBI, Birmingham)

Known handwriting of ERIC S. GALT (safe deposit records, ledger card and letter)

(From FBI, Kansas City)

Known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY (Missouri State Pen form)
Known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY (documents from Missouri State Pen)
Known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY (21 sheets of paper and one form)
Also Submitted: Inmate Request form for JACK H. RAY

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FBI

Date: October 25, 1968

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)(P)

SUBJECT MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Enclosed are three copies each of RCMP letters 10/24 and 10/25/68.

With reference to letter of 10/25/68, kindly note dissemination restriction at bottom of Page 1 which is based on alleged intimacy between source and Galt. RCMP have been requested to endeavor to confirm story through checks at Grey Rock, Town and Country Hotel in Montreal and dependent on outcome, Legat will discuss restrictions with RCMP in effort to secure permission to make available to Tennessee authorities.

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1 Liaison Direct
1 Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Ottawa

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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SAC, Memphis

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Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Enclosed are two copies each of three separate reports of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as forwarded to the Bureau by our legal attache in Ottawa.

Enclosed is also a sealed envelope containing exhibits from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and these are to be transmitted to Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

You should immediately turn this sealed envelope over to Mr. Dwyer, obtain the appropriate receipt, and also provide him with a copy of the two reports relating to the documents.

Enclosures (7)

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NOTE: Legal Ottawa forwarded to us a sealed envelope containing exhibits to be forwarded to Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Canale. Mr. Dwyer, during his conference with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in Montreal, requested this information and this is being forwarded to Memphis for delivery to Mr. Dwyer in accordance with instructions of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This will be hand carried to the Memphis Office by the Memphis Agent returning the Bureau evidence to Mr. Canale.

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FBI

Date: October 23, 1968

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AIRTEL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Rebutel to Ottawa 10/16/68.

Enclosed are three copies of RCMP "D" Division report of October 21, 1968, together with enclosures, including evidence.

Please note Para 6 noting evidence required by the Attorney General, State of Tennessee, no later than November 6, 1968.

5 - Bureau (Encs.-6)
1 Liaison Direct
1 Memphis (44-1987)
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FBI

Date: 10-30-68

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AIRTEL AMSD
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Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information are two Xerox copies of list of regular jury panel for 10/28/68. Executive Assistant Attorney General ROBERT DWYER (NA) advised that the jury chosen to sit in the JAMES EARL RAY case will be selected from this list of names. He requested that if possible the Bureau search its files to ascertain whether or not there is any information concerning any of these people which would aggravate their use as jurors. Executive Assistant Attorney General DWYER indicated that he was very much interested in any affiliations that might be indicated showing Klan type association or other hate group affiliations.

Mr. DWYER was informed that his request would be forwarded to the Bureau for an answer.

ENCLOSURE

3 BUREAU (AMSD)
1 MEMPHIS

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C. C. - Bishop

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Approved: R Gerstein Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

November 1, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached is a request from the office of Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis Tennessee, who is prosecuting the state case scheduled for trial in Memphis on 11-12-68.

The request is for the Bureau to search its files to ascertain whether or not any information of an aggravating nature exists on approximately 100 names from which the jury will be selected. Mr. Canale's office is very much interested in any information of Klan-type association or hate-group affiliation.

Mr. Canale's request will be furnished to the Deputy Attorney General since it involves a partial jury panel investigation and no action will be taken until written authorization is received from the Deputy Attorney General.

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MARY FERRELL

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The Deputy Attorney General

November 1, 1968

EX 110 REC 41 44-38861-5299

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The office of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, has requested this Bureau to search its files to ascertain whether or not any information of an aggravating nature exists on approximately 100 individuals from which the jury will be selected in regard to the state prosecution of James Earl Ray. They are interested in any information of a Ku Klux Klan association or hate-group affiliation. The state trial is scheduled for November 12, 1968, at Memphis, Tennessee.

We are holding this request in abeyance pending specific written authorization from you.

1 - Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

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NOTE:

The office of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, has requested that we do a partial jury panel investigation. The attached is a letter to the Deputy Attorney General for written authorization.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Chicago

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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KIRKIN

Re Memphis airtel to the Bureau dated 10-25-68.

You should interview Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Klingeman, owners of the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, to determine the origin of the matter in relation to the statement in the "Commercial Appeal" newspaper stating FBI using tape recordings of voices of relatives and acquaintances of James Earl Ray to determine if they contacted Ray while he was employed at the Indian Trail Restaurant.

SuLHM containing results of interview in a form suitable for dissemination.

Insure that the Klingemans fully understand that the Bureau is not involved in any such activity as described.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE: Article appearing in "Commercial Appeal" newspaper in Tennessee, 10-25-68, states FBI using tape recordings to determine if relatives and acquaintances contacted Ray while he was employed in Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois. We are instructing Chicago to interview the owners of this restaurant to resolve the origin of this matter.

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[illegible] LAWRENCE M. [illegible]

"This is the c[illegible] involving the murd[illegible] Martin Luther King, Jr.

[illegible] Memphis, [illegible] Tennessee, [illegible] Atlanta, Georgia, [illegible] during [illegible] recording [illegible] and acquaintances of [illegible] Jarrell Ray to [illegible] became [illegible] they contained [illegible] white [illegible] [illegible]d, 3053, [illegible] Jarrell [illegible], Kansas, Illinois, [illegible], [illegible] Chicago, Illinois [illegible] and [illegible] (recently, Chicago City [illegible]), all [illegible] information [illegible] large [illegible], and wide [illegible] [illegible] restaurant.

Since [illegible] have pertinent information [illegible] according to local authorities we interviewed [illegible] investigating activities of Ray and obtained [illegible] no pertinent information; we did not utilize [illegible] Ray in [illegible] recording. [illegible] have recording of [illegible] voice [illegible] relatives and acquaintances of Ray [illegible] available in Memphis.

[illegible] are instructing Chicago to interview the [illegible] Hueymans to resolve the origin of this [illegible] matter. [illegible] Martin King; advised.

[illegible]

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FBI

Date: 10-25-68

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AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

The "Commercial Appeal," a Memphis, Tennessee, morning newspaper, on Friday, October 25, on Page 1, carries an article captioned "FBI Tries to Tag Voices in Ray Case." This article written by ART PETACQUE under dateline of Chicago, October 24. Two Xerox copies attached for assistance and guidance of Chicago Office, and two copies are being furnished for the Bureau's information.

Of particular interest in this article is a statement attributed to HARVEY KLINGEMAN, who operated the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois. JAMES EARL RAY did work at this restaurant for the period May 3 through June 24, 1967.

KLINGEMAN reportedly said that the United States Justice Department is using tape recordings of voices of JAMES EARL RAY's acquaintances to determine whether they contacted RAY by telephone or other means while he worked at a Winnetka, Illinois, restaurant. KLINGEMAN also reportedly says FBI Agents did not disclose the identity of the voices on the tapes. KLINGEMAN speculated that the voices were those of relatives or others who might be involved with JAMES EARL RAY at some time prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis on April 4. The Memphis Division, which is origin in instant case, has no knowledge of any tapes of this type being used or any tapes of this type being available in instant case. It appears to the Memphis Division that this may be a complete fabrication on the part of either KLINGEMAN or the reporter involved.

REC 44 5300

It is suggested that since this information emanated in the Chicago area, the Chicago Office furnish its comments in this matter.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 2)(AM)
2 CHICAGO (Enc. 2)(AM)
1 MEMPHIS RGJ:BN (6)

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

... teenagers frequently cau... trouble to businessmen in the area.

"But murder, now that's something else."

The Weather

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

FOR MEMPHIS and Vicinity — Fair and cool Friday and colder Friday night. Partly cloudy and continued cool Saturday. High Friday about 60. Winds northerly 10 miles per hour. Low Friday 36.

Sunrise 7:14; Sunset 6:14

YESTERDAY'S REPORT

High, 55 degrees at 2:25 p.m.
Low 47 degrees at 7:20 a.m.
Mean (midway between high and low), 51. Normal mean for date, 60.

HOURLY READINGS

4 a.m.	51	4 p.m.	55
5 a.m.	49	5 p.m.	53
6 a.m.	49	6 p.m.	51
7 a.m.	47	7 p.m.	51
8 a.m.	47	8 p.m.	50
9 a.m.	48	9 p.m.	49

Temperature [illegible] at Memphis International Airport [illegible]

A YEAR AGO YESTERDAY

[illegible]

(Map, Forecast on Page 20)

... order on law and order. ... we've got to have some law and order in this country. This is a sad day when the greatest city in the world is in fear not only in Madison Square Garden but also in every school in the city," he began.

Referring to New York's school integration troubles further, Wallace said that if he were elected, "Not one penny of federal money would be used to bus anybody you don't want bused."

LeMay preceded Wallace to the stand and called for a "drastic change" if the United States is to win the war in Vietnam and end crime in the streets."

He said both Republican candidate Richard M. Nixon and Democratic candidate Hubert H. Humphrey "offer the same coddling of criminals and anarchists and the same no-win policy" in Vietnam.

Wallace flew here from Durham, N.C., where he charged Nixon is creating a "credibility gap" with his statements about debating other presidential candidates.

Or Wednesday Wallace waived his equal time rights to clear the way for a Nixon-...

... time, fulfilled the wish of ... her father and mother, ... wanted a ... daughter ... they already have a 16-...th-old grandson by their ...nger daughter, Luci Nu...t.

It was a dream come true," the President said.

Mrs. Johnson, who was with her husband when he made the announcement, said she did not know what the baby would be named.

Johnson said he had spent very anxious moments while awaiting the birth.

Lynda, 24, arrived at the hospital at 7:30 p.m. (Memphis time) Thursday after her physician, Capt. Walter M. Ionergan, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at Bethesda, examined her at the White House and determined she was in labor.

Lynda's husband, Marine Capt. Charles S. Robb, stationed at Da Nang, South Vietnam, was told of the birth by telegram. He had been informed earlier that Lynda was in labor.

Johnson happily munched on chocolates as he chatted with reporters about his new granddaughter.

... treating most of the charity patients who normally go to Gaston — ... estimated total cost to ... state hospitals of about $10,000 a day. Most faculty and interns and residents from UT, who work at Gaston, have also been shifted to other facilities.

"Recruitment still worries us," said Dr. Callison. "But with this (hospital's closing) we think we can restore the teaching program almost to where it was."

"This (hospitals closing) certainly doesn't mean the employment program was a failure," said Mr. Horton, who ordered a crash program to hire 300 nurses and skilled workers last week. "It means we can concentrate our medical services in one unit."

He declined to say how many of the 300 persons had been hired.

Mr. Horton also said the safety of nonstriking hospital employes was a consideration in the closing. Picketing this week by striking members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employes (AFL-CIO) has been marked by arrests during picket line strife.

J. B. Trotter, international field representative for the union yesterday called the hospital closing order an attempt to evade the strike issue. "They (city officials) are trying to isolate a condition rather than the cause of the strike."

To be shifted are about 85 employes from Crump and 130 from Erwin. Dr. Callison said they would be transferred as units, rather than be integrated individually into Gaston's operation to make the moves more palatable to nurses and patients who want to remain together in the new quarters.

Tenth has about 40 patients and Crump about 70, said Dr. Callison, and as many of these as possible will be discharged.

About 50 Negroes gathered at Methodist Hospital's parking lot yesterday afternoon and passed out handbills. "We're not advocating a strike," said C. B. Smith, AFSCME organizer. "All we're showing is what we're asking for—more money, better working conditions and recognition of the union (by Methodist Hospital)."

(Additional Story on Page 17)

... Voices In Ray Case

By ART PETACQUE
The Commercial Appeal Chicago News Bureau

CHICAGO, Oct. 24. — The United States Justice Department is using tape recordings of voices of James Earl Ray's acquaintances to determine whether they contacted him by telephone or other means while he worked at a Winnetka, Ill., restaurant or elsewhere, it was learned Thursday.

The disclosure came from Harvey Klingeman, who for 23 years has operated Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Chicago suburb. Ray, accused of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., worked at the restaurant in 1967.

Klingeman's wife was asked about phone calls made to the restaurant for Ray during the May 1—June 30, 1967, period when he worked as a dishwasher and kitchen helper, Klingeman said.

Mrs. Klingeman also was asked about persons who went to the back door of the restaurant, while Ray was working, and waited to talk to him outside, the restaurateur said.

Klingeman said that because of the time that had elapsed his wife wasn't able to be of much help to the Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who interrogated her.

At the time Ray worked at the restaurant, he was a fugitive from justice because of his escape from the Missouri State Prison.

He was living in Chicago and commuting most of the way to Winnetka by the Chicago Transit Authority elevated system, Klingeman said.

Klingeman said FBI agents did not disclose the identity of the voices on the tapes. He speculated, however, that they were those of relatives or others who might have been involved with Ray at some time prior to the murder of Dr. King in Memphis April 4.

Klingeman said visitors interrupted Ray at work on at least two occasions that he could recall. He did not see the callers, Klingeman reported, adding that none of the current employes did either.

The whereabouts of Ray during this time in his life came to light when William Bradford Huie, an author Ray hired to write his life story, went to the restaurant in August to interrogate the Klingemans about the employe they knew as John L. Ray.

After that visit, the Klingemans went to the Winnetka police and told them of the writer's visit.

One of the reasons given by Huie in pursuing the restaurant period in Ray's life was his desire to knock down stories that linked him with prostitutes and cast a bad light on his habits.

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Section 72

October 29, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5301

REC-52

MURKIN

Re Airtel to the Bureau dated 10-21-68.

You should advise Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, that he should contact the commanding officer at Seward Air Force Base, Memphis, Tennessee, concerning Captain DeShazo's appearance at the state trial in Memphis on November 12, 1968.

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NOTE: Memphis by communication advised that Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., handling the state's prosecution in this case stated that Captain John W. DeShazo appears to have potential for being an excellent witness in this case. In connection with this, Canale has learned that DeShazo is currently a dentist on active duty with the Air Force in Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Canale desired that the Bureau make arrangements to have DeShazo available for testimony in connection with the trial. DeShazo was at the Aeromarine Supply Company, Birmingham, on March 29, 1968, and he can testify that photograph of Eric Starvo Galt (bartender photo) is photograph of man who purchased the Remington Model 700 (1st gun).

It is felt that we should advise Mr. Canale that arrangements can best be made through the commanding officer at Seward Air Force Base in Memphis, Tennessee, which is the closest Air Force Base to them. If we honor this type of request of Mr. Canale, we may be handling similar requests for numerous witnesses which would consume quite a lot of Agents time. SA [redacted] of Liaison suggested that this situation be handled in this manner, as this has been the procedure followed in the past.

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Date: 10-21-68

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AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, JR. advised that review of the material in instant case discloses that one Captain JOHN W. DeSHAZIO appears to have potential for being an excellent witness in connection with this case. CANALE advised that he learned that DeSHAZIO is currently a dentist on active duty with the Air Force. CANALE said the address he has for DeSHAZIO is Box 7500, APO 96323, San Francisco. It is CANALE's understanding that DeSHAZIO is attached to a hospital in the town Tachikowa near Tokyo in Japan.

Mr. CANALE was of opinion that Captain DeSHAZIO would be an excellent witness and wondered if the Bureau could, through liaison arrangements with the Air Force, have DeSHAZIO available for testimony in connection with trial in instant case. CANALE was of opinion that if Captain DeSHAZIO could be brought back to the United States on or about November 12, 1968, he would make every effort to utilize his testimony promptly and permit his return to active duty.

3 BUREAU (AM)
1 MEMPHIS
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OCT 23 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) 10-30-63

Director, FBI (44-38861)

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Enclosed you will find a letter under date of October 25, 1968, which contains results of investigation conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

You will note that this information should not be disclosed outside this Bureau. This is for your information only.

- Enclosure

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) 9/30/68

SAC, TAMPA (62-963)

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INFORMATION CONCERNING
OO: TP
TP 62-963
KENSALT
[redacted] (P)
OO: LOS ANGELES
TP 44-729

MURKIN (P)
OO: MEMPHIS
TP 157-3231

Re Bureau airtel to Tampa, copies to Los Angles and Memphis dated 8/7/68, in the dual caption, [redacted] and MURKIN; TP airtel to Bureau and LHM dated 8/13/68, copies to Los Angeles and Memphis, in above caption.

Enclosed for New Orleans is one copy of each of the referenced communications and copies of LHM's captioned [redacted] dated 6/11/68; and 7/19/68.

Recontact with Mrs. [redacted] wife of [redacted] Orlando, Florida on 9/25/68, revealed the following but she requested her husband not be contacted at his job or be advised she furnished his whereabouts.

He came home to Orlando three weeks ago for one night leaving the next morning to take a new job with

2-Bureau (62-587) (RM)
2-Los Angeles (RM)
1-Memphis (Info) (RM)
2-New Orleans (Enc. 5) (RM)
3-Tampa (1-62-963-[redacted])
(1-44-729-[redacted])
(1-157-3231-MURKIN)
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(10)

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[redacted] in New Orleans, Louisiana where he intends to earn enough money to repay his debts to American Express Credit Card Co. incurred while on his escapade. He mentioned talking with FBI, she believed, in Shreveport, Louisiana.

[redacted] former employer in Orlando, Florida, during recontact on 9/23/68, mentioned [redacted] and called to apologize for past actions about three weeks ago saying he was in Orlando and he was going to another state to take a job, possibly in Alabama, but his whereabouts were unknown.

Los Angeles and New Orleans are requested to advise whether [redacted] has been located and interviewed and the Bureau advised. If not, New Orleans should immediately interview [redacted] away from his employer, [redacted] in New Orleans without divulging his wife furnished his whereabouts and advise the Bureau of results with copies to Los Angeles, Memphis, and Tampa.

FBI

Date: 10/28/68

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AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (100-2082) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO - ME)

Remycab to Bureau 10/21/68.

This is to advise that Messrs. ROBERT K. DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY and JOHN CARLISLE of the Attorney General's Office, Memphis, Tennessee, arrived in Paris on 10/22/68. I met them at the airport and extended courtesies during their short visit in Paris. I departed with them on the morning of 10/23/68 for Lisbon, Portugal, and assisted them in every possible way there in connection with their inquiries.

With the assistance of Inspector [redacted] of the Policia [redacted] Police - [redacted], Portugal, each of the potential witnesses previously mentioned in connection with the investigation in Portugal was contacted by DWYER and his associates. After interviewing and evaluating each of these witnesses, it was the tentative conclusion of Mr. DWYER that the only two who would be necessary and useful are Inspector [redacted] who could introduce into evidence the arrival and departure cards of the subject under the name of SNEYA and SNEYD and his hotel

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5 - Bureau (Encs. - 2)
(1 - Liaison Section)
(1 - Memphis, 44-1987, Info)
1 - Paris
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Special Agent in Charge

registration card, all of which are official police records in Portugal, and [redacted] a Portuguese clerk in the [redacted] Embassy, [redacted] who issued a passport to the subject to correct the misspelling of his name from SNEYA to SNEYD during his visit there.

The Portuguese Police were extremely cooperative again in connection with the inquiry and it appeared that DWYER and his associates were completely satisfied with the treatment afforded them.

Representatives of the American Embassy, Lisbon, were also contacted and were likewise completely cooperative.

DWYER requested that I address to him a letter advising as to the exact procedure necessary to obtain both [redacted] as witnesses in the United States in the event such is found to be necessary during the trial. This has been done and a copy of this letter is enclosed for each the Bureau and Memphis.

Office of Legal Attache
APO New York 09777

Mr. Robert K. Dwyer
Executive Assistant
District Attorney General
Third Floor
Shelby County Building
Second and Poplar
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

In accordance with your request, this is to advise you as to the exact procedure which would be necessary to obtain proper permission for Sr. [redacted] Inspector of the Policia [redacted] Portugal, and Mrs. [redacted] a Portuguese employee of the [redacted] Embassy, [redacted] to appear as witnesses during the trial to take place in Memphis, Tennessee.

Insofar as Inspector [redacted] is concerned, it would be necessary for you to address a communication to The Honorable W. Tapley Bennett, Ambassador of the United States, Embassy of the United States, Lisbon, Portugal, requesting that the Embassy direct a request to the Portuguese Foreign Office that [redacted] be permitted to visit the United States to testify in the trial of James Earl Ray, who is accused of the assassination of Martin Luther King. It would be advisable for you to stipulate the financial arrangements in the communication. At the same time, it is suggested that you advise our Memphis Office so that I can be advised expeditiously through Bureau channels in order that I can inform [redacted] personally at the same time that you are advising the Embassy in Lisbon.

Insofar as [redacted] is concerned, it would be necessary, according to the Canadian Embassy in Lisbon, for you to direct a communication to the U. S. Department of Justice requesting that an invitation be issued to Mrs. [redacted] through the U. S. Department of State to the Canadian Foreign Office.

1 - Addressee
2 - Bureau (44-38861)
(1 - Memphis, 44-1987)
1 - Paris (100-2082)
NWP:eim
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It was a pleasure to have met you on your recent trip to Paris and to have been able to assist you in connection with your contacts.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Norman W. Philcox
Legal Attache

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

5010-106-03

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: November 1, 1968

FROM : Legat, Rome (44-2) (P)

ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBucab 7/2/68 and Romlet 8/28/68.

The following is set out for the information of the Bureau:

(1) MAN HOURS

Regular - Agent	0
Overtime - Agent	0
Regular - Clerical	0
Overtime - Clerical	0

(2) MILEAGE

Bureau cars	0
Personally owned cars	0

(3) UNUSUAL COSTS 0

(4) NUMBER OF AGENTS WORKING ON CASE 0

4 - Bureau (1 - Liaison)
1 - Rome
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FBI

Date: 11/1/68

Transmit the following in _____
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AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis 10/28/68.

[redacted] Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, advised that [redacted] MSP [redacted] was incarcerated at the penitentiary from [redacted] and again from [redacted] until [redacted] under MSP [redacted] No information regarding any escapes or escape attempts on the part of [redacted] or information that he was ever in the same cell as JAMES EARL RAY.

MSP records fail to reveal any [redacted] by the name of [redacted] or [redacted]

It is to be noted that [redacted] was interviewed on 4/29/68 by Agents of the Oklahoma City Office, results in their airtel to Director 4/30/68.

In view of this and because of [redacted] extensive arrest record and background, the Kansas City Office feels that no credence should be placed in the information furnished by [redacted]

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(3) Bureau
1 Memphis (44-1987)(Info)
2 Kansas City
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

November 1, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Legat, Ottawa, airtel to the Bureau 10-25-68.

Review of the referenced communication and copies of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) letters indicates that the anonymous female was interviewed on 10-15-68, as a result of information supplied to them by the Superintendent of Security, Department of Transport, Ottawa, Canada, on 10-8-68.

Review also indicated that this information was provided to you by the RCMP by their letter dated 10-25-68. You transmitted this information to us by your communication dated 10-25-68, and this was received at the Bureau on 10-28-68.

In the future you should make every effort to insure that such information is furnished to you by the RCMP on a timely basis. This is particularly true in instances such as this where the information was included in an article which appeared in a national magazine released on October 29, 1968. Obviously, it is desirable that the Bureau receive information of this type as early as possible so it can be evaluated at the Bureau prior to its actual publication.

COMM-FBI

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

REC 27 44-38861-5307

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared with SA [redacted]

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO -

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NOTE:

The RCMP transmitted to us results of an interview of an unknown female, who works for the Canadian Government, concerning her association to James Earl Ray prior to the assassination of King. She was contacted by William Bradford Huie, author, and facets of her association of Ray appear in the November 12, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine. We are instructing Legat, Ottawa, to insure that such information be furnished us on a more timely basis in the future.

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Date: 10/31/68

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AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 10/30/68, Memphis teletype to the Director dated 10/15/68 and Memphis airtel to the Director dated 10/25/68.

Enclosed herewith are 7 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting forth interview of Mr. HARVEY KLINGMAN. One (1) copy of LHM enclosed for Memphis.

Mr. KLINGMAN advised that he would be more than willing to testify for the State of Tennessee in the RAY trial, but that due to pressure of business his wife should be the individual to be subpoenaed.

1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT NOV 4 1968

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EX 106

44-38861-5308

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 1)
1 - Chicago

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Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Chicago, Illinois
October 31,1968

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 44-1114

JAMES EARL RAY, ALSO KNOWN AS
DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING -
VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS

Mr. Harvey Klingman, owner, Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois, advised on October 30, 1968, that on the date he was interviewed by reporter Art Petacque he, Klingman, made no statement whatsoever to the effect that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had utilized tape recordings of voices of friends of James Earl Ray. He said that he also was interviewed by numerous television and newspaper commentators and reporters and on each and every occasion he made no mention whatsoever of tape recordings. He said that the comments regarding the tape recordings set forth in Mr. Petacque's articles were a complete figment of Petacque's imagination. Mr. Klingman did state that he told the various members of the news media that the FBI had asked his wife if she could possibly identify or recognize again the voice of the individual who made the telephone calls to Ray and that she had replied negatively.

Mr. Klingman advised that he and his wife have reviewed the article which is to appear in Look Magazine and that the only portion of it that they read was the information they furnished to Mr. Huie and that it was exactly the same as what they had previously told both Huie and the FBI.

Mr. Klingman reiterated his desire to cooperate with the FBI in this matter and again stated that neither he nor his wife made any statement which could be construed to indicate that the FBI was using tape recordings of the voices of James Earl Ray's acquaintances.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

November 4, 1968

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, Atlanta

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

A telephone call was received at the Bureau from an individual who identified himself as [redacted] of Athens, Ohio, and [redacted] advised that [redacted] he is reasonably certain that a photograph of James Earl Ray wearing a Ku Klux Klan robe is contained in "Look" magazine dated 4/25/61, Volume 25, number 9.

[redacted] explained he currently resides in Athens, Ohio, and in the past has worked with SA [redacted], Resident Agent, Athens, Georgia.

Review of this particular issue of "Look" magazine indicates that an article contained therein relates to Klan and Negro activities at Atlanta, Georgia. Accompanying this article is a photograph as described by [redacted]

Atlanta Division will obtain a copy of this magazine and advise the Bureau if the individual appearing in the photograph wearing a Klan robe has been identified.

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NOTE:

In order to resolve this matter, we are requesting Atlanta to advise if the individual appearing in the photograph has been identified. It is noted that the issue of the magazine is on April 25, 1961, and it gives every indication that the photograph of interest was taken within recent months. It is further noted that James Earl Ray was incarcerated at the Missouri State Penitentiary from March 17,1960 to his escape on April 23, 1967.

MAIL ROOM [redacted]

SAC, Memphis (44-1987) 11-4-68

Director, FBI (44-38361) 1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Re Bureau call on November 1, 1968.

In accordance with Bureau instructions given to you on November 1, 1968, you should advise Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, that it will not be possible, at this late date, to prepare the mock-up requested by him.

REL:jms
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NOTE:

See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum 10-31-68, captioned, "Murkin," JGK:cs. SAC, Jensen was notified by telephone on 11-1-68.

EX 110

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MAIL ROOM ☑ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

November 1, 1968

PLAINTEXT

TELETYPE URGENT

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Foreign Liaison
(Attn: SA [redacted])

TO: SAC, MEMPHIS

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) -5312

MURKIN EEC35

LEGAT, LONDON HAS ADVISED THAT WHEN THE THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF MR. CANALE WERE IN LONDON, THEY INDICATED TO NEW SCOTLAND YARD THAT POLICE OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION IN LONDON WOULD BE NEEDED TO TESTIFY IN THE STATE TRIAL IN MEMPHIS ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, NEXT.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, MEMPHIS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY DETERMINE THE IDENTITIES OF ANY LONDON WITNESSES CANALE INTENDS TO SUBPOENA, INCLUDING THE DATES THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPEAR AND WHAT ARRANGEMENTS HE HAS MADE AND CONTEMPLATES MAKING TO NOTIFY THE WITNESSES AND TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR TRAVEL. YOU SHOULD ADVISE MR. CANALE THAT HE SHOULD COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES FOR SUBPOENAING OF LONDON WITNESSES, AS WELL AS MAKING APPROPRIATE TRAVEL AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM INCIDENT TO THEIR TESTIMONY.

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NOTE:

The representatives of Mr. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, were in London interviewing the police officers involved in the London phase of the investigation as well as witnesses. According to our legal attache in London, the representatives of Mr. Canale indicate that several police officers would be needed to testify in Memphis at the state trial on November 12, 1968. Legat states he would like to be notified as soon as possible as to the identity of these witnesses and dates required. This is important to the Legat in maintaining good relationships with British contacts. Memphis is being instructed to obtain this information for the Bureau's use and they are being instructed to advise Mr. Canale that he should communicate directly with British authorities on this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 10/25/68

FROM : Legat, London (88-72) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Rebucab 10/16/68.

ROBERT DWYER, JAMES BEASLEY AND JOHN CARLISLE arrived London 10/20/68, were met, assisted and hotel rooms obtained.

On 10/21/68 an interview room was obtained for them at New Scotland Yard (NSY). Chief Inspector [redacted] and Sgt. [redacted] NSY, were assigned to assist them in locating, coordinating and driving them to witnesses who could not appear at NSY.

All witnesses wereinterviewed by them, except one who was in Paris. Her address in Paris was obtained.

They were driven to the Airport on 10/22/68 and assisted to depart for Paris to interview the witness and were to leave Paris on 10/23/68 for Lisbon. Legat, Paris, was advised.

They expressed the greatest appreciation for assistance rendered and were most impressed by the treatment rendered by NSY.

They indicated that all of the police officers involved, and one or two others, would be needed to testify in Memphis. In this regard I stressed the necessity that this office be notified as soon as possible as to the dates they will be required.

Bureau requested to have Memphis Office keep the Bureau immediately advised of identity of witnesses and dates required.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. TROTTER

DATE: 10-28-68

FROM : N. E. McDaniel

SUBJECT: MURKIN

George Bonebrake, LATENT Fingerprint Examiner

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. Previous information received from Memphis indicated that committee of seven attorneys advising Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, was presenting to the Judge a petition stating that [redacted] may be in violation of the Judge's court order restricting comment in this case. Their recommendation based on article appearing in Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" newspaper concerning a police school conducted by [redacted] in September, 1968. [redacted] presented expert fingerprint testimony on June 27, 1968, in London, England, in connection with extradition of James Earl Ray. His testimony received widespread publicity in news media throughout the world. [redacted] has emphatically denied discussing his fingerprint testimony with press representatives at any time or unnecessarily airing fingerprint testimony of this case before a police school in Wichita, Kansas. On one occasion representatives of this police school, in a closed session, attempted to query him as to details of the fingerprint testimony. [redacted] reports he gave no facts other than what had already been quoted by the press concerning his London testimony. Administrative action has previously been taken against Bonebrake for discussing the case at the closed police school.

Judge Battle signed petition 10-24-68 which requires that [redacted] appear before the Court on 12-6-68 to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt. The Judge noted he was setting the date of 12-6-68 which would be after the trial of James Earl Ray, subject of the case, since to do otherwise would result in unnecessary publicity, defeating purpose of his original order. The committee of attorneys in presenting the petition to the Judge recognized that the Court does not have jurisdiction. The committee of attorneys has no sound grounds to substantiate their recommendation and undoubtedly took this action against our employee as a face-saving gesture. The committee has been severely criticized by Ray's Defense Attorney Arthur Hanes, Sr., and a Memphis "Commercial Appeal" newspaper reporter Charles Edmundson, who are both currently under contempt citation by Judge Battle in this case as result of

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recommendation by the committee of attorneys. The committee is reportedly extremely liberal and, in fact, one member, Lucius E. Burch, Jr., according to SAC, Memphis, has served as an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union.

The Court has not officially notified the Bureau of the petition but reportedly has mailed a copy to the Attorney General. The Department has requested a letter from the Bureau setting out information concerning the nature of the police school conducted by [redacted] at Wichita, Kansas, in September, 1968, and what transpired at this meeting. The Department indicated they intend to present this to the Court in Memphis. Attached is proposed letter. Copy of letter being sent to SAC, Memphis, for his information and so that he may properly advise the State's Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, prosecutor in this case. State's Attorney General is fully aware of this entire situation and is of the opinion that this will have no adverse effect on his handling of the prosecution.

RECOMMENDATION:

- That the attached letter to the Department be approved.

I am sending letter to Dept but I do so reluctantly as Rembrake → "It is obvious [redacted] just can't keep his lips "buttoned up".

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1893)

SUBJECT: JAMES EARL RAY;
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On 10/26/68, [redacted] made available to SA [redacted] at Athens, Ohio, Page 31 of "Look" magazine, dated 4/25/61, Volume 25, No. 9. The page is enclosed for Atlanta, and a xerox copy of the page enclosed for Memphis and the Bureau.

[redacted] advised that this page is the beginning of the article, "The Second Battle of Atlanta," by GEORGE B. LEONARD, JR., Look Staff Writer, and included on page 31 are two photographs. One photograph shows a marching Ku Klux Klansman, and the other a Negro student demonstrator. Source advised he noted this article while thumbing through the old issue of the magazine. [redacted] he noted the great similarity between the Ku Klux Klansman and the photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, photograph of RAY taken in 1966. [redacted] states there is enough similarity between the Ku Klux Klansman in 1961 and RAY to be the one and the same person.

Source advised that the photo credit for the Klansman is the "Atlanta Journal" photographer.

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The photo mentioned above appears in the 4/25/61 issue of "LOOK," however, the date the photo was taken is not known. However, the article mentions that "Both Ku Klux Klansmen and Negro students have marched in downtown Atlanta in recent months."

It is further noted that Bureau teletype to all SAC's, dated 4/19/68, captioned MURKIN, reveals RAY had been received at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, on 3/17/60.

If Atlanta does not know the identity of the Klansman shown in the photo, it may be desirable to contact the "Atlanta Journal" to determine the date the photo was made.

Atlanta is requested to advise Cincinnati only should the Klansman in the photo be identified as RAY.

Both Ku Klux Klansmen and Negro students have marched in downtown Atlanta in recent months. Students picketed stores with segregated lunch counters; Klansmen picketed the students. During the pre-Christmas rush, the two groups met face to face, with no incidents. Said Mayor William B. Hartsfield, "Atlanta is the only city in the country where Negroes and the Klan can picket on the same street—to music by the Salvation Army."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: Mr. DeLoach

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 10/29/68

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Sullivan

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP) [redacted] advised us they received information from the [redacted] to the effect that a female employee, who wishes to remain anonymous, had confided to her superior that she met with James Earl Ray on three occasions, once in the [redacted] once in [redacted] and once in [redacted] MONTREAL. These meetings, according to the [redacted] are believed to have taken place prior to the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

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According to the [redacted] this woman recently received a telephone call from William Bradford Huie in Alabama. Huie, author, whose books include, "Three Lives for Mississippi" dealing with murder of the three Civil Rights workers in June of 1964, previously advised us that he entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of King. Huie contacted this individual concerning her activities with subject, James Earl Ray, and she met Huie in [redacted] Huie informed her CANADA that he was writing a book concerning Ray and paid her $100 for information concerning her association with Ray and to be photographed.

She provided Huie with information concerning her activities with Ray, including the fact that she was intimate with Ray on one occasion and she knew Ray as Eric Galt.

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She related to the [redacted] that she was very concerned about the possibility of her name and photograph appearing in Huie's book and in this regard she was advised to consult a lawyer.

The RCMD [redacted] has requested that this information be confined within the FBI and they are endeavoring to confirm the story of this individual.

ACTION: For information. The substance of this information concerning the anonymous female informant is being furnished to the Bureau of Narcotics, Department of Justice.

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TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. L. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: October 26, 1968

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr Long
1 - Mr. DeBruler

This is the case involving the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

[redacted] Athens, Ohio, furnished the following information to Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted] 1:42 p.m., 10/26/68:

[redacted] advised that [redacted] he is reasonably certain that a photograph of James Earl Ray wearing a Ku Klux Klan robe is contained in "Look" magazine dated 4/25/61, Volume 25, Number 9. He said that he had informed Mr. Tassillo of the "New York Times" today concerning his observation and felt he should also furnish this information to FBI Headquarters.

[redacted] explained that he has worked in the past with Special Agent [redacted] Resident Agent, Athens, Georgia. [redacted] said he felt this information might be of importance should it develop that Ray was in fact a former Klansmen.

ACTION:

The above issue of "Look" will be obtained and reviewed in an effort to resolve whether the person referred to by Swyers is identical with James Earl Ray.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: November 1, 1968

FROM : LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) Attn: Administrative Division

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

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During the month of October, the Legat spent four hours on Murkin with no undue expenses either in the way of travel or telephone calls.

Clerical personnel of the Ottawa Office spent one hour on Murkin.

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FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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Doctor Reports Surgery On Patient Named Galt

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Oct. 29. — (AP) — A man who identified himself as Eric Galt underwent plastic surgery in Hollywood "sometime before the assassination" of Martin Luther King Jr., an attorney for the physician said Tuesday.

The lawyer for Dr. Russell C. Hadley said the plastic surgery was minor, of the type which would not materially change the man's appearance. He declined to give any details. Hadley referred all questions to the lawyer, Bennet Olan.

Although James Earl Ray, held in Shelby County Jail at Memphis on a charge of killing Dr. King, used the name Eric Starvo Galt while attending a bartending school in Los Angeles, it was not determined that he underwent plastic surgery.

The FBI reported that a man named Galt was graduated from the bartending school last March.

Olan said it was done "three or four weeks, I think" before the Negro civil rights leader was shot to death last April 4 in Memphis. He said Galt apparently asked the Los Angeles County Medical Association for the name of a qualified plastic surgeon in the Hollywood area because he told Dr. Hadley that the association had referred him.

"As soon as we discovered who the patient had been, the case was reported to the FBI," said Olan.

He said author William Bradford Huie had looked over Hadley's records after obtaining authorization from Galt. Without such authorization, he said, no one will be allowed to see the records.

The attorney said he doesn't think Hadley, a medical doctor, has been subpenaed as a witness.

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— COMMERCIAL APPEAL

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Ray Attorneys Center On What Driver Saw

By JOHN MEANS

The chauffeur of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. could be an important witness in the defense of James Earl Ray, accused in the slaying of the civil rights leader.

Questioning of prospective witnesses and subpenas of witnesses by Ray's attorneys indicate they are placing emphasis on the statements made the night of the assassination, April 4, by Solomon Jones, who was standing by Dr. King's car below the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

Mr. Jones told reporters that he heard the shot, saw Dr. King fall, and: "I turned around and I saw a man with something white on his face jump out of the thicket across the street. He ran toward Main. We all scattered."

A reporter who talked to Mr. Jones moments after the shooting, Gregory Jaynes of The Commercial Appeal, already has been subpenaed to testify at the trial, scheduled to begin here two weeks from yesterday. Another reporter for The Commercial Appeal, Thomas Fox, has been told by Arthur Hanes Jr., one of Ray's attorneys, that he will receive a subpena.

Subpena records from Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle's court also showed that only three witnesses have been served with subpenas which have been returned but several others are still in the hands of the court's deputies. Subpenas have been served on Lt. R. W. Bradshaw of the Memphis Police Department, Bertie L. Reeves, night clerk of the rooming house from which police say the shot was fired that killed Dr. King, and James McCraw, a taxi driver.

Mr. McCraw could not be reached for comment last night, but it was learned he was a frequent customer at Jim's Grill at 418 South Main, two doors from the rooming house, and may have been there when a white Mustang parked in front of the restaurant was driven away moments after the shooting.

Mr. Hanes Jr. was in Memphis all day yesterday, talking to prospective witnesses. Neither he nor his father, Arthur Hanes, who is Ray's chief counsel, would comment yesterday on the information they obtained in their interviews.

Meanwhile, Judge Battle had nothing to say yesterday about a story by William Bradford Huie in the current issue of Look magazine, which quotes Ray as saying he was offered $12,000 by a man named Raoul in Montreal last year, for a "joint activity" in Birmingham.

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Ray Article May Bring Court Action

Possible contempt action against Alabama author William Bradford Huie was reported to be under consideration today following publication of a Look magazine article hinting of a conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Members of Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle's legal advisory committee were planning to meet and discuss the story, it was learned by The Press Scimitar.

Meanwhile, in another legal move designed to assure a fair trial for James Earl Ray, accused of killing King, Judge Battle yesterday issued a new court order barring witnesses under subpoena from reading or listening to news accounts of the Ray case from the time the taking of testimony begins in the trial until they have completed their testimony or are excused by the court.

EXCEPTION

Judge Battle added, however, that the order does not apply to Ray personally.

The magazine article brought no comment from Judge Battle. However sources described him as "very upset." It was understood that Judge Battle had given Huie permission to obtain information in writing from Ray through his attorneys on condition that nothing be published in advance of the trial, scheduled to start Nov. 12.

The Look article also brought "no comments" from state and defense attorneys.

RETURN FROM TRIP

Robert K. Dwyer, executive assistant attorney general, declined to comment with a laugh. "I guess you can quote me as laughing," he added. "I don't know whether the court order forbids that or not."

Dwyer and another prosecutor in the Ray case, James Beasley, have just returned to Memphis from a week-long trip to Canada and Europe, it was learned. The two state attorneys apparently were retracing Ray's alleged escape route and interviewing witnesses. They reportedly visited Montreal, London, Lisbon and Paris.

It is expected that the state will summon a number of witnesses from out of the country to testify at the trial.

Huie has stated that he is Ray's official biographer by contract and that Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, has been cooperating by relaying the questions and Ray's answers between the writer and the defendant.

WRITTEN ANSWERS

The Look article is based on written answers to questions submitted by Huie to Ray in his Shelby County jail cell, according to the writer. Huie said he was not allowed to interview Ray personally.

The article says Ray told Huie that he met a mysterious contact man named "Raoul" in Montreal, Canada, in August 1967 while he was being sought by U.S. police for his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in April.

Ray went to Canada in hopes of getting a Canadian passport that would allow him to leave for a Latin American country, Huie wrote. In Montreal Ray assumed the alias of Eric S. Galt, and took up residence on the waterfront, a district notorious for international crime.

In bars and cafes and among merchant seamen Ray "sort of let the word get around that he had had a little trouble down in the States, that he was looking for ID (identification) and capital, and just might be available for activities that didn't involve too much risk, the article said.

"This resulted in a contact. A man whom Ray calls Raoul and describes to me as being a blond Latin about 35, and whom Ray took to be a seaman, showed interest in him," the article said.

"They began cautious verbal exploration. With Raoul hinting that if Ray was willing to assist certain projects, Raoul might be able to provide Ray ID and capital."

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Huie quoted Ray as saying that on subsequent meetings with Raoul in a waterfront bar called the Neptune Tavern, Raoul offered him $12,000 to perform a mysterious mission, and he was asked to make several trips across the border carrying packages in his car. Afterward, he was to sell the car and go by train or bus to Birmingham. "There, Ray would lie low, take no risks, pull no holdups, accumulate little ID and wait for instructions by general delivery mail," the article continues.

Raoul would help him with living expenses and buy him a car in Birmingham, and then "after a few weeks or months, after a little joint activity, Raoul would pay Ray $12,000 and give him a passport and other ID and help him go anywhere in the world."

Ray was quoted as saying the proposition was made to him on condition that he ask no questions. "Ray told me: 'Every time I tried to ask Raoul a question, he told me straight to remember that he wasn't paying me to ask questions,' " the writer said.

STICKUP

The article also describes a stickup Ray says he pulled at a house of ill repute to get "capital." It also tells of a romance between Ray and an unnamed woman said to work for the Canadian government. Huie said he interviewed the woman in Montreal and found her to be "a cultivated, sensitive, efficient, tastefully dressed and coiffeured mature woman."

Of Ray himself, Huie says that "those who have called him stupid are mistaken. He doesn't look like a criminal but he thinks like one."

He said Ray expresses himself well, has a good memory and Ray draws accurate diagrams showing the location of motels, bars, rooming houses and other places he visited or saw while on the run.

Huie includes several samples of Ray's writing.

As in most installment articles, this one leaves questions hanging. Look said Huie's article is the first in a series dealing with Ray and the assassination of Dr. King.

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6 More Join Trial Lineup

Reporter, Attorneys Added To Witnesses List For Ray Case

Subpena papers were returned on six more witnesses in the James Earl Ray case yesterday, including two attorneys and a newspaper reporter.

The new witnesses are Harvey Gipson and William E. Friedman, attorneys for a material witness in the Ray case, Charles Q. Stephens; William B. King and Charles E. Stone, city firemen who manned the ambulance that took Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to St. Joseph Hospital the night he was slain; Guy Canipe Jr., owner of an amusement company at 424 South Main where a high-powered rifle was found moments after the shooting, and Gregory Jaynes, a reporter for The Commercial Appeal.

Mr. Stephens, who was in a rooming house at 422½ South Main and is supposed to have seen a man in the hallway at the time of the shooting, is a material witness under police guard.

Another witness, the Rev. James Bevel, a top leader in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, could not be located at his old Chicago address last night, the Cook County Sheriff's Office in Chicago reported.

Other witnesses subpenaed thus far are Bertie L. Reeves, owner of the rooming house from which police think the shot was fired; James N. McCraw, a taxi driver believed to be one of several customers at a nearby restaurant at the time, and Lt. R. W. Bradshaw, Memphis police officer who relayed a radio broadcast about a high-speed chase through the city shortly after the shooting.

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Commercial Appeal

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The subpena of the Rev. Mr. Bevel, who was on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel with Dr. King when the bullet killed the nation's best-known civil rights leader, lent further strength to the expectation that Ray's attorneys plan to cast doubt on where the shot came from.

Mr. Jaynes interviewed Solomon Jones, Dr. King's chauffeur, shortly after the shooting. Mr. Jones told the reporter he saw someone "with something white on his face" step from behind a nearby bush after he heard the shot.

Arthur Hanes, Ray's chief counsel, would not say whether he has asked that Mr. Jones be subpenaed.

Meanwhile, the committee of seven attorneys which is counseling Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle on pretrial publicity and procedure, met yesterday. The meeting was confirmed by Leo Bearman Jr., one of the members, who also confirmed that he had read an article in Look magazine by author William Bradford Huie, who purchased the rights of Ray's story.

Mr. Bearman would not say what was discussed, but the meeting took place the day after the Look magazine issue went on sale.

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Ray, King Families Silent About Trial

Thus far neither the family of James Earl Ray nor that of the late Dr. Martin Luther King has expressed an interest in attending Ray's trial, it was disclosed today.

"We have received no requests from either the family of the defendant or the deceased for seats in the courtroom," said Charles Holmes, who is handling press relations for the trial.

The trial is slated to begin in Judge W. Preston Battle's Criminal Court Nov. 12.

Half of the 76 spectator seats in the courtroom have been set aside for the general public and half for representatives of the press.

Holmes said 103 press personnel from 38 different agencies have been approved for the press section. No seats will be reserved for the public, but it is customary at trials to give preference to the families if they desire to attend.

Facilities for the press will be set up in the assembly room on the first floor of the Shelby County office building. This space is now used for overflow desk work by the Election Commission. The election Commission is scheduled to start moving into the new Shelby County Building directly across Second the day after the Nov. 5 election.

Ray, charged with first degree murder in the slaying of Dr. King, has two brothers, a sister and a mother who would be eligible for seats in the courtroom.

His mother, so far as it can be determined, hasn't been heard from in several

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Memphis Press-Scimitar

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years and is believed to have remarried since his father, a railroad switchman and laborer, died in Alton, Ill., in 1947.

Dr. King's immediate survivors include his widow and four children. His parents live in Atlanta, where his father is a minister.

Holmes also reported that nine subpoenas have been served on witnesses within the past two days, but he was unable to say whether they were served at the request of the state or the defense. They are:

Bertie L. Reeves, night clerk at the rooming house at 422½ S. Main from which the civil rights leader was shot.

Lt. R. W. Bradshaw of the Police Department, who relayed to headquarters a mysterious Civilian Band radio broadcast describing a shooting chase — now thought to be hoaxs — involving a white Mustang and blue Pontiac.

James N. McGraw, a Veteran's Cab driver, believed to be one of several customers inside *Jim's Grill* at 418 S. Main who said they saw a white Mustang parked in front the day of the slaying.

William B. King and Charles E. Stone of the Memphis Fire Department.

Guy Canipe Jr., owner of Canipe Amusement Co., 424 S. Main, who found a high powered rifle, which the state is expected to contend is the death weapon, in the doorway of his business moments after the shooting.

Gregory Jaynes, a reporter for the Commercial Appeal.

Harvey Gibson and William E. Friedman, attorneys who represent Charles Stephens, who told police he saw the killer in the hallway at the rooming house.

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Ray May Have Had Plastic Surgery

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — (AP) — An attorney says a man who gave his name as Eric Galt underwent minor plastic surgery before the assassination last April of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The lawyer, Bennet Olan, declined Tuesday to give details of the surgery performed by Dr. Russel C. Hadley except to say it was of the type which would not greatly change his appearance.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has reported Eric Galt was an alias used by James Earl Ray, now facing trial in Memphis on a charge of murdering King.

OPERATION

Olan said he thought the operation was performed three or four weeks before the assassination on April 4. "It may have been on the 4th or the 11th of March. I forget which," he said.

The surgeon referred all questions to Olan. The lawyer said it's believed Galt sought out Dr. Hadley through the Los Angeles County Medical Association. At any rate, Olan said, Galt told the doctor the association had recommended him.

Olan said the case didn't stand out in Hadley's mind, but he added: "As soon as we discovered who the patient had been, the case was reported to the FBI."

NO SUBPOENA

The attorney said that as far as he knew, Hadley has not been subpoenaed to testify in the Ray trial.

"I don't believe," he said, "that what he did was relative to the case."

He said only one person, author William Bradford Huie, has been authorized to see the records of the treatment, and no one else would be allowed to examine them without authorization. Huie was engaged by Ray to write his story.

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1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Paris

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5317

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Enclosed for the information of Legat Paris are two copies each of letters addressed by State Attorney General, Phil M. Canale, Jr., Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, to the Honorable Harold Shapiro, Department of Justice, and to the Honorable W. Tapley Bennett, Ambassador to Portugal.

These letters concern the request for witnesses to appear at the trial of James Earl Ray on November 12, 1968. No action is to be taken by you on this matter.

Enclosures (4)

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA Graham Day) (Enc. 2)

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NOTE: Copies of letters received from Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is prosecuting the case, concerning his desire to have witnesses from Portugal appear at the trial of James Earl Ray. Copies of these letters will be furnished to Legat Paris for information. Department being furnished copies of these letters.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies each of letters addressed by District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, JR., to the Honorable HAROLD SHAPIRO, Department of Justice, and to the Honorable W. TAPLEY BENNETT, Ambassador to Portugal. Mr. CANALE stated he is furnishing these to the Bureau for their information and for any assistance the Bureau might render him in the event they receive an inquiry in this regard from either the Department of Justice or the Department of State.

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PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

SHELBY COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
157 POPLAR AVENUE
MEMPHIS, TENN. 38103

November 1, 1968

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...IVE ASSISTANT

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...TRATIVE ASSISTANT

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F. GLEN SIBSON
JOHN W. PIEROTTI

Honorable Harold Shapiro
Administrative Regulations
Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

The trial of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is set for November 12, 1968. One of the material witnesses for the State of Tennessee in this trial will be [redacted] Portugal. MRS. MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES, C/O CANADIAN EMBASSY EN LISBON

It is respectfully requested that your office request that an invitation be extended to MRS. LOPES [redacted] through the United States Department of State to the Canadian Foreign Office, to attend as a witness for the State of Tennessee, the trial of the State vs. James Earl Ray.

If permission is granted to allow MRS. LOPES [redacted] to visit the United States, the State of Tennessee will pay her expenses as follows:

Payment for transportation from LISBON [redacted] Portugal to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (10¢) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars ($5.00) a day every day she is in attendance as a witness; the State of Tennessee will pay the witness ten cents (10¢) a mile from Memphis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then her transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to [redacted] Portugal. LISBON

I wish further to inform you that the said witness' lodging and meals during her stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by the State of Tennessee.

When this office is notified to the effect that permission is granted and the witness is available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I will arrange to have the funds forwarded to her to purchase a round trip ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order to enable the witness to make said airline trip. This amount advanced will then be deducted from the total amount due the witness upon her being paid her additional witness' fees here in Memphis.

In view of our trial date being November 12, 1968, it is important for us to be notified as soon as possible whether the permission for this witness to enter the United States will be granted.

Although the trial date is set for November 12th, it is not expected that MRS. LOPES will be needed on that date, as it will probably take us some time to select a jury, and we will have other witnesses to offer in evidence prior to the need for the presence of [redacted] I estimate that it will be the early part of December before the presence of [redacted] is needed, and when you notify us that permission has been granted for her attendance, we will give her one week's advance notice in order that she might complete arrangements for her trip. It is anticipated that the presence of the above witness will not be needed in Memphis more than the necessary time for testimony at the trial, and in no event will she be required for more than three or four days.

With my personal thanks to you for your wonderful cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Date: 10/29/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) P

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Re Miami airtel to the Bureau 10/2/68.

The following investigation was conducted by

[redacted]

At Jefferson City, Missouri

On 10/23/68, Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) records were checked for [redacted] The following information was obtained:

[redacted] was received at the MSP [redacted] and assigned [redacted], from Dunklin County to serve a [redacted] sentence on charge of [redacted] He was transferred to Missouri [redacted] Intermediate Reformatory (MIR) [redacted] He was paroled [redacted] and returned to MIR [redacted] as a PV. He was transferred back to the MSP [redacted] from MIR as incorrigible. He was given a discharge on [redacted] from the MSP.

As [redacted] MSP [redacted] he was held to [redacted] new sentence of [redacted] on charge of [redacted] He was given a discharge from this sentence on [redacted]

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On [redacted] was received at the MSP and assigned [redacted] from Butler County to serve a [redacted] sentence on charge of [redacted] He was discharged on [redacted]

During [redacted] incarceration he was assigned to the Church Farm outside assignment on [redacted]. On [redacted] he went to the Renz Farm from the Church Farm. On [redacted] he was transferred back from Renz Farm to the MSP and assigned to Food Service on [redacted]

Available records reflects [redacted] celled in the following cells at the MSP:

[redacted] - C Hall, [redacted]

[redacted] - K Hall, [redacted]

[redacted] - K Hall, [redacted]

Mr. HAROLD SWENSON, Warden, Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, furnished the cell assignments of JAMES EARL RAY.

RAY was in the penitentiary from 3/17/60, to 4/23/67, when he escaped.

He occupied the following cells:

4/12/60 - 7/28/60	B-24
7/28/60 - 3/13/61	K-178
3/13/61 - 11/22/61	K-118
11/22/61 - 5/25/62	E-224
5/25/62 - 6/8/62	B-16
6/8/62 - 7/23/62	E-66
7/23/62 - 8/10/62	K-15
8/10/62 - 8/15/62	K-161
8/15/62 - 3/8/63	K-168

3/8/63 - 10/22/65	K-172
10/22/65 - 12/16/65	K-2
12/16/65 - 3/4/66	J-42
3/4/66 - 3/14/66	CB-6
3/14/66 - 6/11/66	BB-9
6/11/66 - 9/8/66	State Hospital #1
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1/18/67 - 4/23/67	K-135

Additional leads in this matter being left to the discretion of the office of origin.

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Date: 10/16/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to Bureau, 10/16/68.

Enclosed are two copies of the newspaper article captioned, "Lecture By FBI Agent Angers Ray's Attorney," portions of which were quoted in referenced teletype.

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Lecture By FBI Agent Angers Ray's Attorney

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

Arthur J. Hanes Sr., attorney for James Earl Ray, accused in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., complained yesterday that a court order to limit pre-trial reporting in the case "protects the prosecution and only muzzles the defense."

"I am going to represent my client to the limit of my abilities, according to the law, and I am not going to be stopped," Mr. Hanes said.

He flew here from Birmingham yesterday to continue his examination of items of evidence the attorney general's office has been ordered to make available to him.

In an interview Mr. Hanes declared that prosecution witnesses have been making public statements "convicting my client and we have had no chance to counter them."

He cited a lecture by George Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint specialist, in Wichita, Kan., Sept. 11 and quoted on Page One of the Wichita Beacon.

The Beacon identified Mr. Bonebrake as the man who "led the search through thousands of fingerprints on file with the FBI headquarters in Wasnington seeking identification of the killer." Mr. Bonebrake also testified at the extradition hearing for Ray in London in July.

"I was able to testify," Mr. Bonebrake was quoted as saying in Wichita, "that the latent fingerprints we found in Memphis matched those taken of the man arrested in London, and that the same prints matched those taken of James Earl Ray while he was at the Missouri Penitentiary."

Using a chart to compare "latent fingerprints" with "ink fingerprints," Mr. Bonebrake added, "This is what I did in London. I was able to show that the latent prints obtained in Memphis, the ones taken in London and the ones taken of Ray at the Missouri prison were all the same."

Mr. Bonebrake was addressing a Wichita area police seminar on fingerprint identification. In Washington yesterday the FBI said Mr. Bonebrake was out of town and not available for comment.

Frank Garofolo, assistant city editor of the Wichita Beacon, said yesterday that newsmen were permitted to attend the lecture and nothing was put off the record at the police seminar. A major in the Wichita Police Department objected the next day, Mr. Garofolo said, that the speech had been quoted too much in detail.

Judge W. Preston Battle has acknowledged earlier that his power to limit publicity applied only in the boundaries of his judicial district (Shelby County).

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— The Commercial Appeal

— Memphis, Tenn.

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The order has a differing effect, Mr. Hanes said.

"While the accused and his attorneys have been ordered not to give interviews, key witnesses for the prosecution, such as Mr. Bonebreak, have been free to make statements. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark stated on Television that Ray committed this crime with no conspiracy involved. When I say the contrary I am held in contempt."

Mr. Hanes said Judge Battle's order restricting pre-trial interviews is inconsistent with a statement by the judge that he has seen criminal cases "drenched in publicity" but ending with a "just result."

Judge Battle made the statement in denying a defense contention that widespread publicity before issuance of his order had made a fair trial impossible.

Mr. Hanes will be in Memphis today and tomorrow interviewing witnesses and examining items of evidence in possession of Atty. Gen. Phil Canale. He took time off yesterday afternoon to buy Ray a new supply of shirts, size 15½, sleeve-length 32, and a pair of shoes, size 9½-C.

EX 110

REC-64 1-1-[redacted]-5320

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

November 4, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

This will confirm the conversation between you and Special Agent [redacted] of this Bureau on October 31, 1968.

You stated you received an inquiry from Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who wanted to know if the Bureau was doing a three dimensional mock-up for the use of Mr. Canale in his prosecution of James Earl Ray. You were advised that this Bureau has received no request for the preparation of such an exhibit and none is being prepared.

For your information, Mr. Canale advised that when Mr. D. Robert Owen of your division was in Memphis consulting with him, Mr. Owen told Mr. Canale that he understood the Department was preparing a three dimensional mock-up for Mr. Canale's use.

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NOTE:

This is to confirm conversation between Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, and SA [redacted] on October 31, 1968.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 31, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Callahan

FROM: A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak called and stated that he had talked to Phil Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, who will prosecute Ray in state court. According to Pollak, Canale inquired whether the Bureau was doing a three dimensional mockup for Canale for use in his prosecution of Ray. Pollak said he was not making a request that such a mockup be prepared but merely wanted to know if in fact we were preparing one for Canale, so he could so advise Canale.

No request for such a mockup has been received in this Division and a check with the Exhibits Section revealed that no such request had been made of that Section.

In the absence of SAC Jensen, ASAC Halter of Memphis was contacted to determine whether Canale had ever made such a request of the Memphis Office. Halter stated that he personally was not aware of any such request but would check with SAC Jensen and see if Jensen was aware of any such request.

Subsequently SAC Jensen called and said the Memphis Office had received no request for the preparation of such an exhibit. Jensen said he had called Canale and determined that when D. Robert Owen of the Civil Rights Division of the Department had been in Memphis consulting with Canale on the prosecution of the case, Owen said he understood the Department was preparing a three dimensional mockup for Canale's use. Canale inquired yesterday (10/30/68) of Owen's secretary, who is in Memphis assisting Canale, of the status of the exhibit. She replied she did not know but would check on it and let Canale know.

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During Jensen's discussion with Canale, Canale stated his understanding was the exhibit was being prepared by the Department but said if the Bureau prepared such exhibits he would like to request, if possible, that the Bureau prepare one for him.

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Memo Rosen to DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

Assistant Attorney General Pollak has been advised that the Bureau had received no request for the preparation of such an exhibit and none was being prepared.

The Exhibits Section has advised that the men who are assigned to prepare three dimensional mockups are specialists and it would be necessary to send such specialist to Memphis to obtain the necessary data to prepare such an exhibit. In addition the Exhibits Section advised it would take approximately three months to prepare the exhibit in question.

It is noted that state trial in this case is scheduled for November 12, 1968.

ACTION:

If approved, SAC Jensen will be contacted and instructed to advise Canale that it will not be possible, at this late date, to prepare the mockup requested by him.

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Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

There are enclosed original and Xerox copy each of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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2 Won't Talk In Ray Case

Two Memphis lawyers subpoenaed by the defense as witnesses in the James Earl Ray case today balked at testifying.

The witnesses, Harvey Gipson and William E. Friedman, filed a petition asking that Ray's attorney, Arthur J. Hanes, be required to show cause why they were subpoenaed.

If Hanes is unable to show cause why their testimony is needed, they will ask Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to enjoin Hanes from enforcing the subpoenas.

Gipson and Friedman represent Charles Q. Stephens, a key state witness now under police protection. Stephens reportedly saw the killer of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the hallway of a rooming house at 422½ S. Main moments after the shooting.

Stephens was jailed earlier as a material witness at the state's request, but the two lawyers went to court and got him released.

So far, subpoenas have been served on 10 defense witnesses, to testify at Ray's trial, scheduled to begin Tuesday, Nov. 12. The latest to receive process was Lloyd Jowers, a Veteran's Cab driver and operator of Jim's Grill on S. Main, near the shooting scene.

Several customers in the grill are reported to have seen a white Mustang parked out front the day of the murder. The state contends Ray made his getaway in a white Mustang after killing the civil rights leader with a high-powered rifle.

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FBI Is Going Past Ray In Search For Suspects

The FBI is looking for other suspects, besides James Earl Ray, in its move to reconstruct the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., author William Bradford Huie said last night.

Interviewed by long distance at his home in Hartselle, Ala., Mr. Huie said, "You would be justified in concluding the FBI does not accept Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark's view," (that one man acted alone in planning and carrying out Dr. King's assassination).

"The FBI goes every place I have revealed Ray stopped at and shows photos and plays sound tracks of the voices of at least two other men and asks whether the photos and sound tracks are recognized. The FBI certainly is looking for other people."

Mr. Huie has received from Ray, who goes on trial here Nov. 12 on a charge of slaying Dr. King, many pages of long-hand manuscript on what he did prior to the date of Dr. King's murder.

The first of the three articles Mr. Huie is writing, largely from the Ray manuscript, appeared in Look magazine Monday. The next will appear Nov. 12, the day Ray's trial starts.

Mr. Huie said that immediately after the first Look article "leaked out," FBI agents showed up at the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, a Chicago suburb, where Ray washed dishes in May and June, 1967. This was just after his escape from the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City.

"The FBI next went to 2731 North Sheffield, where I revealed Ray roomed while working at the Indian Trail. They showed their photos again there. They asked the landlords, Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly, 'Did you see this man, or this man (showing the photos) here with Ray? Did you hear these voices?'"

Mr. Huie said both his reporting and the FBI's investigation have been hampered by the refusal of Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to allow new photos to be taken of Ray in his cell in the Shelby County Jail.

People recognize the oft-published photos of Ray, which are the only ones he and the FBI have to show to persons they contact, Mr. Huie said. So there is no clear proof of recognition, he asserts.

"If photos were made of Ray in his cell there in Memphis, as the Los Angeles court has let pictures be made of Sirhan Sirhan (accused slayer of Senator Robert F. Kennedy) it would aid the FBI as well as answer the requests of the news media."

The amici curiae committee of lawyers named by Judge Battle to advise him in administering a court order to restrain pre-trial publicity was reported last night to be considering adding Mr. Huie to the list of five men against whom contempt proceedings have been brought.

Mr. Huie said he had had the

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 10/31/68

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a self-explanatory LHM concerning the wishes of Mr. PHIL M. CANALE regarding investigation in Mexico.

The confidential source abroad mentioned in the enclosed LHM is the Legat, Mexico.

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cc AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-04

cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT NOV 6 1968

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
October 31, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM;
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

A confidential source abroad has advised that American citizens traveling in Mexico as tourists may not legally engage in business or investigative activities. This source advised that efforts have been unsuccessful to obtain an informal waiver for Shelby County officials or to arrange for some type of special travel documentation permitting them to enter Mexico in furtherance of the prosecution of this case.

Mr. Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee, has stated that he still desires to interview persons in Mexico who may be able to furnish information concerning James Earl Ray, and that he has directed a letter to the United States Department of State requesting that they obtain for him special permission from the Mexican Government for representatives of his office to conduct interviews in Mexico.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

11-5-68

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1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

In view of state trial of subject at Memphis, Tennessee, on November 12, 1968, you should submit a daily teletype summary of court proceedings to the Bureau beginning on November 12, 1963, until the Bureau advises you to discontinue.

This teletype should be in a form that is clear, concise and should not leave any questions unresolved. This teletype should reach the Bureau no later than 10:00 p.m. each day, and it will be incumbent upon Memphis to keep the Bureau fully advised. Any developments requiring immediate notification should be handled accordingly.

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NOTE: In view of state trial of subject in Memphis on November 12, 1968, we are issuing instructions to Memphis concerning the submission of a daily teletype summary.

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This is the case involvin the murder of Martin Luther King, J.

William Bradford Huie is the author of an article on James Earl Ray, which appeared in the November 12, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine (circulated October 29, 1968).

Department being advised of information in attached.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
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DIRECTOR 44-38861

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SHORTLY AFTER FOUR P.M., NOVEMBER FOUR LAST, THE COMMITTEE SEVEN ATTORNEYS ADVISING JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE ON PRETRIAL BLICITY IN THE RAY CASE FILED REPORT INDICATING THERE IS PROBABLE USE THAT WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE AND THE PUBLISHERS OF "LOOK" MAGAZINE E IN CONTMEPT OF THE COURT'S ORDERS AS A RESULT OF ARTICLE WRITTEN HUIE WHICH APPEARED IN NOBEMBER TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT EDITION OF LOOK AZINE. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT HUIE AND COWLES PUBLICATIONS CITED AT SUCH TIME AS THEY ARE WITHIN JURISDICTION OF THE COUNRT.

A COPY OF THIS REPORT BEING OBTAINED FROM COURT AND WILL BE WARDED TO DAY TO BUREAU.

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Date: 11-4-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

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ReButel to Memphis 10-29-68.

Enclosed for Bureau are two Xerox copies of ROBERT FITZPATRICK material which were personally delivered by SA [redacted] to Executive Assistant ROBERT DWYER and Assistant Attorney General JAMES C. BEASLEY on 10-31-68. This material was receipted by Investigator JOHN L. CARLISLE, State Attorney General's Office.

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Special Agent in Charge

The following received from Special Agent ROBERT FITZPATRICK [redacted] October 31, 1968:

Envelope containing Exhibit Item #1 of Montreal G.I.S., Exhibit Report 68/37 and Exhibit Items 1 to 9 incl. of Montreal G.I.S. Exhibit Report 68/41

John L Carlin

Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Evidence recovered by FBI

Original invoice and copy from Aeromarine Supply Company, dated 3/29/68, from FBI Birmingham

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG: (from FBI, Atlanta)

Floor mat from right front floor
Floor mat from rear floor
Floor mat from left front floor
Floor mat from trunk
Air filter cartridge
Wheel jack from trunk
Dark blue short sleeve sweat shirt
One rubber shoe, size 7-8½
One white fitted sheet
One black and white shirt jacket
One pillowcase
One fitted sheet with yellow thread
One black sport shirt
One pair of size 34 walking shorts
Rug from trunk
Pillow from trunk
Styrofoam container from trunk
One pair of men's brown socks from trunk
One hunting knife and sheath
Spare tire mounting from trunk
Lug wrench from trunk
Blue-handled screwdriver from trunk
Used windshield wiper blade from trunk
One Personna razor blade
Soil sample from spare wheel and tire
Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side floor
Vacuum sweepings from left front floor
Vacuum sweepings from rear floor
Vacuum sweepings from trunk

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG: (from FBI, Atlanta)

A piece of Kleenex box bearing letters "At pool" on one side and names "Ginger Day and Anita Katzwinkel, 1535 Serrano, Apt. 6," on other side
One air release shutter in original package
Sunglasses with case
Two pieces of cardboard from trunk
Scraps of paper from glove compartment
Scraps of paper from under rear seat

Name [redacted] 10-31-68

Page 1 Robert Fitzpatrick (continued on next page)

(from FBI, Atlanta)

Soil from right fender well
Soil from right front wheel
Soil from right rear wheel
Soil from right rear fender well
Debris from lower part of left fender
Soil from left front wheel
Soil from left rear wheel
Scraping from front left tire tread
Soil from underneath body in front of differential
Soil from differential
Soil from front of exhaust pipe
Soil from underneath body in front section
Soil from left fender well
Soil from left rear fender well
Scrapings from left rear tire tread
Scrapings from tread of right rear tire
Scrapings from under glove compartment
Scrapings from tire tread, right front tire
Scrapings from front part of engine
Water from windshield washer bag
Spare tire and wheel from trunk

ITEMS FROM ROOM 6, 113, 14th ST., NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(from FBI, Atlanta)

Bed sheet
Bed sheet
Standard Oil map of Atlanta
Partial book of matches bearing advertisement of "Albert Pic
Piece of lined paper
Newspaper from shelf
Piece of pink paper bearing hand printed name "Jimmy Owen"
Keyhole saw

ITEM FROM ROOM 5, 107, 14th St., NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(from FBI, Atlanta)

Section of newspaper dated 4/7/38

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Booklet entitled "What is the John Birch Society"
Gulf Oil Company map of Atlanta
"Arrow" map of greater Atlanta
Box of Nabisco saltine crackers

Received from SA [redacted] 10-31-68

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Jar of French's mustard
Coffee cup
Water glass
Small can of Carnation evaporated milk
Jar of Maxwell House instant coffee
Box of "C & H" sugar
One knife (Forgecraft)
One National's Citation pencil
Wire electric cup heater
One portable Zenith television, Model #N 2205-6
Jar of Kraft's Catalina French Dressing
Package of Golden Grain California lima beans
Can of "Iris" ground black pepper
Box of five National's Citation pencils
Gulf map of Southeastern USA
Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma
Map of Mexico
Map of Los Angeles published by Mitock & Sons
Map of Los Angeles (Richfield)
Shell map of Louisiana
Map of California
Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico
Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity
Tie (brown with brown, blue and silver diagonal stripes)
Pair of grey trousers
Booklet entitled "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing"

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Four coat hangers
Two cardboard inserts for coat hangers
Handkerchief
Pair of socks

ITEMS FROM ROOM 2, 113 14TH STREET, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Large key blank
Small key blank
Piece of black thread
Piece of brown thread with needle
Metal strip, ½" by 1½"
Business card for "HANEY'S SHEET METAL"

White shirt received from FBI, Newark

[redacted] 10-27-65

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Material from ashtray received from FBI, New Orleans

Six sets of type used in Thermo Seal machines, further described as follows: (from FBI, Albany)

Type size	Characters
Regular 18-point type	Letters
Regular 18-point type	Numbers
Narrow 18-point type	Letters
Regular 15-point type	Numbers
Narrow 15-point type	Letters
Narrow 15-point type	Numbers

Strip of ½" red Thermo Seal marking tape received from FBI, Albany

Can of Schlitz beer, 12-ounce size from Southaven Minnow Shop, received from FBI, Jackson
Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop, received from FBI, Jackson

Also Submitted: (received from FBI, Atlanta).

Four lifts of latent impressions found on automobile
Rearview mirror from 1966 Ford Mustang
1967 Alabama license plate 1A-88354
1968 Alabama license plate 1-38993
Three cigarette butts from top of wardrobe, Room 6
One cigarette butt from under wardrobe, Room 6
Ten latent lifts from Room 6
Latent liftsA1 throughA3 from Room 5

From SA [redacted] 10 = 51-65
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ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MEMPHIS

25 lifts from room #34 of Rebel Motor Hotel
Elimination fingerprints of N. E. Zachary and Jewel Greer Roy
Elimination fingerprints of 21 individuals
(1 latent from "flop house" eliminated
1 latent from Rebel Motel registration card eliminated)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

Remington rifle box
Box of cartridges
Safe deposit box #5517 from Birmingham Trust National Bank
Fingerprints of six bank employees
Palm prints and finger-tip impressions of five Birmingham Trust National Bank employees
Bank draft for $337.24, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company
Major case prints of two Aeromarine Supply Co. clerks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Five transparent lifts from 66 Mustang
Luncheon check from "Mammy's Shanty Restaurant"

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, NEW ORLEANS

Nine items recovered from room at 623 Royal Street in New Orleans

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MIAMI

Piece of brown wrapping paper with label bearing #777, etc.
Piece of brown wrapping paper with label bearing #6829
Cardboard box

Received from SA [redacted] 10-31-68
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ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BUFFALO

Photo of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan form -
Known handwriting of DR. ALVIN FRENCH

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, LOS ANGELES

Known handwriting of KATZWINKEL
Known handwriting of FLIKEID
Chevron map of Los Angeles
Chevron map of California

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, JACKSONVILLE

Known handwriting of DR. ALVIN FRENCH (postcard)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, CHICAGO

Known handwriting of GINGER NANCE
Known handwriting of THOMAS FLIKEID and SUSAN FLIKEID
Known handwriting of JERRY WM. -RAY

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

BORSARI checks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Known handwriting of JOHN WILLARD

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MOBILE

Known handwriting of 11 persons (obtained from Ala. State Dept. of Safety, Montgomery, Alabama)

MISCELLANEOUS LAUNDRY TAPES RECEIVED FROM NUMEROUS FBI OFFICES

From S/A [redacted] 10-31-69
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ITEMS BEING PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO MR. CANALE BY LABORATORY EXAMINER MORTIMER

(From FBI, Memphis)

Registration card of New Rebel Motel in name "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of four-page handwritten letter dated at Montreal, Que., signed "Code letter 'G'"
Bar of Cameo toilet soap

(From FBI, Miami)

Envelope and accompanying letter "Get Tommy Nash"

(From FBI, Los Angeles)

Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68 with envelope from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter from Dykema to Galt re apartment
Pair of women's black shoes
Change of Address order dated 4/25/68 signed "Eric S. Galt"
Nine Bank of America money orders
Typewritten letter "Inclosed is MO.." signed Eric S. Galt"
Post Office Department Application for Delivery of Mail Through Agent, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank of Futura Books, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Interview Card
Dance studio enrollment agreement
Change of Address form
Installment note (bar tending course)
Application for School Admittance
Airmail envelope to Tiffany Enterprises and accompanying typewritten letter enclosing money order for handcuffs
Envelope postmarked Los Angeles, Apr. '68, mailing address sticker "Mr. Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L. A. 90027"

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(From FBI, Chicago)

Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67 re camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67 re camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67 re camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank from Sup. Bulk Film Co. in amount of $337.24 (hand printed)
Also Submitted: 6 miscellaneous items of Sup. Bulk Co.

(From FBI, Newark)

Enrollment form of Locksmithing Inst., Little Falls, N. J., in name "Eric S. Galt"
Confidential Information form of Locksmithing Inst., signed "Eric S. Galt"
Envelope postmarked Montreal, Canada, (hand printed) to Locksmithing Inst. from "Eric S. Galt"
Four payment coupons, order blank, two envelopes re Locksmithing, Envelopes containing lessons #8 and #9
Photocopy of Canadian Money Order signed "Eric S. Galt"

(From FBI, New Orleans)

Provincial Motel registration card dated 12/17/67, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Two sheets of motel stationery bearing indented writing impressions

(From FBI, Atlanta)

Newspaper clipping bearing handwriting "Galt 1052 N side Dr. 8769770"
Sealed envelope to Dr. Tarplee with hand printing of Eric S. Galt
Eastern Airlines ticket envelope, Fl.390/Y, Atlanta to Memphis

(From FBI, Headquarters)

Pink envelope addressed "The Federal Bureau..."

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(From FBI, Jacksonville)

Photocopy of Certificate of Title in the name "Michael St. Pierre"

(From FBI, New York)

Modern Photo Bookstore coupon bearing hand printing of "Eric S. Galt" and handwritten letter dated 9/26/67

(From FBI, Washington Field)

Typewritten letter re emigrating to Rhodesia signed "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of Statutory Declaration of Guarantor form
Application for Canadian Passport (photograph)
Photograph of RAY and signature "Ramon George Sneyd"

(From FBI, Buffalo)

Photocopy of hand printed note dated 4/20/68, signed "Ramon George Sneyd"
Also Submitted: Photograph of partial palm print and passport photograph

(From FBI, Mobile)

Photocopies of Alabama 1968 Motor Vehicle forms

(From FBI, Birmingham)

Known handwriting of ERIC S. GALT (safe deposit records, ledger card and letter)

(From FBI, Kansas City)

Known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY (Missouri State Pen form)
Known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY (documents from Missouri State Pen)
Known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY (21 sheets of paper and one form)
Also Submitted: Inmate Request form for JACK M. RAY

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
5010-104-01

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 10/29/68

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

RE: [redacted]

ReBulet to Memphis, 10/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies of New Orleans airtel to the Bureau dated 5/10/68, reflecting an interview with [redacted] a Louisiana businessman.

The Bureau will note that [redacted] has stated a belief that both [redacted] are irrational and that [redacted] has a "mental problem."

The Memphis Office has reviewed the investigation regarding [redacted] and does not believe that this phase of this investigation warrants further action.

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AIRTEL AIRMAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau, 5/1/68.

INVESTIGATION CONCERNING [redacted] WHO ALLEGED KING ASSASSINATION PLOT IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, AREA SUMMER OF 1967.

Investigation was conducted at Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La., during the period of 5/7 - 9/68, to locate [redacted] was located and interviewed on 5/9/68, in New Orleans, La., at which time he furnished the following information:

[redacted] is a native of Denham Springs, La., and is currently associated in a business partnership with [redacted] at Denham Springs, La. Denham Springs is located nine miles distant from Baton Rouge, La.

[redacted] is well acquainted in Denham Springs and knows nearly all of the businessmen in that community including those who are reportedly members of the Ku Klux Klan and who are considered to be strong segregationists.

[redacted] was in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967, at which time there was considerable racial strife taking place, including marches by Negro groups and opposition

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being presented to these marches by those individuals with strong segregation beliefs. [redacted] stated that he himself is a liberal in his view towards Negroes and that he did not participate in any of the activities that took place in Denham Springs in the Summer of 1967. He stated, however, that he did frequently converse with individuals whom he considered to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, these persons having been individuals that he grew up with in Denham Springs.

[redacted] stated that at no time during this period did any information come to his attention that there were businessmen in Denham Springs, La., or in Baton Rouge, La., who were taking up a collection to obtain money to have MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., assassinated. [redacted] does not recall of having heard the name of KING even mentioned during the Summer of 1967, nor does he recall any information which would indicate there was a plot to kill any particular Negro or any individual of any race for that matter.

[redacted] is against violence and if any information such as a plot to kill anyone had come to his attention, he would promptly notify an appropriate law enforcement agency.

During the Fall of 67, [redacted] recalls that an individual subsequently known to him as [redacted] appeared at the [redacted] in Denham Springs making claims to [redacted] that he could obtain considerable financing from a [redacted] family in Miami, Fla. [redacted] became interested in [redacted] proposition and ordered [redacted] to accompany [redacted] to Miami, Fla., which he did and at which time he and [redacted] met with a [redacted] It developed, however, that [redacted] did not previously know the [redacted] family and further that [redacted] actually had no contacts or was not in a position to obtain financing for the [redacted]

It was during the trip to Miami, Fla., that [redacted] realized that [redacted] had an apparent mental problem.

[redacted] recalled that while staying in motels in Fla., [redacted] at times became most irrational and envisioned that he was being followed by Federal Agents.

After the Florida trip, [redacted] continued to hang around the [redacted] in Denham Springs, La., at which time [redacted] wife was also present. In [redacted] opinion, [redacted] wife is also an irrational person.

On one occasion, [redacted] who was doing some work for the [redacted] took [redacted] personally owned vehicle with the permission of [redacted] on a business trip. [redacted] wife accompanied [redacted] on this trip and they did not return as scheduled. The vehicle was subsequently located in Mississippi in an abandoned position. Also at this same time, [redacted] and [redacted] discovered that [redacted] had stolen some property from the company, such as a portable electric typewriter, a brief case full of valuable engineering fittings, a telephone credit card and other miscellaneous items. Also taken from the [redacted] vehicle was a .38 Police Special Revolver which was a sentimental keepsake which had been given to [redacted] by his father.

The theft of these items was reported to law enforcement agencies but [redacted] subsequently decided not to press charges. The revolver has never been recovered by [redacted] and he does not presently know its whereabouts.

[redacted] heard from some unrecalled source several months ago that [redacted] either was or is presently confined to a mental institution. He has not seen [redacted] since late Fall of 1967.

[redacted] was a braggart by nature, frequently announced his animosity towards Negroes but was never known to [redacted] to have specifically mentioned MARTIN LUTHER KING or any other particular Negro. [redacted] frequently bragged that he had contacts with the underworld but never specifically mentioned anyone by name.

[redacted] concluded that he is at a loss to explain why it is alleged that he possessed information concerning

a plot to raise money to kill MARTIN KING. He stated that he wanted to cooperate fully with the FBI, which agency he admires considerably and that if any further recollection concerning the Summer of 1967 in Denham Springs came to him, he would promptly advise the New Orleans Office.

[redacted] described [redacted] as a white male, 6'2" tall, 36 years of age and possessing blond wavy hair. During the Summer of 1967, [redacted] personally owned a 1967 Oldsmobile, white over black, bearing Texas license KLX or KLW 491.

New Orleans indices contained no identifiable information in the name of [redacted] or [redacted]

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FBI

Date: 10-25-68

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AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Submitted herewith for the Bureau's information is a letter prepared by subject JAMES EARL RAY to his brother JERRY. It is noted discussion is had in this letter about the number of seats that may be available at the forthcoming trial. The second letter has apparently been prepared by JERRY RAY and is addressed to JAMES EARL RAY. It is noted in this letter that JERRY discusses explaining a number of items to HUEY. It is felt this is a reference to the writer who is preparing a book about instant matter. JERRY also discusses an individual by the name PERCY QUINN in the letter, who reportedly resides at P. O. Box 63, Laurel, Mississippi. Information available to the Memphis Office discloses that a PERCY QUINN in Laurel, Mississippi, is well known as an attorney who has represented various Klansmen in the past. JERRY also indicates he had called the WALLACE Headquarters in an effort apparently to secure an attorney of the type they are both seeking.

This is submitted for the Bureau's information. As additional data becomes available, the Memphis Office will forward same.

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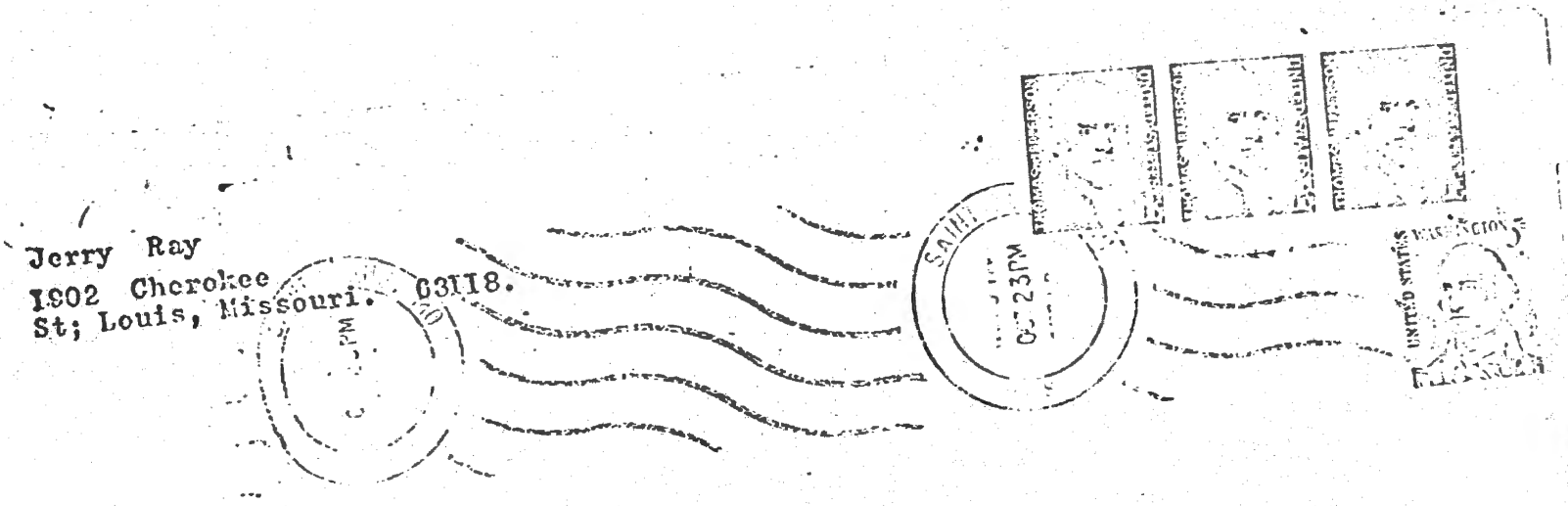
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Special Agent in Charge



Jerry Ray
1802 Cherokee
St; Louis, Missouri. 63118.

Mr. James E. Ray
Shelby County Jail
Memphis, Tenn.

Oct 23, 68.

Dear Jimmy;

Just a short note to let you know everything is okay, and that i got back okay.
I just got through typing Huey a two page letter, I explained to him everything you asked me to. Expecially about you not wanting anymore deals through the Power of Attorney.
I also asked him to write to you direct, I also explained to him about the Money sisiution.
I tried to call him from Memphis, but couldnt get through because he has a un listed number.
I talked to Percy Quinn over the phone before i leftb Memphis, i really had a hard time locating him as he dont have a office plus he dont have a phone in his home, anyway i finally located him through a friend. He said he would be glad to come down and see you plus he will bring along the Attorney from Memphis that helped him in the case that you and i were talking about, the only thing is you have to send him expense money. here is where to write him in case you want to.

Percy Quinn
P. O. Box 88 Laurel, Miss.

I also called the wallace headquarters up, They asked Me to call them back Friday morning and they throught they could then give me the name of a type of Attorney that we are seeking. So ill call down there tomorrow and find out. Ill call down there day after tomorrow rather as i was thinking today is thursday.
Ill call Foreman up before then, Ill write you friday and let you know what each of them had to say.

When you send that Money, Dont send any for me, as i dont need any, so what ever you send ill mail to Stone:
Ill close for now but will write Friday and let you know what i find out.

As Ever

Brother

Corey Ray.

P.S. Ill also try to find out about how to get the power of attorney.

To. Mr. Jerry Ray
1702 Cherokee
St. Louis, Missouri
63118

Wed. 23-68

Dear Jerry;

I will just write a short note, there was something I forgot to ask you yesterday. The judge has ruled that you are a friend can have a seat in the court at the trial, why don't you write to his court clerk and ask him the details about it, whether you have to use the seat as an ex friend, I'm sure the, Clerk of the court, Judge Mr. Preston Battle criminal court Bldg. Memphis Tenn.

Yours truly

Jim

Let me know if a friend can use the seat when you not. Also how many seats you will get.

over.

P.S

The paper said that the judge gave 3 or 4 seats to people who are writing books, but it didn't give their names. When you write to the court clerk ask him who the authors names are. I suppose ~~someone~~ people that were recomended by the justice Dept.
If you can't get this information let me know and I will ask Howe about it.

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FBI

Date: 11/5/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, Memphis, Tennessee, has advised that the following FBI Agents should be alerted to the fact that their testimony will be needed in instant case. It is anticipated at this moment that efforts to select a jury will begin on 11/12/68 and witnesses will be heard as soon thereafter as possible. Mr. CANALE has stated he will make every effort to avoid needless lost time on the part of these Agents and for this reason he desires them to be available for immediate response to a subpoena. These Agents are as follows:

SEAT OF GOVERNMENT: [redacted] JAMES MORTIMER, ROBERT FRAZIER, GEORGE BINEBRAKE, MORRIS SAMUEL CLARK

ATLANTA: [redacted]

BIRMINGHAM: [redacted]

LOS ANGELES: [redacted] TED AHEARN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

There are enclosed original and one copy of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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Ray's Pre-Trial Publicity

THE question of who and what are covered by the pre-trial publicity ban of the judge in the James Earl Ray case comes up again with publication of a magazine article today.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle has held four men in contempt of court. One is Ray's attorney, another a private detective, and two are Memphis newsmen. A fifth man, with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, might have to show cause why he should not be included under the publicity ban if he comes to Memphis to testify.

There is now the question about what effect the court edict has on author William Bradford Huie, whose first in a series of "inside" articles on Ray's life and times is published today in Look magazine.

Huie is paying Ray for information. Ray's attorney is the courier for the questions and answers.

Today's first installment makes several flat statements as to what Ray did or did not do in the year or so before the murder of Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis. Writer Huie spends a good part of his prose on character analysis, based on interviews with people who had known Ray, some of them named and some anonymous.

Nothing in the article relates directly to Memphis events or to the King slaying, but the fact remains that much of what is printed amounts to direct quotations from Ray — something which no working newsman has been permitted to obtain.

We find it interesting that a free-lance writer willing to pay Ray for "telling his story" can find his way to individuals who say they have never heard from the FBI, and that he can publish what amounts to a personal interview with the accused when newsmen are chastised for speaking to Ray's attorney or any law-enforcement officers with knowledge of the case.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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___ The Commercial Appeal

___ Memphis, Tenn.

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Date: 10-29-68
Edition: Final
Author:
Editor: Frank R. Ahlgren
Title:

Character:
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Classification: 44-1987
Submitting Office: Memphis

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Huie Article On Possible Conspiracy Is Published By Look Magazine

By CHARLES THORNTON

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle yesterday ordered witnesses in the James Earl Ray murder case not to read, listen to or watch news accounts of the case, beginning when testimony starts in the trial.

Meanwhile, despite Judge Battle's order to control pretrial publicity, a national magazine, Look, presented yet another version of a possible conspiracy to kill Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The possibility of a conspiracy has been tossed about by publications in this country and Europe since The Commercial Appeal disclosed a supposed police chase minutes after the slaying, between a white Mustang and a blue Pontiac may have been a hoax.

In the Look first-of-a-series titled "The Plot to Assassinate Martin Luther King," author William Bradford Huie says Ray wrote in notes to him from his Shelby County Jail cell that he was tempted out of a Canadian hideout before the killing by a $12,000 offer to make a mystery mission to Birmingham.

Neither Mr. Huie nor Look is known to be within the court's jurisdiction and may not be until the Ray trial opens, if then. Judge Battle's authority stops at the Shelby County line.

In the sequestering order, Judge Battle, who will preside over the trial, said:

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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___ The Commercial Appeal

___ Memphis, Tenn.

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"No witness subpenaed in the case shall read newspaper articles about the case, watch television programs about the case nor listen to radio broadcasts about the case from the beginning of taking of testimony in the case and until he has been excused by the court. This provision shall not apply to the defendant, personally."

The court order does not mention magazines or books.

Judge Battle last night said "five or six" witnesses have been subpenaed. One witness subpenaed is Gregory Jaynes, a reporter for The Commercial Appeal.

"I haven't seen the magazine article but I doubt I would comment on it in any case," said Judge Battle, last night. Members of Judge Battle's friend-of-the-court committee to investigate pretrial publicity, also declined comment.

"I don't think the committee should comment except in open court," said Leo Bearman Jr., one of the seven lawyers on the panel.

Lucius Burch, who has spoken for the committee in court during contempt hearings against reporters and attorneys, was in Nashville and could not be reached.

Mr. Huie, who says he is Ray's biographer, has not seen Ray personally but has submitted written questions to him through his attorney, Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham. Mr. Huie resides in Hartselle, Ala.

In the article, Mr. Huie says Ray told him the money offer came in a Montreal waterfront cafe from "a man whom Ray

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calls Raoul and describes to me as being a blond Latin about 35, and whom Ray took to be a seaman."

Mr. Huie said Ray made contact with Raoul by making it known in bars that he was in trouble in the United States and needed money.

He said Ray talked with Raoul about six times in the Neptune Tavern in Montreal, and Raoul's proposition boiled down to this:

Ray would meet Raoul in a railroad station at Windsor, Canada, on Aug. 21, 1967, at 3 p.m., and prepare to make several trips across the border from Windsor to Detroit, carrying packages with unspecified contents in an old red Plymouth Ray was driving.

Ray would then sell the Plymouth and go by train or bus to Birmingham where he would lie low, take no risks, pull no holdups, accumulate "a little ID (identification)" and wait for instructions by general delivery mail.

Raoul, Mr. Huie said, would pay Ray's living expenses and then come to Birmingham and buy Ray a "suitable car." After a few weeks or months, and after a little "joint activity," Raoul would pay Ray $12,000, give him a passport and "other ID" and help him go "anywhere in the world."

Another part of the proposition was that Ray would ask no questions, and Ray reportedly told Mr. Huie, "Everytime I tried to ask Raoul a question, he told me straight to remember that he wasn't paying me to ask questions."

Mr. Huie wrote that Raoul did, however, reveal to Ray that he (Raoul) had spent some time in New Orleans. He reportedly gave Ray a New Orleans telephone number.

Ray, Mr. Huie said, was wary of returning to the United States where he might be caught and returned to Missouri State Penitentiary from which he escaped in April, 1967.

Well, I didn't know what to do." I took Raoul's proposition, I had to go back to the States and risk the Missouri Pen again. I didn't want to do that. I had sworn I'd never go back. But I was running out of capital again and I didn't want to risk another holdup in Canada," Ray was quoted by Mr. Huie.

Ray said he agreed to meet Raoul in Birmingham after he decided against using a pretty Canadian government worker, with whom he had become intimate, to get a fradulent passport. Ray said the decision to meet Raoul was based on fear that the woman would turn him in if he told her the truth about himself.

The woman reportedly said Ray had written her last March from the States but she tore the letters up after she learned who he was. She said she hoped no one would ever find out she knew him.

The article purports to explain how Ray escaped from the Missouri Penitentiary and how he later chose the name Eric S. Galt. Ray is quoted as admitting he tried for and got a bad conduct dsicharge from the Army because he didn't like the infantry.

He began a life of crime, it says, which was sharply curtailed in 1960 when he was sentenced to 20 years in prison for an armed robbery of a St. Louis Kroger grocery that netted him $120.

Warden Harold Swenson has said Ray escaped by hiding in a bread box but Mr. Huie lets Ray correct the warden by claiming he escaped by going over the 23-foot wall.

The name Galt, Mr. Huie wrote, was chosen by luck and not because there is a real Eric S. Galt living in Canada, although there is. Mr. Huie said Ray told him he chose the name after seeing the name on a road sign. Eric was chosen because he wanted an uncommon first name.

The article ends in typical fashion of a first-parter with

the reader wondering about the mission to Birmingham.

Although Mr. Huie refers to "the plot to murder Dr. King," he does not establish any plot to do so. The accused man is never quoted mentioning Dr. King by name.

The only direct hint of conspiracy is Mr. Huie's quoting Ray as saying that Raoul offered $12,000, among other things, after a little "joint activity," seeming to indicate that the undisclosed mission would involve someone besides Ray.

There have been widely circulated reports that the key defense strategy will be that Ray was only "a decoy" sent to the scene to drop the deer rifle and lead police on a wild chase while the real killer escaped. This would permit the defense to concede the accuracy of expected FBI testimony tending to place Ray at the scene of the crime.

Mr. Hanes has publicity contended a Communist conspiracy is involved.

Meanwhile, The Commercial Appeal-Chicago Daily News Service reported Mr. Huie, appearing on a television talk show in Chicago, predicted a second arrest in the murder case within two weeks. "It wouldn't surprise me if there were another arrest before the trial begins."

As the trial approaches, Shelby County officials are gearing for the onslaught by the world press. Charles Holmes, information officer at Memphis State University, began full-time work yesterday to handle news releases for the sheriff's department.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Judge Declines Comment On New Ray Story

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle today declined comment on a national magazine story suggesting James Earl Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, was approached to participate in a mysterious international conspiracy.

Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for Ray, and Lucious Burch, Memphis attorney who frequently has been spokesman for the Memphis-Shelby Bar Association committee which recommended Judge Battle's ban on pre-trial "publicity," said they had not read the story and also had no comment.

The article, by William Bradford Huie, Alabama author, is published in the Nov. 12 issue of Look Magazine. A spokesman for the magazine in New York said details of the copyrighted story were not available for the press until 6 p.m. today.

Burch said that he was sure that if there were anything in the article that violated the court's order on "publicity," the bar committee would meet and go into it.

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___ Memphis Press-Scimitar

___ Memphis, Tenn.

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ENCLOSURE

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Fingerprint Expert Ordered To Appear in Contempt Case

An FBI fingerprint expert has been ordered to appear Dec. 6 before Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle to show cause why he should not be held in contempt in connection with the court's order against pre-trial publicity in the James Earl Ray case.

Battle issued the order yesterday on a contempt petition brought against FBI agent George Bonebrake, by the court's seven-lawyer advisory committee.

In issuing the order, Battle said he did not set a hearing in advance of Ray's trial, scheduled to begin Nov. 12, because the earliest date he could hear the matter would be Nov. 1, just 11 days before the trial.

RULING

"The reason for orders on publicity and hearings on their alleged violations is to deter prejudicial publicity from infecting the community from which the jury must be drawn," Battle wrote. "In the nature of things, hearings on alleged violations of publicity orders result in pervasive dissemination of prejudicial publicity and are, to that extent, self defeating."

The bar association committee cited a story appearing Sept. 12 in the Wichita, Kan., Beacon in which Bonebrake was quoted as saying fingerprints taken of Ray in London matched "latent prints" taken by police in Memphis shortly after Dr. Martin Luther King was slain.

PUBLICATION

The story was picked up earlier this month by The Press Scimitar and the Commercial Appeal. It also prompted Arthur J. Hanes, Ray's attorney, to blast the court's injunction as unfair to the defense and the committee was called "Harper Valley P-TA hyprocrites."

Hanes, along with a private investigator, Renfro Hays, and two reporters, Roy Hamilton of the Press Scimitar and Charles Edmundson, of the Commercial Appeal, had been held in contempt earlier by the judge in connection with other stories. Battle did not pass sentence, however, stating he wanted to hold the case under consideration until after the trial. The two newspapers have taken steps to appeal his ruling as it affects coverage of the news.

A copy of the judge's latest order is being forwarded to Bonebrake's boss, U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark in Washington. It asks that Bonebrake submit himself voluntarily to the court's jurisdiction.

Battle's anti publicity injunction prohibits out of court comments on the Ray case by all those with official connections in the case, including attorneys, investigators and witnesses.

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Memphis Press-Scimitar

Memphis, Tenn.

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ENCLOSURE

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FBI Tries To Tag Voices In Ray Case

By ART PETACQUE
The Commercial Appeal-Chicago Daily News Service

CHICAGO, Oct. 24. — The United States Justice Department is using tape recordings of voices of James Earl Ray's acquaintances to determine whether they contacted him by telephone or other means while he worked at a Winnetka, Ill., restaurant or elsewhere, it was learned Thursday.

The disclosure came from Harvey Klingeman, who for 35 years has operated Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, a Chicago suburb. Ray, accused of murdering the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., worked at the restaurant in 1967.

Klingeman's wife was asked about phone calls made to the restaurant for Ray during the May 3—June 24, 1967, period, when he worked as a dishwasher and kitchen helper, Klingeman said.

Mrs. Klingeman also was asked about persons who went to the back door of the restaurant, while Ray was working, and waited to talk to him outside, the restaurateur said.

Klingeman said that because of the time that had elapsed his wife wasn't able to be of much help to the Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who interrogated her.

At the time Ray worked at the restaurant, he was a fugitive from justice because of his escape from the Missouri State Prison.

He was living in Chicago and commuting most of the way to Winnetka by the Chicago Transit Authority elevated system, Klingeman said.

Klingeman said FBI agents did not disclose the identity of the voices on the tapes. He speculated, however, that they were those of relatives or others who might have been involved with him at some time prior to the murder of Dr. King in Memphis April 4.

Klingeman said visitors interrupted Ray at work on at least two occasions that he could recall. He did not see the callers, Klingeman reported, adding that none of the current employes did either.

The whereabouts of Ray during this time in his life came to light when William Bradford Huie, an author Ray hired to write his life story, went to the restaurant last August to interrogate the Klingemans about the employe they knew as John L. Rayns.

After that visit, the Klingemans went to the Winnetka police and told them of the writer's visit.

One of the reasons given by Huie in pursuing the restaurant period in Ray's life was his desire to knock down stories that linked him with prostitutes and cast a bad light on his habits.

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— The Commercial Appeal

— Memphis, Tenn.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 11/5/68

: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Kansas City letter to the Bureau, dated 8/14/68.

On 8/27/68, MELVIN LEMONS, Secretary to the Director, Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, advised inmate [redacted] was transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., 7/19/67. He has requested his file be returned here for review.

On 8/31/68, AXIE POWELL, Deputy U. S. Court Clerk, Springfield, Missouri, advised she recalled [redacted] did have a hearing in U. S. District Court before the Honorable ELMO B. HUNTER, but this would be on file in Kansas City, Missouri.

On 9/20/68, the file pertaining to [redacted] revealed the attorney to be [redacted] Springfield, Missouri and the officer involved as [redacted]

On 10/2/68, [redacted] advised he recalled the hearing involving discrimination at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, Springfield, Missouri, and that he represented [redacted] He did interview some of the witnesses for [redacted] but at no time was there ever any conversation about MARTIN LUTHER KING. The entire proceeding was limited exclusively to alleged discriminatory practices at the prison. He never asked [redacted] or any other witness if he had heard a guard say he was a member of a group which would pay to have MARTIN LUTHER KING killed. KING's name never came up during the entire proceedings.

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Several attempts were made to interview [redacted] with negative results. He has been working the Midnight to 8:00 AM shift at the prison.

On 10/28/68, [redacted] stated he has no information regarding any group that would pay to kill MARTIN LUTHER KING. He denied he ever made the statement, "I know how to take care of colored people". He has never shown any racial basis in his treatment of inmates and in fact, he was an admirer of KING. He never heard of the Cooley organization. He did appear in U. S. District Court, Springfield, Missouri some time ago to answer charges made by [redacted] hat he was discriminating against Negro inmates. He denied all of the accusations made by [redacted] He never heard the name of MARTIN LUTHER KING mentioned by anyone at this hearing since the testimony was limited to the alleged discriminatory practices at the prison.

November 7, 1968

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

REC 5

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5332

MURKIN

Re Memphis airtel to the Bureau 10-30-68.

The Deputy Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice, has given the Bureau authority to respond to the request of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, concerning the search of Bureau files to determine whether any of the persons on the venire from which jurors will be chosen have or have not associations with the Ku Klux Klan or other hate-groups.

You will, therefore, immediately search your respective files and provide the appropriate information to Mr. Canale in true blind memorandum form (unwatermarked plain bond). You should submit a copy of this memorandum to the Bureau.

7552 A review of the Bureau files concerning the names of respective jurors disclosed the following

[redacted] Your attention is called to San Diego teletype to Bureau, copy to Memphis file 44-1987, dated 6-11-68, re MURKIN, which refers to one [redacted]

[redacted] See Knoxville report, SA [redacted] dated 12-2-65, "United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Racial Matters," cc designated for Memphis file 105-38. This report, on page four, lists one [redacted] as an officer of Klavern #3.

Enclosures (66)

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SEE NOTE PAGE THREE

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Airtel to Memphis
RE: MURKIN

[redacted] See Memphis file 44-2034 in which matter [redacted] was the complainant.

[redacted] See Charlotte report; SA [redacted] dated 12-4-58, "U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated (North Carolina); Internal Security - Klan," copy of which was designated Memphis file 105-381. Page 23 of this report identifies one [redacted] as an officer of Klavern #2, Lexington, North Carolina.

[redacted] see your file 91-798 re [redacted]

[redacted] By letter, 9-25-68, Knoxville in letter captioned "Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., aka., IS - Klan," furnished list of members of this organization received from [redacted] Included on list was name of [redacted] not further identified.

[redacted] See Memphis file 43-190 re [redacted]

Based on the extremely limited identifying data furnished, no record or identifiable information was found listed on the jury panel with the exception of the above, which may pertain to these jury members.

For your further assistance two copies each of 33 individual identification records are enclosed.

No assurance whatever can be made that the above material pertains to any of the members of the jury panel due to the fact that the only identifying data furnished were the names and addresses. Many of the names on the panel list are extremely common names; and in such instances, it was necessary to limit the search of indices to the Tennessee area. (This paragraph should be included in the blind memorandum given to Mr. Canale.)

NOTE:

See Departmental memorandum of Stephen J. Pollak, AAG, to the Bureau dated 11-4-68, captioned, "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr." Memphis is being furnished with results of Bureau indices search and search of identification records for their assistance, as well as instructions regarding dissemination of this information. Information regarding our indices search and instructions to Memphis to proceed with their indices search given to Memphis by telephone on 11-6-68.

November 6, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Office of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, previously requested the Bureau to search its files to ascertain whether or not any information of an aggravating nature exists on approximately 100 names from which the jury will be selected on the state trial of James Earl Ray on 11-12-68, at Memphis.

In view of fact that this involved a partial jury panel investigation and written authorization must be obtained from the Deputy Attorney General before a request such as this is honored, we directed a letter to the Deputy Attorney General.

The attached is in response to our letter, and Memphis is being advised accordingly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: November 4, 1968

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SJP:eb
D.J. 144-72-662

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Deputy Attorney General has asked me to respond to your memorandum of November 1, 1968, in respect to the above referenced matter.

You are hereby authorized to respond to the request of the office of Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., that the Bureau search its files to determine whether any of the persons on the venire from which jurors will be chosen have or have had associations with the Ku Klux Klan or other hate groups.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

William Bradford Huie, author, has written an article for "Look" magazine and this article appeared in the November 12, 1968, issue circulated in the United States on October 29, 1968. Included in this article is an account of a deal concerning a "joint activity" (not fully described or identified) with an individual by the name of "Raoul" wherein Ray was to transport packages between the United States and Canada. The article also includes an account of Ray robbing a house of prostitution in Montreal, Canada.

Legat, Ottawa, should request the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) at Montreal, Canada, to make appropriate inquiry on information pertaining to "Raoul's" and Ray's alleged "joint activity" and the alleged holdup by Ray of the house of prostitution. Legat may desire to review this entire article for background information and for making suggestions to the RCMP.

Two copies of this article enclosed.

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1 - SAC, Memphis (44-1937)

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared with SA Graham Day)

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum 10-31-68, captioned, "Murkin."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 31, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Bradford Huie, author, has written an article, based upon notes of James Earl Ray for "Look" magazine. The article appears in the November 12, 1968, issue; this issue circulated October 29, 1968. The items essentially discussed in this article are: background of Ray including his incarceration at Missouri State Penitentiary (MSP) and his assignment with the U. S. Army in Germany, method of escape from MSP; employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant, Winnetka, Illinois; a partial account of his activities in Montreal, Canada, including consorting with a female employee of the Canadian Government; deal concerning a "joint activity" (not fully described or identified) with an individual by the name of "Raoul," wherein Ray was to transport packages (not further described) between the United States and Canada, however, the possibility exists that the packages could contain contraband, such as narcotics. No specific information in article of a conspiracy, however, inference is given by the author that a conspiracy exists; and an account of Ray robbing a house of prostitution in Montreal. We have been aware of all the information appearing in this article, with the exception of that pertaining to "Raoul" and Ray's alleged holdup of the house of prostitution in Montreal, Canada.

ACTION:

We are requesting the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, through Legat, Ottawa to make appropriate inquiry on the information pertaining to "Raoul" and Ray's alleged holdup of the house of prostitution, which had not been previously brought to our attention.

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DETAILS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Bradford Huie, author, whose books include, "Three Lives for Mississippi" dealing with murder of the three civil rights workers in June of 1964, previously advised us that he entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of King. Huie has been provided with notes from James Earl Ray, through Ray's attorney Arthur B. Hanes, Sr., Birmingham, Alabama.

Huie has written an article based upon the notes of James Earl Ray, for "Look" magazine. This article appears in the November 12, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine and this issue has reached the newsstands for circulation on October 29, 1968.

The items essentially discussed in this article are as follows;

1. Background of James Earl Ray concerning different phases of his incarceration at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Missouri, and his service in the U. S. Army including assignment at Bremerhaven, Germany.

We are aware of this information, in fact it has been established that Ray contracted a venereal disease during his assignment with the military in Germany.

2. Method of escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967, which indicates that he scaled the wall and walked out to the street.

The official version from the records of the Missouri State Penitentiary indicates that he effected his escape by hiding in a bread truck. The unofficial version is that Ray did scale the wall and walked out onto the street. We again were aware of the two stories concerning his escape.

DETAILS - CONTINUED

3. Ray was employed by the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, during May and June of 1967.

The owners of this restaurant previously gave us the entire account of his employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant and we, of course, ran out all leads concerning the information they provided to us. Prior to being interviewed, they were contacted by Huie. Nothing of significance was developed out of this information.

4. A partial account of Ray's activities in July and August, 1967, in Montreal, Canada, including consorting with a female employee of the Canadian Government.

We, of course, were aware of some of the activities of Ray while he was in Montreal during this period of time. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) provided Legat, Ottawa with this new information on October 25, 1968, based upon an interview with the female employee of the Canadian Government. They are presently endeavoring to confirm all the facts of the information related by her and, of course, we will be kept advised.

5. The article contains an account of an individual by the name of "Raoul." This individual and Ray, according to the article were endeavoring to make some type of deal concerning a "joint activity" for which "Raoul" would pay Ray $12,000. The specific nature of the "joint activity" is not fully described or identified, but Ray was to transport packages (not further described) between the United States and Canada. The possibility exists that the packages could contain contraband, such as narcotics. No mention is made here of "Raoul" providing Ray with funds which would implicate "Raoul" in a conspiracy in the King assassination, however, Huie infers that a conspiracy exists.

This information is new to us and the article is very sketchy. We are requesting the RCMP to make inquiry concerning this.

6. The article states that Ray robbed a house of prostitution in Montreal, Canada, in the amount of $800.

We are also requesting the RCMP to provide us with any information relative to this.

The article generally gives the impression that Ray did not like to consort with prostitutes or women generally.

We know of several instances in which he consorted with prostitutes of the "street type" character.

We have been aware of all the information appearing in this article, with the exception of that pertaining to "Raoul" and Ray's alleged holdup of the house of prostitution in Montreal, Canada. We are requesting the RCMP to conduct appropriate inquiries concerning these matters.

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and Information Services

October 25, 1968

Public Information Officer
Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Constitution Avenue & 10th
Street, Northwest
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

An advance copy is enclosed of Look's forthcoming article, "The Story of James Earl Ray and the Assassination of Martin Luther King." This will appear in the November 12 issue -- out Tuesday, October 29.

Sincerely,

Leonard Rubin

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Enc.

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CAUTION

Release date is 6 P. M., E. S. T.
M[illegible]day, October 28, 19[illegible]
Direct quotes from this article
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The Story of James Earl Ray and the Plot to Assassinate

"I HAD BEEN IN TROUBLE ALL

William Bradford Huie is the author of 16 books, including *The Execution of Private Slovik*, *The Revolt of Mamie Stover*, *The Americanization of Emily*, *The Klansman* and *Three Lives for Mississippi*. *Time* magazine has called him an "aggressive, blunt-spoken reporter" with "a fierce persistence and an equally intense passion for the underdog." In his introduction to *Three Lives for Mississippi*, Martin Luther King, Jr., wrote: "William Bradford Huie writes as a reporter but also as an impassioned man. He writes with clinical detail but not with detachment. And above all, he writes of evil in the South as an eighth generation Southerner.... Mr. Huie recognizes that the unholy alliance of violence and 'Southern justice' indicts not only murderers but the larger society that shelters them." LOOK here presents Huie's extraordinary account of the life of James Earl Ray, based upon Ray's own revelations to Huie and Huie's retracing of Ray's erratic journey that led to a fateful trip south.



***The motel room** occupied by Martin Luther King and the balcony on which he was standing when he was shot have been converted into a shrine. (The balcony is now enclosed.) This photograph was taken from the room from which the shot was fired.*



***After Scotland Yard** turned Ray over to the FBI at Lakenheath Air Base, north of London, the FBI dressed him in a leather girdle and bulletproof shirt and trousers, with his hands manacled to the girdle. This was the last photograph taken of Ray before his trial.*

Martin Luther King By William Bradford Huie

MY LIFE, IN JAIL MOST OF IT"

FROM HIS JAIL CELL in Memphis, Tenn., the accused assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr., writes to me:

In April, 1967, I had been in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City for seven years. During these years my brother Jerry or my brother John visited me on the average of once every eight months, depending on which one of them was out of jail and could come. They were my only visitors. I've never been close to marrying. No woman has ever thought much of me. I was thirty-nine, and I had been in trouble all my life, in jail most of it. But in all my crimes I was proud that I had never hurt anybody. I had never molested any child or pistol-whipped any victim I held up.

In prison I worked in the kitchen. During yard-time I sometimes gambled. I read detective books and True and Argosy and books about how to change yourself and get along. But mostly I studied how to break out and how to get capital and I.D. [identifying cards or documents] after I broke out.

On April 23 [1967] I was ready to try again to break out. I had nothing to lose since eighteen more years were hanging over me and I had nobody on the outside and no "good behavior" on the inside working for me. I thought I "behaved" all right in prison. I did my work, was quiet and clean, and didn't fight or disturb anybody. I didn't even snore or jerk or holler in my sleep. I don't smoke, so I sold my "commissary" to other prisoners and accumulated cash in my shoes. But I was always trying to break out, and that's marked down as "bad behavior" and adds to your sentence. As long as you keep trying to break out you can never get out legally, no matter how short your original sentence was. I had already tried to break out three times and failed; I was awaiting trial for attempted escape; I had just got out of isolation for the last attempt; and the warden had sent me word what to expect if I was caught trying again. So this time I had to get out! Then I had to use a little self-discipline and not get caught after I got out.

JAMES EARL RAY writes to me because, after his arrest in London, I contracted with him to tell me what he knows. Through his lawyers, I paid him for his promised help. He began by answering my written questions orally and warily to his lawyers. Then he switched to answering in writing. Each week, he seems to write with less effort at deception. If, in time, he tells me all he knows, and helps me find it is true, I'll be satisfied.

What you read here was written by me in September to be published on the eve of Ray's trial in November. It's a pretrial installment of the story. It is written before Ray has been allowed to talk with me, and while his lawyers are trying to obtain such permission for him.

In quoting Ray, I have in spots improved his grammar and spelling. But he expresses himself clearly. His handwriting is easier to read than mine. He has a table in his cell at which, under perpetual light and watched by perpetual television and human eyes, he works at writing, employing a dictionary he asked me for.

Born in 1928 in dirt-floor poverty in southwest Illinois, he was a miserable, hungry, defiant youth, embarrassed by his ignorance, his appearance and his odor. He dropped out of high school and enlisted in the Army in 1946, a month before his eighteenth birthday. He says:

Sure I was expelled from the Army. They put me in the Military Police for two years and I got along fine. I liked to ride around on patrol in Bremerhaven [Germany] and keep order. But when they transferred me to the infantry, I wanted out. Who wants to be in the infantry? The only way I could get out was to buck for a bad conduct discharge. That's what I did and I succeeded.

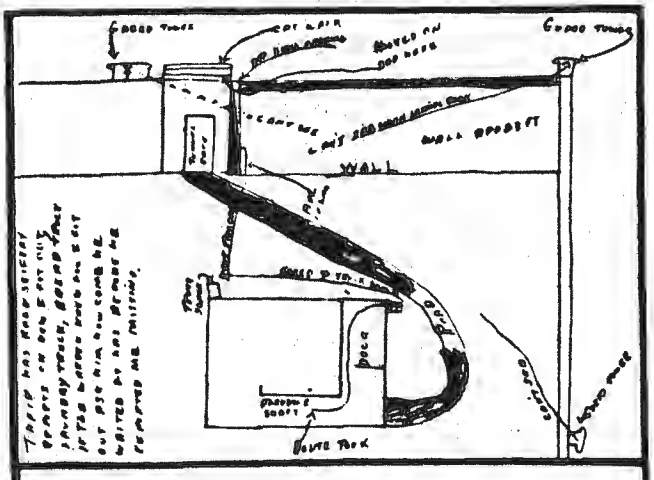
Out of school and out of the Army, Ray began his in-and-out prison career with a two-bit robbery in Los Angeles in 1949. Then, as did Caryl Chessman and others, he educated himself in prison. The book he values most, and quotes often to me, is *Psycho-Cybernetics* by Maxwell Maltz, a plastic surgeon. The publishers say this book will "help you escape life's dull, monotonous routine—make you look younger, feel healthier, and be more successful!" The author says when you change a man's face, you change his future, and when you change his physical image, you change his personality and behavior.

Ray continues his story of his escape at Jefferson City:

April 23rd [1967] was a Sunday. I was working the 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. shift in the bread slicing room, so I was allowed to eat in the kitchen. When I came for breakfast at 8 a.m. I brought with me in a sack 20 candy bars, a comb, a razor and blades, a piece of mirror, soap, and a transistor radio. The sack attracted no attention: kitchen personnel are allowed to shower and shave in a bathroom in the kitchen. I ate a good breakfast of about 6 eggs since I knew this might be my last meal for a while. Then I went to the bread room where I had hidden a white shirt and a pair of standard green prison pants that I had dyed black with stencil ink. I put these on, then I put my green prison pants and green shirt on top of them. I transferred the items in the sack to my pockets, then stuffed the sack under my shirts. I went down the elevator to the ground floor and out onto the loading dock.

In the kitchen cooks use a 4-foot-long hook to pull pans around. I had one of these hooks in my hand. I stood there on the dock watching the guard on the tower. I had studied his actions. They all act different. Some of them doze, but they must call in every 15 minutes. So if you take any action you must do it right after you see them call in. I watched this guard call in, saw his head drop, then I ran the 75 feet to the wall.

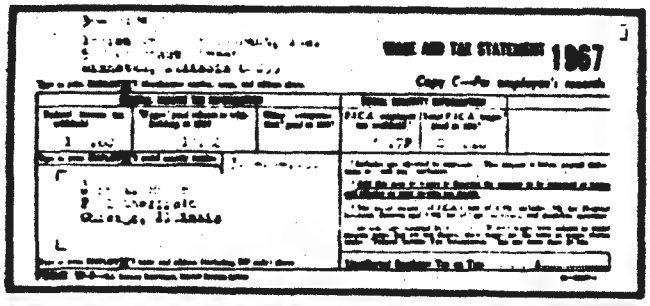
The wall is 23 feet high, but there is a truck tunnel through it, and



Ray drew this diagram of his escape from prison for Huie. The warden disputes Ray's account. On his drawing, Ray wrote (above): "Their has been severay reports on how I got out, laundry truck, bread truck If the warden knew how I got out ask him how come he waited 24 hrs. before he reported me missing."

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WAGE AND TAX STATEMENT 1967

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Mrs. Gertrude Struvé Paulus, who worked with Ray at the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Ill., remembers joking with him about girls. Huie says: She saw "a gentleness" in the man she knew as John Rayns. Above is one of the tax-withholding statements for "Rayns."



Mrs. Clara Struvé Klingeman, owner of the restaurant, at the steam table where Ray worked for eight weeks. She told Huie: "Of course I remember John. Such a nice man. . . . We so regretted to see him go. . . . His story saddens me terribly—such a waste of life!"

where the wall meets the tunnel there is a water pipe that runs up about 6 feet. I got on top of the elbow of this water pipe, and with that hook, using some cracks and crevices, I got to the top, then swung down and dropped.

I had accumulated about $300 in prison which I had in my shoes, along with a social security number. [Not a card, only the number of a card issued to him as John L. Rayns about 1951. In 1944, a card was issued to him as James Earl Ray.] I ran around the wall, across the railroad tracks, and along the river [Missouri] until I was out of sight of the tower guards. Then I took off my prison clothes and hid the green pants but kept the green shirt so I could wear it at night when it was cold. I put the shirt and other articles in the sack. I went down the track to a railroad bridge under which I hid out for the day, listening to the radio for the announcement of my escape. I didn't hear anything, and I found out later that the warden didn't report me missing because he thought I was hiding inside the prison.

I had traveled east from the prison, toward St. Louis, but I knew the police would think I would go there [he was born near East St. Louis], so when it was dark I crossed the bridge and headed back the other way toward Kansas City. I walked all that night, except for short rests to eat candy bars. It was a little cold, but I wasn't complaining.

Ray likes to draw diagrams, showing me the location of motels, bars, rooming houses, or where he was standing or running at dramatic moments. So far, his diagrams have proved accurate. He even remembers whether a tree was an oak or a pine. So those who have called him stupid are mistaken. He doesn't look like a criminal, but he thinks like one. He looks like he belongs: he would go unnoticed in most any crowd. But he prefers not to belong. The only game that interests him is him against police. His impassive, easily forgotten face lights up only when he is told of FBI agents hotfooting down a false trail. He continues:

The 2nd day I hid and slept and listened to radio reports. Then I walked all night. I looked at the stars a lot. I hadn't seen them for quite a while. On the 3rd day I ran out of candy bars. I slept, and since the area is mostly bluffs, I could see a long way along the highway. Now and then I saw highway patrol cars, and naturally I figured they were after me. On the radio I heard the report that I had escaped.

While walking at night, when I approached a house along the railroad track that had strong lights that lighted the track, I had to detour, over rough ground and through creeks. This was causing my feet to swell, and I began having trouble getting my shoes on if I took them off. On the 3rd night I found a trailer sitting by the river. I broke in and took half a bottle of wine and some food. Also a blanket and some pants as it was cold. Then I found a place in the woods and got comfortable. I ate, and drank the wine, and covered up with the blanket, and when I woke up it was raining on me. The wine must have got me. I got up and walked the rest of the night.

The 4th day I slept and watched, but I couldn't risk taking my shoes off because I'd never get them back on. The 4th night I walked, but on those feet I couldn't walk far.

By daylight on the 5th day it was raining. I decided to build a fire. I had got some matches out of the trailer. I found a tunnel about 4

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feet high under the railroad, and I got in there and built a fire. When the fire was going good, I heard a motor. I stomped the fire out, but too late. Two railroad workers got off a motor car and came down to check on the smoke. I told them I had been hunting and got wet and started the fire to dry out. They said okay and left. They were the first humans I had spoken to since my escape. I stayed there the rest of the day, trying to help my feet, but I couldn't even rub them since I couldn't take my shoes off.

The 5th night I hobbled on. I had plenty of water to drink because there were many springs along the track, and I could hear them running. Just before daylight I saw the lights of a town big enough to risk going into. So I hid, and waited all the 6th day, and tried to clean up the best I could. I decided the heat must be off by now. So when night came I walked into the town, bought two cans of beer and some sandwiches, and went back to the railroad. Later that night I caught a train back to St. Louis. There I bought some over-sized shoes and a jacket. I took a cab to East St. Louis where I called a friend who drove me to Edwardsville, where I caught the bus for Chicago.

SIXTEEN MONTHS LATER, on August 21, 1968, I flew to Chicago to see if Ray was telling me the truth about the date of his arrival there after his escape. In a rented car, I drove down Diversey Parkway to North Sheffield Avenue, using a Ray diagram. I found the red-brick house he described: 2731 North Sheffield, a two-story-plus-basement rooming house.

I told the managers, Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly, that I was looking for a man who disappeared after being in the Army, a man named John Rayns, who might have stayed in their house late in April or early in May, 1967. Mr. Donnelly produced his book, and there it was, in Ray's handwriting: *John Larry Rayns 4-30-67.*

"I remember him," Mrs. Donnelly said. "He had foot trouble when he came here. He stayed in the back basement room. A nice, quiet fellow, neat and clean. He paid $14 a week for his room, and he always paid promptly. He was tidy and careful about his garbage. He stayed here six or eight weeks, got mail several times; and when he left, he said he had to go to Canada on business. I sure hope nothing has happened to him."

I didn't tell Mrs. Donnelly what had happened to the nice, quiet fellow named John Rayns. When she reads this, she'll know.

On May 3, 1967, John Larry Rayns read this advertisement in the Male Help Wanted section of the Chicago *Tribune*:

> Kitchen man and dishwasher. 6-day wk. $94.
> For north suburban restaurant. Call Indian
> Trail at HI 6-1703.

Ray got this job, and thereby caused me to meet and astonish three fine, friendly people. It happened this way:

Winnetka, Ill., on Lake Michigan, 18 miles north of the Chicago Loop, is an incorporated village of 13,500 affluent white people. It's a fashionable suburb just north of Evanston and Northwestern University. One of Winnetka's sound institutions is the Indian Trail Restaurant, in a white, single-story, brick building across from the post office. The restaurant is the creation of two sisters, Clara and Elly Struvé, together with Clara's husband, Harvey Klingeman, who is Pennsylvania Dutch and a Rotarian. For 34 years, the Indian Trail has been a favored place for suburban families to lunch and dine in one of its three art-filled rooms. Some of the 78 employees have worked there since 1934, when the Klingemans and Elly Struvé rescued the restaurant from its third Depression failure.

The Klingeman family is the American success story. Industry, efficiency, responsibility, devotion, thrift, accumulation, humanitarianism. Hardworking parents whose four sons and one daughter all have attended college and lead comfortable, rewarding lives. The oldest son, a Ph.D., teaches at Oregon State at Corvallis, Ore. The middle son is a reserve marine and is a senior at Michigan State University. Clara Struvé Klingeman was born in Haifa, where her father was the U.S. consul. The family belonged to a Quaker-like sect, the Temple Society; and Mrs. Klingeman today is a Congregationalist, a serene, white-haired, kind-eyed woman who radiates belief in the essential goodness of every human being.

About 9:30 a.m., August 21, 1968, I walked into the Indian Trail. The door was open, but there were no customers since there is no service until lunchtime. I went into the busy kitchen and found Mrs. Klingeman giving instructions. She took me for a salesman and invited me to join her for coffee and Danish pastry. I told her I was a writer from Alabama, and I wondered if she remembered an employee named John Rayns.

"Of course I remember John," she smiled. "Such a nice man. He was here for two or three months, and we so regretted to see him go. He came here as a dishwasher. But during his first week, we saw that he could be more than a dishwasher. So we promoted him to the steam table and raised his wages. He was quiet, neat, efficient and so dependable. He was never late a minute, though he had to ride the buses for perhaps fifteen miles each way. I felt sorry for him when he arrived here. He had been on a hunting trip, and his feet were sore. My sister got one of those long bandages from the hospital and showed him how to bind his feet, and he seemed so appreciative. I hope he is well. We wrote him after he left and told him how much we valued him and how we'd always have a job waiting for him. Do you know where he is now?"

I hesitated, temporarily overwhelmed by the ironies. "Yes," I said. "I know where he is. But first tell me: Hasn't anyone been here recently asking you about John Rayns?"

"No," she said, her curiosity rising. "You are the only person who has asked me about him since he left."

"That surprises me almost as much as I am going to surprise you," I said. "Let's lower our voices. You see, John Rayns is really James Earl Ray, and he is in jail in Memphis, accused of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King."

I'll never forget the astonishment, followed quickly by anguish, in Mrs. Klingeman's eyes. For a long interval, she didn't speak. Then she asked: "Are you sure? It seems impossible. You mean he is the man we have read so much about? So cruel? So senseless? So shameful?"

I nodded, and she went on: "I don't know what to say. Dr. King spoke in Winnetka several years ago, and we went to hear him. He was such a good man. And I would have trusted John Rayns in my home to baby-sit with my grandchildren. It's frightening to learn that one can be so mistaken about people."

"Well," I said, "maybe you weren't so mistaken about the man you knew. Maybe he *was* reliable while he worked for you. He's prouder of his experience here than he is of anything else in his life. He urged me to 'learn about' him by talking first with you. You are the only employer who ever valued him and promoted him and paid him $117 a week."

The earning record of John L. Rayns, furnished me by Mrs. Klingeman, shows that he received eight weekly checks, from May 7 to June 25, 1967. The Social Security number is 318-24-7096. The W-2 form shows that his total taxable earnings were $813.66, with $112.60 withheld for Federal income tax, and $36.72 withheld for Social Security.

I lunched at the Indian Trail as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Klingeman. The sister who gave Ray the bandage was not Miss Elly Struvé, one of the three owners of the restaurant and who is now in poor health, but Mrs. Gertrude Struvé Paulus, who prepares salads in the kitchen. She worked near Ray and often talked with him.

"He would never initiate a conversation," Mrs. Paulus told me. "He seemed lonely and shy. But once I had asked him something, like how he felt, he would talk. We talked about Bremerhaven: He had been there in the Army, and I knew it years ago. And once or twice, I kidded him about the girls. But he didn't like it. He was not a man who liked the girls."

"No, he didn't," I said. "That's one of the published errors about him, about how he is always consorting with prostitutes. When he has sought the company of women, it has been only in the hope of getting their help in establishing an identity. When he came here, he had been in prison for seven years. Yet, in two months in Chicago, there is no evidence that he was once even close to a woman. Apparently, he has no sexual interest in women. He gets angry whenever I mention women to him."

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"Yes," said Mrs. Paulus, "I recognized that in him. He is not a man for the girls. During his last week, he said that he hated to leave here, but he had to go back to the boats in order to keep his seaman's license. That's the way he put it: He 'had to go back to the boats.' "

Of the 78 employees of the restaurant, about 22, normally, are Negroes, and there are usually five or six Filipinos. Several Negroes worked close to Ray, and with him, but no one remembers any indication that he disliked them.

One recollection seems important. For seven weeks at the restaurant, John Rayns received not a single telephone call. But during the week he left, he received "three or four pressing calls" that seemed to excite him.

The restaurant served lunch to about 550 people, mostly women, some of whom had to wait in line. Mrs. Klingeman was busy, so I didn't leave until after the last customer had left. Then Mrs. Klingeman said to me: "I have been wondering why I remember John Rayns so clearly. I have just gone through our records, where I saw the names of a dozen white men who worked for us for short periods a year or so ago, and I have no recollection of any of them. Yet when you mentioned John, I remembered him instantly. So there was something unique about him, and it must have been something good. His story saddens me terribly—such a waste of life! But you can say for me that whatever he is and whatever he has done, while he was here, we saw a little spark of dignity in John Rayns."

BACK IN MEMPHIS, I told Ray about my visit to the Indian Trail Restaurant and asked him why he quit his good job there. He replied: *Yes, I had a good job there, and I hated to quit. But you know why I had to quit. I had been there two months, and since I had used that name and social security number before, I thought the FBI would be on me if I risked another month there. I see now that I over-estimated them. After they run out of informers they lose their imagination.*

I accumulated a little capital there. I bought a 1960 Chrysler for $100. I saw it advertised in the Tribune, and I bought it from an individual, so I didn't need to show I.D. to get it, only money. With the car I got a car title and a temporary driver's license to use for I.D. This left me with $450. But I still had to have a name and some I.D. for that new name. I couldn't use Rayns much longer and I could never use Ray again.

What I needed was to get to Canada. While I was staying at the Donnellys in Chicago I wrote to the Canadian embassy for information on immigration. The reply was one of the letters the Donnellys say I got. In prison I studied about how a broker named Burell or Birell got a Canadian passport and escaped to South America.

(Lowell McAfee Birrell was indicted by Federal and New York County juries in several alleged multimillion-dollar stock swindles. The New York *Times* and other newspapers carried a story on September 4, 1959, explaining how Birrell, through a friend, obtained a Canadian passport with which he escaped to Brazil, which then had no extradition treaty with the United States. In its issue of February 27, 1962, LOOK published a picture story showing Birrell and two other "million-dollar fugitives" living luxuriously in Rio. An overline said: *Scot-free within Brazil's borders, the three are safe from extradition.* The LOOK story explained again how Birrell entered Brazil on a "false Canadian passport made out in the name of Lowell McAfee." Ray memorized Birrell's escape story, and it influenced his actions both before and after the murder of Dr. King.)

Normal citizens who are never in prison and who never become fugitives perhaps cannot understand the precarious position of a fugitive like Ray, without capital and without ID, in today's computerized society. What sort of job could you get, how much capital could you accumulate, if you suddenly found yourself alone in a large city, unable to disclose a previous address, unable to mention a former employer, unable to name one citizen who will say he knows you, and without a Social Security card, a birth certificate, or a driver's license, and unable to apply for any of them?

In the millions of words published about James Earl Ray, there has been the implication that he didn't want to work. Everyone has been told that Ray took a course in bartending in Los Angeles, was called adept by his teacher, then refused two offered jobs as a bartender. Ray believed that no employer in California could hire a bartender without first having him approved by the police. And Ray's name there was Eric S. Galt, a name for which he had no Social Security number and dared not try to obtain one. He took the bartending course not in the hope of working in California or anywhere in the United States but in the hope of working in Brazil if he could obtain a Canadian passport and reach Brazil.

In Los Angeles, Ray advertised in the *Times* for a job as a "culinary." He was offered three good jobs. But he had to run from them because those employers asked for references and his Social Security card. They were not as trusting as Mrs. Klingeman. Ray had not had a Social Security card, but he had remembered the number issued to him as John Rayns around 1951, and Mrs. Klingeman accepted it.

Ray has been ridiculed for his reported visits to lonely hearts clubs and for his advertising in lonely hearts magazines. The suggestion is that he sought cheap social and sexual comfort or that he planned to rob the women. It isn't true. Until Ray reached Canada on his second visit, on April 6, 1968, two days after the murder of Dr. King, he believed mistakenly that to obtain a Canadian passport, he had to have a Canadian citizen who would attest that he had known Ray, under some alias, for two years. So in going to lonely hearts clubs, Ray was seeking a woman he could cultivate who might have a relative in Canada who could be persuaded to lie for him. He advertised in a magazine only after being told that it had circulation in Canada; and Ray hoped that a lonely Canadian woman would respond to his notice, after which he would cultivate her by mail, then visit her and persuade her to be the friend through whom he obtained a Canadian passport.

In his cell in Memphis, nothing irritates Ray more than the suggestion that his interest in lonely hearts organizations was romantic, social or sexual. He says he was only a lone fugitive seeking ID.

As for his dancing, it must be remembered that Ray had never been outside the United States except in Army uniform. He had viewed the United States from cheap rooming houses, bars and jails. He imagined that in the Latin country he expected to live in, dancing would help him get along. So at each of the two dance studios he visited during 1967-68, he asked to be taught Latin dances. He was discouraged when instructors insisted that he must learn the simpler dances of the United States before attempting the conga, the tango, the samba or the meringue.

A lone fugitive in the United States today must move, and move often, or the computers will catch him. He can't earn a living. To get capital, even to live, he must steal or commit other crimes for which he is paid. Every hour, he is at the disposal of some more secure criminal who recognizes him and says: "I know you. Do as I tell you or you're back in the penitentiary." A criminal who belongs to an organized gang has support in obtaining capital and ID. But Ray was a loner.

Only by understanding the insecurity of a lone fugitive like Ray in today's complex society can anyone understand his involvement in the plot to murder Dr. King.

After Ray quit his job at the Indian Trail Restaurant, he decided to spend a few days in the area where he was born before leaving for Canada. He writes:

Except for the $450 and the old Chrysler I didn't have many possessions. Just a few clothes, a sports jacket, and pants. On my way to East St. Louis I had car trouble, but I got there. I sold that car for $50, and bought a '62 red Plymouth for $200. You can find where I bought it: from a dealer on Main Street coming out of East St. Louis toward Belleville. The car lot is between the 1500 and 2000 block on the left hand side of Main Street as you travel east. I used the Rayns name on the car title. I spent a night with the friend who took me to Edwardsville when I escaped. I stayed six or seven days in Quincy, and here are the names of two men there you can see, but don't write about them or they will be arrested for harboring me. I just want to show you that I've got friends who have known me all my life. And they think well of me.

From Quincy I went back to Chicago to pick up my last check from

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the Indian Trail. The check was mailed to a box I had in the post office in Winnetka. Then I went back to East St. Louis and stayed a few days, and told my friends I was leaving the country and to tell my family. I didn't tell anybody which country I was going to. The last thing I did was get a new .38 pistol from a friend, but I didn't pay him for it then. I was just too short of capital.

Out of East St. Louis I spent the first night in Indianapolis. The next day I crossed from Detroit into Windsor, but since a lot of traffic was moving to Expo there was no trouble at the border, and I headed for Montreal.

EVERYONE WHO HAS SEEN RAY emphasizes how he could go unnoticed almost anywhere. So, behind the wheel of his beat-up red Plymouth, he traveled unnoticed among Expo-bound tourists. He was bareheaded, with his black hair cut a bit longer than a crew cut. He wore no glasses. He was 39, but could be taken for 35. He was 5' 11" and weighed only 165, so except for a paunch, he looked thin. His face was thinner than it is now. His nose looked sharp. He wore a light-blue sport shirt and dark pants, and in his pockets were about $280 and the pistol. As he drove along the MacDonald-Cartier Freeway (401), he was trying to choose a new name. He explains:

I've used a dozen different names, but picking a new one is never easy. I can't afford to pick something easy like Smith or Brown or Jones, because I might forget who I was if somebody suddenly asked me. My name has to be unusual so it'll stick in my memory and I'll always know who I am.

He chose Eric S. Galt, and since there is a real Eric S. Galt in Toronto, the assumption has been that Ray saw this name in print. But he says no. Between Windsor and Toronto, he passed near the city of Galt, and he says he chose Galt when he saw it on an exit marker. He says he chose Eric only in the process of seeking something different from the more common first names. In any case, John L. Rayns had become Eric S. Galt by the time he reached a motel in Toronto on July 16. He was Galt at a motel in Dorion on July 17, and in Montreal on July 18, when he signed a six-month lease on a room at the Har-K Apartments, 2589 East Notre Dame. The rent was $75 a month, and he paid the first and last months' rent, a total of $150. He writes:

One thing was certain: I never in my life intended to return to the United States. What hope was there for me back there? The first thing I did in Montreal, even before I rented a room, was call a travel agency and ask what I.D. was necessary to get a passport. They told me none, but I had to have somebody who'd swear he had known me for two years. Later [in April, 1968] I found out this wasn't true. But right then I had to start looking for somebody who'd say he had known me for two years, or I had to find a way to get on a ship without a passport. And, of course, I had to get some more capital, as I had only about $70 left after I paid for the room. But I can swear this: I was never going to cross that border back into the United States.

I believe it's true that he never intended to return to the United States. But things happened in Canada to change his mind. He did return. He was in Canada from July 16 to August 21, 1967. He reached Birmingham, Ala., on August 25, 1967. So on September 14, 1968, carrying with me Ray's diagrams and explanations, I flew to Montreal to try to confirm his story of what caused him to risk a return.

I found where he had lived and Xeroxed the lease he signed. He hadn't remembered the house's number or name, but his diagram was accurate. Notre Dame is the east-west boulevard that for many blocks runs along the north bank of the St. Lawrence River. By the time you reach its 2500 block east, it has run down to cheap lodgings, warehouses and industries. The Har-K is a three-story hive of 57 rooms. Its sign says: Welcome American and Canadian Artists. Across from it is a textile mill—Tex-made Cotton Yarns and Fabrics—which hums day and night. What may have attracted Ray, with his Latin ambitions, was a now-shuttered nightclub, the Acapulco, on the ground-floor corner of the Har-K. Its extravagant yellow-and-red neon sign, by this time dark, promised "Acapulco Spectacles" in now-dingy sombreros and serapes.

But Ray only slept at the Har-K. He lodged his hopes—and spent his days and evenings—with "the boats," about 30 blocks to the west. Each year, Montreal is visited by 6,000 ships, which pour hundreds of seamen each day onto its docks and into its waterfront taverns and its club for merchant seamen, Mariners House, at 165 Place D'Youville. And since Montreal is the easiest big city in the world to bring contraband into, and get contraband out of, it is an international crime center. Much of the contraband moving from Europe into the United States goes through Montreal. This includes most of the millions of dollars worth of heroin that moves each year from the Middle East to Marseille to Montreal to New York.

Ray hung around the seamen's hiring hall and was told, "no jobs." He hung around Mariners House, trying to educate himself. He shadowed seamen from tavern to tavern, hoping to steal an ID from one who drank too much.

He frequented Neptune Tavern, 121 West Commissioners Street. I visited it. The ceiling lights are suspended from pilot wheels. There is a pilot wheel up over the bottles back of the bar. The furniture is massive oak, in its natural color, and signs welcome all seamen, promise highest prices for English money, and inform you that "Nous Servons les Repas." The menu is chalked on a blackboard furnished by Molson's Bière.

On his third or fourth night in the Neptune, Ray says he "sort of let the word get around that he had had a little trouble down in the States, that he was looking for ID and capital, and just might be available for activities that didn't involve too much risk." This resulted in a contact. A man whom Ray calls Raoul and describes to me as being a blond Latin about 35, and whom Ray took to be a seaman, showed interest in him. They began cautious verbal exploration, with Raoul hinting that if Ray was willing to assist certain projects, Raoul might be able to provide Ray ID and capital. Ray says this exploration continued during "at least eight meetings" over a period of three weeks.

Meanwhile, Ray had an immediate need for capital, and he says he satisfied it in this way:

On St. Catherine East, out past the 1400 block, there are a lot of nightclubs. Prostitutes hang out in these places, and in 1967, with the Expo crowds, they were doing big business. The procedure is that the girl leaves the club with you, and the two of you take a cab to an apartment run by whoever she is working for. I picked up one of these girls. I picked the best-looking one I could find, as I figured she'd take me to the most prosperous place. We went to the apartment where I gave her $25 which she took to the office. When I left I wrote down the address. The next night I took my car and parked it close to that address. Then I went back to the club and picked up the same girl. We took a cab to the same house. I gave her another $25, but when she started to the office I put the gun on her and went with her. When she got the manager by knocking, I put the gun on him. We went into his room, and I made her take her stockings off and tie his hands and feet while he lay on the bed. He tried to hold out on me, but he must have figured that I was down to about my last $5 and just might put a bullet in him. He pointed to a cabinet where I found about $800. Then I made the girl get under the bed and left. I hated to take a risk like that, but I figured that if I held up a whorehouse they probably wouldn't report it, and I guess they didn't.

WITH THIS NEW CAPITAL in his pocket, Ray's next action was one that I have found to be typical of him. He never puts all his eggs in one basket. He had a prospective deal working with Raoul at the Neptune. He thought Raoul might get him a passport or get him work on a ship. But Ray is not a man to rely on one prospect. He still thought he might find a Canadian woman who would help him get the passport. So he devised and carried out a plan.

At Tip Top Tailors, 488 St. Catherine West, he spent about $200 for new clothes. Tip Top is comparable to the Bond stores in the United States: where you can buy a suit for $65 to $110; a sweater for $20; and sport shirts for $10. Ray bought a new powder-blue Botany suit, a pair of gray slacks, a red T-shirt, a yellow T-shirt, yellow swimming trunks, red pajamas, socks, underwear, neckties—the kind of clothes he had

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Many of the thousands of seamen who pass through Montreal visit the Neptune Tavern on the waterfront. During the summer of 1967, Ray had several meetings there with a man named Raoul, who convinced him that he should return to the United States.



never owned before. He had his nails manicured at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Then he asked a travel agency to suggest a resort.

The agency suggested one of the most beautiful places on earth: the "Dean of the Laurentian Mountain Resorts," "incomparable, world-famous" Gray Rocks Inn, on Lake Ouimet, near St. Jovite and Mt. Tremblant, a place known to thousands of Canadian and American vacationers for golf, swimming, boating and riding in summer and for skiing in winter. Ray paid the agency $153 for minimum room and board for a single man for a week. On Monday, July 31, he put his new clothes in the decrepit old red Plymouth and drove 80 miles up the Laurentian Autoroute for the biggest week of the season, the week that would end on Sunday, August 6, with the running of the annual 200-mile road race at Mt. Tremblant.

A year and seven weeks later, I followed Ray's route to Gray Rocks.



Huie interviewed a Canadian government worker (above) who met Ray at the Gray Rocks Inn, a Laurentian vacation resort (left). Ray hoped she would help him get a Canadian passport by swearing she had known him two years. After she had showed him where she worked, he decided not to ask her aid.

It was a perfect, brisk, sunny, fall afternoon. The car was driven by a French-speaking private detective, and with us was Jim Hansen, a LOOK photographer who appreciates mountains and color. The trees in the Laurentians were turning . . . reds, browns, yellows . . . and we agreed that the red was the richest we had ever seen.

Jim Hansen said: "I bet old Ray, down there in that cell in Memphis, wishes to hell he was back up here."

"Yeah," I said, "I guess he does. And I wish to hell that some other rascals I've trailed had led me to places like this."

Ray had found a woman at Gray Rocks. He told me about her. He wanted me to find her and get her to tell me about him. So I found her. She lives in Ottawa and works for the Canadian Government.

When I reached Ottawa, I telephoned her. I assumed I'd frighten her. She'd resist the voice of a strange man insisting that she meet him

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and talk in confidence about an individual she met about a year ago. I guessed that she had read the Galt-Ray stories, had been appalled, and was trying to keep secret that she once knew the accused assassin of Dr. King. Her voice quavered on the telephone. She said: "You must have the wrong party. I have no idea what you are talking about. So why should we meet?"

"You needn't be afraid," I said. "I won't harm you. It's important that you tell me what you know about a man who has received a great deal of publicity."

"You mean," she said, "a man . . . a man . . . a man I met last summer at Gray Rocks?"

"Yes," I said, "and don't be afraid. No one in the United States knows your name except him and me and his lawyers. I'll keep it that way." If she refused to see me, she had to fear that I might go to the Canadian police. So she had no choice.

Still hesitant, she said she would meet me for lunch. I told her how to recognize me: a harmless-looking man of 57, no hair, a blue suit, in a rented gray Ford. She said she would be on a street corner at noon: a brunette in an orange dress, "less than 40, but not much less."

I had an hour to kill before I met her, so I walked on Parliament Hill. It's another majestic place, with vistas that rival Washington's. The Canadian Parliament was in session. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau had delivered his message from the throne. With other sightseers, I watched the maple leaf flags flying from spires atop tall towers. I looked at monuments to the uncommon valor of old wars. Then I got in the gray Ford and went to find the brunette in the orange dress.

I wondered how she would look. Since Ray has been so widely described as a creep who quivers when a woman dance instructor touches him, I guessed that she had to be a shapeless frump. So when she got in the car, I was flabbergasted. Of the thousands of women who work for the Canadian Government, she must be one of the most attractive. Not in the manner of a brainless sexpot, but in the manner of a cultivated, sensitive, efficient, tastefully dressed and coiffeured mature woman. She could have her pick of the unattached men at most any resort.

"I guess you know how frightened I am," she said. "And how frightened I was last April to learn what had happened to Eric Galt. I'm divorced, but I have wonderful children to protect."

"I understand," I said. "All I want is for you to tell me about him. I've never met him. You have. He wants you to tell me."

"I'll tell you all I know," she said. "I don't feel ashamed. Only afraid, for my children, and for my position, which is a responsible one."

At a restaurant, we ordered lunch, and I said: "I suppose you have noticed how surprised I am at your looks and personality. I had expected a much less attractive woman. As a novelist, I have written many boy-meets-girl situations. But I can't imagine how you and James Earl Ray ever met. Tell me how it happened."

"Well, first," she said, "remember that I think of him as Eric. Last year, after years of trouble with an aggressive man, I had just gotten my divorce. A woman friend and I drove to Gray Rocks for a long weekend and to see the 200-mile race at Mt. Tremblant. We didn't stay at Gray Rocks Inn, but at a cheaper place in St. Jovite. On Sunday, we saw the race. It lasted for many hours, with men trying to kill themselves, all tremendously exciting. The evening was for celebration, fiesta, so, of course, we expected to drink and dance and mingle with many people, perhaps kiss, and even make love if we found attractive partners. It was that sort of an occasion.

"We began the evening," she continued, "in the lounge of the Gray Rocks Inn. We found it crowded, and people were dancing, and there was this lone man sitting at a table. He was neat and well-dressed and shy. I guess it was his shyness which attracted us. My friend said, 'Let's

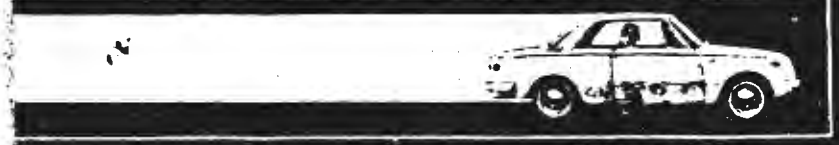
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sit with this man,' and we sat down and ordered drinks and began trying to talk."

"So he didn't pick you up? You picked him up?"

"Yes, you might say that. But it wasn't a pickup, only a friendly meeting, like everybody does on such an occasion. We didn't expect it to last all evening. But Eric was a nice man. He was not a take-charge guy. He listened and didn't talk much. He was so unaggressive. All around us were aggressive men, trying to paw you and take you to their cars or rooms. Eric wasn't that way. He wasn't boastful. He spent his money generously, but not wastefully, and he made nothing of it."

"Did he dance?"

She laughed. "I managed to get him on the floor. I love to dance. He was so clumsy, and he has no ear for music, but I tried to teach him, and he was good-natured about it."

"Where did he say he was from?"

"From Chicago. He said he worked for his brother in some sort of business. In fact, he was meeting his brother in Montreal next day. Later, when we left Gray Rocks Inn and went to other crowded, celebrating places, we rode in his old car, and he apologized for it. He said it was his brother's wife's car, a second car used to haul groceries and things."

"As the evening wore on, did you ever think of ditching him and spending time with another man?"

She reflected. "No, I didn't," she said. "Naturally, after all that developed with him, I've tried to analyze my feelings. I guess I felt comfortable with Eric. He had a sort of lost-and-lonely manner. You didn't feel sorry for him, but you sort of wanted to help him have fun. As the evening wore on, he seemed to become more confident. And more protective toward me. When other men would make plays for me, Eric warned them off. I guess a woman likes that."

"Did he get drunk? Did you?"

"No, neither of us got drunk. We drank a lot. But we both knew exactly what we were doing."

That evening, she and I dined together and talked for hours. She told me about herself. But I kept coming back to Ray. "Tell me about sex," I said. "Did you go to Ray's room at Gray Rocks?"

"I did," she answered. "And I stayed till morning."

"Well, what about him? I had concluded that he is some sort of neuter. His prison record indicates he isn't homosexual. Yet when he got out on April 23, 1967, and reached Chicago, he avoided women. So what about him?"

"Nothing unusual," she said. "My experience has been limited. But with me, I thought he acted perfectly normal."

"That seems incredible," I said. "Except for perhaps a whore in Montreal, you must have been the first woman he had been in bed with in nearly eight years. He knows nothing about women. He's a loner. A fugitive. A criminal. He doesn't belong. You must have seemed overwhelming to him. Yet you say he is perfectly normal."

"He was," she insisted. "I saw him again in Montreal, then again when he came to Ottawa. He is perfectly normal. As for how he found me, well, he was complimentary."

I smiled. "Did you see the film *Never on Sunday*? Where the overwhelming and generous woman puts the nervous young sailor at ease so that he can gather confidence and perform like a man and then imagine he has conquered the world? With you and Ray, it must have been something like that."

She smiled. "I saw *Never on Sunday*," she said. "Maybe it was like that. Except I wasn't selling anything to Eric. I was giving."

From Gray Rocks, the two women planned to visit Expo in Montreal on their way back to Ottawa. When Ray left Gray Rocks on Monday morning, August 7, he told them he had no address in Montreal, he was

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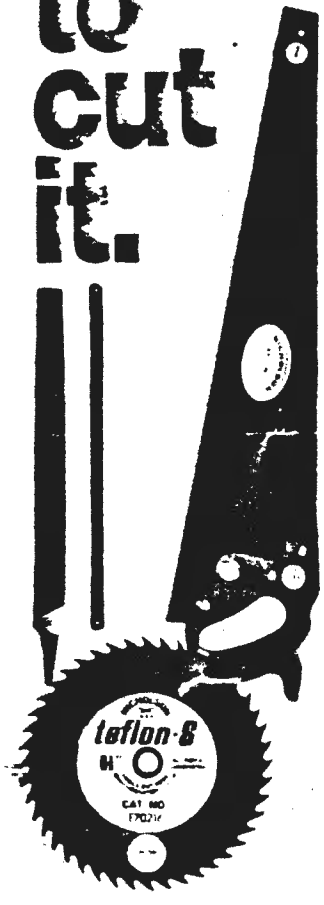
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rushing to meet his brother, but he would get an apartment and telephone them so they could stay with him that night. During the afternoon, he telephoned, gave them the Notre Dame address, and they drove there.

"I was only briefly alone with Eric that night," she said. "The three of us spent the evening in that Acapulco Club, and I tried to teach Eric the Latin dances. He seemed much more serious, perhaps worried. He told me he wanted to come to Ottawa and talk to me about a serious matter. As for sleeping, it was ridiculous. He had tried to get another room and couldn't. So the three of us slept across his bed in his one little room. The place was not Gray Rocks: it was seedy and run-down, and Eric was embarrassed about it. When I left him next day, he said he would telephone, and he told me again that he was coming to Ottawa to talk about the serious matter. He was very serious."

FROM AUGUST 8 TO THE 18TH, Ray says he talked at least five more times with Raoul in the Neptune Tavern. And Raoul made him this proposition:

1. That Ray would meet Raoul in the railroad station at Windsor at 3 p.m. on Monday, August 21.

2. That Ray would make several trips across the border from Windsor to Detroit for Raoul, using both the bridge and the tunnel border crossings, carrying packages concealed in the old red Plymouth.

3. That Ray would then sell the Plymouth and go by train or bus to Birmingham, Ala. There, Ray would lie low, take no risks, pull no holdups, accumulate a little ID, and wait for instructions by general delivery mail.

4. That Raoul would pay "living expenses" and also come to Birmingham and buy Ray a "suitable car."

5. That after a few weeks or months, after a little joint activity, Raoul would pay Ray $12,000 and give him a passport and "other ID" and help him go "anywhere in the world."

6. That Ray would ask no questions. (Ray told me: "Every time I tried to ask Raoul a question, he told me straight to remember that he wasn't paying me to ask questions.") Raoul did, however, reveal to Ray that he (Raoul) had spent some of his time in New Orleans, and he gave Ray a New Orleans telephone number.

Ray wrote to me:

Well, I didn't know what to do. If I took Raoul's proposition, I had to go back to the States and risk the Missouri Pen again. I didn't want to do that. I had sworn I'd never go back. But I was running out of capital again, and I didn't want to risk another hold-up in Canada. I couldn't get on a ship. I couldn't get I.D. So I told Raoul okay I'd meet him in Windsor. But I didn't know then whether I'd meet him or not. The woman in Ottawa seemed to like me. She was my last chance. I hadn't had time to talk to her in Montreal about the passport. So now I was going to Ottawa and tell her something about myself, and if she'd help me get the passport, I wasn't going to meet Raoul.

"Yes, he came to see me," she said. "He had kept in touch by telephone, and he arrived here on August 19. He stayed in a motel on Montreal Road. But he was without a car. We used my car, and I rode him around and showed him the sights."

"He still had the old car," I said. "He told me that he hid it from you, and told you he was without a car, trying to play on your sympathy."

"That sounds strange," she said. "But he did seem worried. For long periods as we rode around, or while we were together at the motel, he said nothing. He just looked at me, like he was trying to get up the nerve to say something.

"I showed him where I work, and all the government buildings and the headquarters of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police."

"That's what worried him," I said. "You see, he came here to decide whether to risk telling you some of the truth and asking you to help him get a passport by swearing that you had known him for two years. He told me that he had about decided to risk you, but when you showed him where you worked, and all the government buildings, and the Mountie headquarters—well, he said he just had to conclude that if he told you the truth, you'd just naturally have to turn him down and probably deliver him to the Mounties."

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She shook her head. "That's all," she said. "I never suspected that. And maybe the saddest part is that he had told me, I guess I would have turned him down. I don't think I would have delivered him to the Mounties, but I couldn't have worn a wig and helped him get the passport. When he left me, he said he had to meet a man in Windsor. But he insisted he would see me again. He wrote to me from the States. His last letter came in March of this year. He wanted to know when I was taking my vacation so that he could meet me. I kept his letters. But then, of course, when the stories came out, I tore them up, hoping no one would ever find out I had known him."



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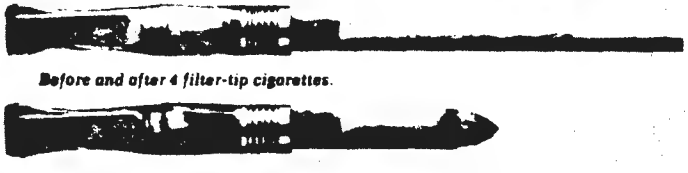
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As you will recall, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Beasley, and Mr. Carlisle f this office were in Montreal and Toronto recently in their pre-rial investigation in the case of the State of Tennessee vs. James arl Ray, set for November 12, 1968, in which James Earl Ray is harged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They brought ack glowing reports of the cooperation and the treatment they received rom all the persons under your command with whom they came in contact, nd were high in the praise of the efficiency of your personnel. They re particularly appreciative of the assistance rendered them by [redacted]

At this time, I respectfully request that you assign Corporals POINTAL [redacted] to interview Mr. and Mrs. Morris [redacted] Windsor, Ontario. This couple was the landlord and landlady of e Harkay Apartments in Montreal where James Earl Ray resided in July d August of 1967. We are anxious to know if Mr. [redacted] will be availa e to testify in the trial of the case here. Will you please advise?

I further respectfully request that you direct Corporal [redacted] and rporal [redacted] to check with the following witnesses to determine if id witnesses will be available to testify here at the Ray trial:

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We ask that Corporals [redacted] LYDIA and [redacted] advise Mrs. SZPOKOWSKY [redacted] that she may bring her daughter, [redacted], with her as an interpreter while she is testifying. Also, will you ask the Corporals to advise Mrs. [redacted] that she is authorized to be accompanied by her daughter.

It will also be essential that Corporal [redacted] and Corporal [redacted] be available in Memphis as witnesses in this case, and it might be well for them to accompany the above-named witnesses. It is respectfully requested that Corporals [redacted] and [redacted] bring with them any essential evidence in this case which they have in their possession.

If the above-named persons are available to visit the United States, the State of Tennessee will pay their expenses as follows:

> Payment for transportation from their place of residence to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (10¢) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars ($5.00) a day every day they are in attendance as witnesses; the State of Tennessee will pay the witnesses ten cents (10¢) a mile from Memphis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then their transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to their place of residence.

I wish further to inform you that the said witnesses' lodging and meals during their stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by the State of Tennessee.

When this office is notified to the effect that these witnesses are available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I will arrange to have the funds forwarded to each witness to purchase a round trip airline ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order to enable the witnesses to make said trip. This amount advanced will then be deducted from the total amount due the witnesses upon their being paid their additional witnesses' fees here in Memphis.

In view of our trial date being November 12, 1968, it is important for us to be notified as soon as possible whether these witnesses will be available to visit the United States.

Although the trial date is set for November 12th, it is not expected that the persons named above will be needed on that date, as it will probably take us some time to select a jury, and we will have other witnesses to offer in evidence prior to the need for the presence of the above-named persons. I estimate that it will be the early part

of December before the presence of the above-named persons is needed, and when you notify us that the witnesses are available for attendance, we will give you and them approximately one week's advance notice in order that they might complete arrangements for their trip. It is anticipated that the presence of the above witnesses will not be needed in Memphis more than the time necessary for them to testify at the trial, and in no event will they be required for more than three or four days.

I am sincerely appreciative of your wonderful cooperation in this matter, and please feel free to call me collect if there is any question which arises.

Sincerely yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
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November 1, 1968

HUMPHRIES

Honorable H.F.C. [redacted]
Deputy Registrar for the Province
of Ontario
Office of the Registrar General
70 Lombard Street
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

HUMPHRIES

Dear Mr. [redacted]

The trial of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is set for trial in Memphis, Tennessee on November 12, 1968. You will recall, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Beasley, and Mr. Carlise, of this office, conferred with you about this matter on October 18, 1968.

It is respectfully requested that you make the necessary arrangements to be in Memphis, Tennessee to testify for the State of Tennessee at this trial, and to bring with you the original records pertaining to the requests for birth certificates under the name of Ramon George Sneyd and Paul Bridgman.

If you are available to visit the United States, the State of Tennessee will pay your expenses as follows:

Payment for transportation from Toronto, Ontario to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (10¢) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars ($5.00) a day every day you are in attendance as a witness; the State of Tennessee will pay you ten cents (10¢) a mile from Memphis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then your transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to Toronto, Ontario.

I wish further to inform you that your lodging and meals during your stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by the State of Tennessee.

When this office is notified to the effect that you are available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I will arrange to have the funds forwarded to you to purchase a round trip airline ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order to enable you to make said

trip. This amount advanced will then be deducted from the total amount due you upon being paid your additional witness' fees here in Memphis.

In view of our trial date being November 12, 1968, it is important for us to be notified as soon as possible whether you will be available to visit the United States.

Although the trial date is set for November 12th, it is not expected that you will be needed on that date, as it will probably take us some time to select a jury, and we will have other witnesses to offer in evidence prior to the need for your presence. I estimate that it will be the early part of December before you will be needed, and when you notify us that you are available for attendance, we will give you approximately one week's advance notice in order that you might complete arrangements for your trip. It is anticipated that your presence will not be needed in Memphis more than the time necessary for you to testify at the trial, and in no event will you be required for more than three or four days.

With my personal thanks to you for your wonderful cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
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November 1, 1968

Commanding Officer
Seward Air Force Base
Smyrna, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

On November 12, 1968, we expect to start the trial of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is accused of the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A material witness JOHN W. DESHAZO in this case for the State of Tennessee is Captain [redacted] whose present address is Box 7500, Hospital Tachikawa, APO San Francisco, California 96323. It is my understanding that this hospital is located on the edge of Tokyo, Japan. Captain [redacted] DESHAZO is on duty as a dentist at said hospital.

I have been advised by the Department of Justice that in order to have Captain [redacted] DESHAZO returned to the United States by November 12, 1968, it would be necessary to make the arrangements through your command. Will you please advise if you can so return Captain [redacted] DESHAZO to the United States by November 12th and notify us where he will be stationed in the United States in order that we might contact him and procure his attendance as a witness at the aforementioned trial?

We would not want Captain [redacted] DESHAZO to spend any more time in Memphis than necessary, and since he would not be called upon until after the jury has been selected in this case, if it could be arranged for him to be stationed in the United States, commencing approximately November 12, 1968, we could notify Captain [redacted] several days prior to his appearance in Court, and thereby restrict the amount of time Captain [redacted] DESHAZO would have to spend here.

I would certainly appreciate any and all assistance you could render in this matter and await your advice.

Respectfully yours,

Phil M. Canale Jr.

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November 4, 1968

EDWARD J FEIGIN

Mr. [redacted], President
English & Scotch Woollen Co. Limited
1248 St. Catherine Street West
Montreal 25 P.Q. Canada

FEIGIN

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I wish to express my deep appreciation to you for the co-operation shown Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Beasley, and Mr. Carlisle of this office when they were in Montreal recently.

As far as we know the trial of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will begin on November 12, 1968, and we will notify you when you are needed here in Memphis to testify.

If you are available to visit the United States, the State of Tennessee will pay your expenses as follows:

Payment for transportation from Montreal, Ontario to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (10¢) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars ($5.00) a day every day you are in attendance as a witness; the State of Tennessee will pay you ten cents (10¢) a mile from Memphis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then your transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to Montreal, Ontario.

I wish further to inform you that your lodging and meals during your stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by the State of Tennessee.

When this office is notified to the effect that you are available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I will arrange to have the funds forwarded to you to purchase a round trip airline ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order to enable you to make said trip. This amount advanced will then be deducted from the total amount due you upon being paid your additional witness' fees here in Memphis.

Mr. EDWARD J FEEGAN [redacted] Page 2 November 4, 1968

In view of our trial date being November 12, 1968, it is important for us to be notified as soon as possible whether you will be available to visit the United States.

Although the trial date is set for November 12th, it is not expected that you will be needed on that date, as it will probably take us some time to select a jury, and we will have other witnesses to offer in evidence prior to the need for your presence. I estimate that it will be the early part of December before you will be needed, and when you notify us that you are available for attendance, we will give you approximately one week's advance notice in order that you might complete arrangements for your trip. It is anticipated that your presence will not be needed in Memphis more than the time necessary for you to testify at the trial, and in no event will you be required for more than three or four days.

With my personal thanks to you for your wonderful cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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November 4, 1968

Mr. [redacted] CLOUTIER
Tip Top Tailors
488 St. Catherine Street West
Montreal P.Q., Canada

Dear Mr. [redacted] CLOUTIER:

I wish to express my deep appreciation to you for the co-operation shown Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Beasley, and Mr. Carlisle of this office when they were in Montreal recently.

As far as we know the trial of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will begin on November 12, 1968, and we will notify you when you are needed here in Memphis to testify.

If you are available to visit the United States, the State of Tennessee will pay your expenses as follows:

Payment for transportation from Montreal, Ontario to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (10¢) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars ($5.00) a day every day you are in attendance as a witness; the State of Tennessee will pay you ten cents (10¢) a mile from Memphis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then your transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to Montreal, Ontario.

I wish further to inform you that your lodging and meals during your stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by the State of Tennessee.

When this office is notified to the effect that you are available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I will arrange to have the funds forwarded to you to purchase a round trip airline ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order to enable you to make said trip. This amount advanced will then be deducted from the total amount due you upon being paid your additional witness' fees here in Memphis.

In view of our trial date being November 12, 1968, it is important for us to be notified as soon as possible whether you will be available to visit the United States.

Although the trial date is set for November 12th, it is not expected that you will be needed on that date, as it will probably take us some time to select a jury, and we will have other witnesses to offer in evidence prior to the need for your presence. I estimate that it will be the early part of December before you will be needed, and when you notify us that you are available for attendance, we will give you approximately one week's advance notice in order that you might complete arrangements for your trip. It is anticipated that your presence will not be needed in Memphis more than the time necessary for you to testify at the trial, and in no event will you be required for more than three or four days.

With my personal thanks to you for your wonderful cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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November 1, 1968

Honorable Harold Shapiro
Administrative Regulations
Criminal Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

The trial of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is set for November 12, 1968. One of the material witnesses for the State of Tennessee in this trial will be Mrs. MANUELA TEIXEIRA LOPES, c/o CANADIAN [redacted] Portugal.

EMBASSY IN LISBON

It is respectfully requested that your office request that an invitation be extended to Mrs. Lopes through the United States Department of State to the Canadian Foreign Office, to attend as a witness for the State of Tennessee, the trial of the State vs. James Earl Ray.

If permission is granted to allow Mrs. LOPES [redacted] to visit the United States, the State of Tennessee will pay her expenses as follows:

Payment for transportation from LISBON [redacted] Portugal to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (10¢) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars ($5.00) a day every day she is in attendance as a witness; the State of Tennessee will pay the witness ten cents (10¢) a mile from Memphis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then her transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to Lisbon, Portugal.

I wish further to inform you that the said witness' lodging and meals during her stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by the State of Tennessee.

When this office is notified to the effect that permission is granted and the witness is available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I will arrange to have the funds forwarded to her to purchase a round trip ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order to enable the witness to make said airline trip. This amount advanced will then be deducted from the total amount due the witness upon her being paid her additional witness' fees here in Memphis.

In view of our trial date being November 12, 1968, it is important for us to be notified as soon as possible whether the permission for this witness to enter the United States will be granted.

Although the trial date is set for November 12th, it is not expected that Mrs. [redacted] will be needed on that date, as it will probably take us some time to select a jury, and we will have other witnesses to offer in evidence prior to the need for the presence of Mrs. [redacted] I estimate that it will be the early part of December before the presence of Mrs. [redacted] is needed, and when you notify us that permission has been granted for her attendance, we will give her one week's advance notice in order that she might complete arrangements for her trip. It is anticipated that the presence of the above witness will not be needed in Memphis more than the necessary time for testimony at the trial, and in no event will she be required for more than three or four days.

With my personal thanks to you for your wonderful cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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November 1, 1968

JOHN WALDRON
Commissioner [redacted]
New Scotland Yard
London, England

WALDRON
Dear Commissioner [redacted]

This office is expecting to commence the prosecution on November 12, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee, United States of America, of the case of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is accused of slaying Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

As you will recall, three men from this office recently visited London pursuant to their pre-trial investigation of this matter, and I wish to express to you and to the men in your command, my and their sincere appreciation for the excellent manner in which they were received and the excellent cooperation given them.

We have determined that the following witnesses will be needed from London to testify in this prosecution:

1. Detective Chief Superintendent THOMAS BUTLER [redacted]
2. Chief Inspector [redacted]
3. Chief Inspector [redacted]
   (bring Hotel Registration Book with him)
4. Chief Inspector [redacted]
   (bring fingerprint records with him)
5. Detective Sergeant [redacted] PHILIP BIRCH
6. Detective Sergeant [redacted]

It is also respectfully requested that you direct Detective Sergeant [redacted] to alert the following civilian witnesses in London that they will also be needed to testify in this matter:

MISS MONICA BAKER 1. [redacted] Walton on Thames

DORIS CATHERINE ASTWOOD 2. Mrs. [redacted]
London, England

ANNA ELIZABETH THOMAS 3. Mrs. [redacted], London, England

JANET ELIZABETH MISSA U 4. Miss [redacted] 29 Earl's Court Square, SW 5, London, England

cc:

The State of Tennessee will provide the following for the ten (10) above-named witnesses:

Payment for transportation from London, England to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (10¢) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars ($5.00) a day every day they are in attendance as witnesses; the State of Tennessee will pay the witnesses ten cents (10¢) a mile from Memphis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then their transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to London, England.

I wish further to inform you that the said witnesses' lodging and meals during their stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by the State of Tennessee.

When this office is notified to the effect that the witnesses are available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I will arrange to have the funds forwarded to each witness to purchase a round trip airline ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order to enable the witnesses to make said trip. This amount advanced will then be deducted from the total amount due the witnesses upon their being paid their additional witnesses' fees here in Memphis.

In view of our trial date being November 12, 1968, it is important for us to be notified as soon as possible whether the witnesses will be available to come to the United States.

Although the trial date is set for November 12th, it is not expected that the persons named above will be needed on that date, as it will probably take us some time to select a jury, and we will have other witnesses to offer in evidence prior to the need for the presence of the above-named persons. I estimate that it will be the early part of December before the presence of the above-named persons is needed, and when you notify us that they are available for attendance, we will give you and them approximately one week's advance notice in order that they might complete arrangements for their trip. It is anticipated that the presence of the above witnesses will not be needed in Memphis more than the time necessary for them to testify at the trial, and in no event will they be required for more than three or four days.

With my personal thanks to you for your wonderful cooperation in this matter, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Phil M. Canale, Jr.

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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November 1, 1968

BENARD SIMMONDS

Deputy Chief [redacted]
Metro Toronto Police
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Chief SIMMONDS:

RAMON GEORGE SNEYD

The trial of the State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, who is charged with the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is set for trial in Memphis, Tennessee, United States of America, on November 12, 1968. Mr. [redacted] 1731 Victoria Park Avenue, Apartment 102, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, is a material witness in this case. It is respectfully requested that you grant permission for Mr. [redacted] to come to Memphis, Tennessee to be a witness in this matter.

SNEYD

If permission is granted to allow the above-named person to visit the United States, the State of Tennessee will pay his expenses as follows:

Payment for transportation from Toronto, Ontario to the Point of Entry into the United States; then ten cents (10¢) a mile from the Point of Entry into the United States to Memphis, Tennessee; plus five dollars ($5.00) a day every day that he is in attendance as a witness; the State of Tennessee will pay the witness ten cents (10¢) a mile from Memphis to the Point of Exit from the United States and then his transportation from the Point of Exit of the United States to Toronto, Ontario.

I wish further to inform you that the said witness' lodging and meals during his stay here in Memphis, Tennessee will be paid for by the State of Tennessee.

When this office is notified to the effect that this witness will be available to come to Memphis, Tennessee, I will arrange to have the funds forwarded to him to purchase a round trip airline ticket, tourist class, plus an incidental expense fund, in order to enable the witness to make said trip. This amount advanced will then be deducted from the total amount due the witness upon his being paid the additional witness' fees here in Memphis.

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In view of our trial date being November 12, 1968, it is important for us to be notified as soon as possible whether this witness will be available to visit the United States.

Although the trial date is set for November 12th, it is not expected that the above-named person will be needed on that date, as it will probably take us some time to select a jury, and we will have other witnesses to offer in evidence prior to the need for the presence of this witness. I estimate that it will be the early part of December before the presence of this witness is needed, and when you notify us that he will be available for attendance, we will give him approximately one week's advance notice in order that he might complete arrangements for his trip. It is anticipated that his presence will not be needed in Memphis more than the time necessary for him to testify at the trial, and in no event will he be required for more than three or four days.

I am sincerely appreciative of your assistance and cooperation in this matter. If there are any question I can answer, please feel free to let me know by writing or calling collect.

Sincerely yours,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF TENNESSEE

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cc: Mr. [redacted]

Agent in Charge ____ M Per ____

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TO: LEGAT LONDON

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-~~38815~~ 38861) 1 - Mr. Long

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THE FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED FROM FBI MEMPHIS:

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT, OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT AND BERKELEY POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED THIS DATE THEY HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CLAIMED HE WAS CALLING FROM LONDON, ENGLAND, AND WHO USED THE NAMES [redacted] AND [redacted] AND WHO STATED THAT HE RESIDED AT [redacted] WAYBRIDGE SURREY, ENGLAND, TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]. HE ALSO CLAIMED HE WAS MAKING THESE CALLS FROM THE SWISS EMBASSY, TELEPHONE NUMBER ZERO ONE SEVEN, TWO THREE ZERO - SEVEN ZERO ONE. 44-38861-5339

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[redacted] BE AFFORDED PROTECTION · ORDER THAT THIS MURDER WOULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT.

[redacted] BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED BERKELEY POLICE OFFICER [redacted], THAT HE KNOWN NOTHING ABOUT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING SLAYING, HAS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT, IS IN NO DANGER, AND THAT [redacted] IS A MENTAL PATIENT IN A REST HOME NEAR LONDON, ENGLAND.

OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED MR. ROBERT DWYER OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, THIS DATE OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND MR. DWYER INFORMED OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT THEY HAVE NO INFORMATION REGARDING [redacted] INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER.

SAN FRANCISCO FILES REFLECT ONE [redacted] CALLED SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE IN APRIL, LAST, AND STATED THAT [redacted] WAS A SUSPECT IN THE MURKIN CASE BECAUSE OF STRIKING PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO JAMES EARL RAY, HOWEVER, BASED ON PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION MADE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME BY [redacted] WAS ELIMINATED AS SUSPECT.

LEGAT LONDON SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT [redacted], ALSO KNOWN AS [redacted] IS CONFINED TO A MENTAL INSTITUTION IN ENGLAND AND ANY AVAILABLE BACKGROUND DATA.

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) DIRECTOR (44-38861)

ROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) 1P

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RE BUREAU TELCALL THIS DATE.

PERSONAL REVIEW GUEST ENTRY BOOK GRANADA HOTEL, TWO TWO THREE
UR FOURTH AVENUE NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, BY BUAGENT THIS DATE
AILED TO REVEAL ANY ENTRY IN NAME JOHN L. RAYNES OR OTHER KNOWN
LIASES OF RAY FOR PERIOD OCTOBER TWENTYTHREE - THIRTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN.

ALL AVAILABLE HOTEL PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED AND DISPLAYED PHOTOS
RAY THIS DATE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. OWNER AND OTHER HOTEL
PLOYEES UNAVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW UNTIL NOVEMBER TWELVE, NEXT.
OMPT INTERVIEW RE THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THAT
ME.

AIR MAIL-COPY MEMPHIS.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM MOBILE (157-2627)

MURKIN; OO MEMPHIS.

RE BUTELCALL TODAY.

MRS. BESSIE BARRETT, OWNER AND OPERATOR OF FLAMINGO MOTEL HIGHWAY EIGHTY EAST, SELMA, ALA., ADVISED THAT SHE RECALLS LOCATING A REGISTRATION CARD FOR ONE ERIC S. GALT DATED MARCH TWENTYFOUR SIXTYEIGHT. BARRETT ADVISED REASON SHE RECALLS ABOVE, SHE WAS CONTACTED BY ARTHUR HAYNES, AN ATTORNEY, WHO ASKED HER IF SHE RECALLED AN INDIVIDUAL BY THE NAME OF GALT, WHO HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS KING'S MURDERER, EVER STAYING AT THIS MOTEL. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE TOLD HAYNES THAT SHE WOULD NEVER KNOWINGLY PERMIT THIS INDIVIDUAL TO STAY AT HER MOTEL AND ADVISED THAT SHE COULD NOT RECALL THIS INDIVIDUAL EVER STAYING AT THE FLAMINGO. HAYNES THEN REQUESTED HER TO CHECK HER REGISTRATIONS CARDS FROM MARCH ONE THRU TWENTYFIVE SIXTYEIGHT AND UPON CHECK OF MOTEL RECORDS REVEIL ABOVE REGISTRATION CARD FOR GALT, WHICH HAYNES REQUESTED AND THE REGISTRATION CARD WAS FURNISHED. MRS. BARRETT ADVISED THAT A SHEET RECORD OF THIS MOTEL REGISTRATION CARD WAS AVAILABLE, BUT CURRENTLY IN THE POSSESSION OF

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MOTEL BOOKKEEPER, MRS. THELMA GARDNER, SERVICES UNLIMITED, ONE THREE FIVE THREE MADISON AVENUE, MONTGOMERY, ALA.

MRS. BARRETT ADVISED THAT THE MOTEL WOULD NOT HAVE ANY RECORDS OF ANY PREPAID CALLS MADE BY GALT FROM THE MOTEL OR RECEIVED AT THE MOTEL. HOWEVER SHE ADVISED THAT ANY CALLS LOCAL OR OTHERWISE MADE BY GALT OR RECEIVED BY GALT AT THE MOTEL SHOULD BE REFLECTED ON THE SHEET RECORD AND ON THE BILLING CARD IN THE POSSESSION OF THE BOOKKEEPER.

RECORDS OF SERVICES UNLIMITED AS REVIEWED BY MR. U. K. GARDNER REVEAL ONE ITEM FROM FLAMINGO MOTEL RECORDS UNDER THE NAME OF ERIC GALT DATED MARCH TWENTYTWO SIXTYEIGHT FOR ROOM NUMBER THREE FOR ONE DAY DURATION FOR A TOTAL CHARGE OF EIGHT DOLLARS. NO OUTGOING OR INCOMING TELEPHONE CHARGES REFLECTED ON THIS ACCOUNT OR BILL.

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Date: 11-7-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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There are enclosed to the Bureau original and one copy each of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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Action Being Asked Against Huie, Look

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle's legal advisory committee in the James Earl Ray case has recommended contempt action against Alabama author William Bradford Huie and the publishers of Look magazine.

Huie, who says he is under contract to write Ray's biography, was cited for an article that ran in the Nov. 12 issue of Look, which came out last week, and also for an interview reported in the Commercial Appeal Nov. 1.

The Committee, in a report filed yesterday, said there is "probable cause" the writer and Cowles Publications as well as "others closely connected with or interested in the case" had violated the court's orders restricting pre-trial publicity.

The other parties were not identified in the report. The Look article, based on what Huie said were written interviews with Ray, hinted of a conspiracy in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, with Ray playing the role of an unknowing dupe. The magazine said the article was the first of several installments.

The newspaper story quoted Huie as saying the FBI was on the trail of other suspects in the crime. Ray's trial is scheduled to begin a week from today in Judge Battle's court.

The committee urged the court to require Huie and the other parties to show cause why they should not be held in contempt "at such time as the above parties are within the jurisdiction of the court" and after the jury has been selected.

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Memphis, Tenn.

Date: 11-5-6
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Editor: Charles H. Schineider
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05 Subpoenas in Ray's Trial

By ROY B. HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

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of Dr. Martin Luther
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"They have been talked to enough," he said. "I don't want them harassed any more."

However, the identities of many persons expected to testify for the state have been previously published.

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Judge W. Preston Battle's Criminal Court.

Meanwhile, the attorney general's office was reported to be concerned about the source of another story that appeared last week in the National Enquirer, a weekly newspaper published in New York and sold on Memphis newsstands.

The story quoted Ray in a question-answer interview but did not say how the interview was obtained. Ray was quoted in one response as saying he was in Memphis the day before but not on the day of Dr. King's murder.

How the newspaper obtained answers to its questions posed a mystery. Sheriff William Morris said Ray has been allowed no visitors in county jail other than his attorneys.

Judge Battle previously gave Hanes permission to submit written questions to Ray for Huie. He ruled that guards could not read the material passing back and forth between the prisoner and Hanes but merely inspect it to see that it contained no drawings or diagrams which might breach security.

The arrangement was opposed by Robert K. Dwyer, executive assistant attorney general, who argued close censorship was necessary to prevent security leaks.

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SHERIFF WILLIAM MORRIS, MEMPHIS, TENN., ADVISED TODAY THAT UBJECT JAMES EARL RAY HAS DISMISSED HIS ATTORNEY, ARTHUR HANES, ND HAS SECURED THE SERVICES OF PERCY FOREMAN, A NATIONALLY KNOWN AWYER FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, WHO FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN THE JACK UBY TRIAL. SHERIFF MORRIS SAID THAT FOREMAN HAS INDICATED HE ESIRES TO INTERVIEW ALL WITNESSES IN THIS CASE, AND MORRIS NOW ELIEVES RAY WILL NOT STAND TRIAL BEFORE APRIL, NINETEEN SIXTY NINE.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM SAN FRANCISCO (173-65)

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RE SAN FRANCISCO TELEPHONE CALL TO MEMPHIS INSTANT DATE.

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AIR MAIL COPY SENT TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 11/8/68

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AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11/1/68.

Contacts with bank officials, law enforcement agencies, and informants during past week unproductive

Photographs of [redacted] and [redacted] displayed to witnesses at Bank of Alton; however, no positive identification made.

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Readers To Get Best Seat At Ray Trial

In this century there has been a handful of American trials internationally regarded as history makers.

Tuesday, another will be added to the list. A 9:30 a.m. on that day the trial of James Earl Ray, a Missouri State Penitentary escapee charged in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will begin. The world will watch and listen — and read.

Since a high-powered rifle cracked at 6:01 p.m. April 4 and a bullet penetrated the jaw of Dr. King, The Commercial Appeal has assigned many men and devoted many manhours to the job of keeping its readers informed of all the developments in a case that required one of the most extensive manhunts the world has ever witnessed.

The men who are the most familiar with the case, those who were working when the shot was fired and wrote about the crime and the funeral, the manhunt and the capture, the return to Memphis and a cell in the Shelby County Jail, will be our readers' eyes and ears beginning Tuesday.

Angus McEachran, assistant metropolitan editor, will direct this newspaper's staff of writers, photographers and artists who will cover the trial from the Criminal Courts Building.

Mr. McEachran, who has directed a majority of the coverage of this case, went to London June 8 when Scotland Yard arrested Ray. For a week his daily reports captured a part of the complicated and mysterious life of James Earl Ray. Born in Memphis, Mr. McEachran has built a reputation for enterprising news stories and skillful writing. He attended George Washington University and Memphis State.

Charles Edmundson, veteran court reporter, will provide a running account of the trial from the seat reserved for The Commercial Appeal. Mr. Edmundson's first taste of courtroom coverage came at the Scopes trial or the Dayton Monkey Trial at Dayton, Tenn., in 1925. Taking military training at Fort Oglethrope, Ga., he got leave to cover the climactic days of the test of Tennessee's law against the teaching of evolution for a now defunct Knoxville newspaper.

Mr. Edmundson, a Nieman Fellow at Harvard and a graduate of the University of Tennessee, also covered the trial of the Scottsboro Negroes, charged with criminal assault, at Decatur, Ala., in 1932. At the conclusion of the case Judge James E. Horton declared the jury's guilty verdict "unsupported by evidence" and set it aside. The judge was never elected to public office again. Mr. Edmundson has had a distinguished journalistic career that has brought him worldwide assignments from The Commercial Appeal, The St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Fortune magazine and The United States Foreign Service.

Staff writer Gregory Jaynes, who was sent to Toronto after the capture of Ray and who, like Mr. McEachran, pieced together a side of the life of the accused slayer, will de-

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Editor: ARLEN

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scribe the drama surrounding the trial, concentrating on events outside the courtroom.

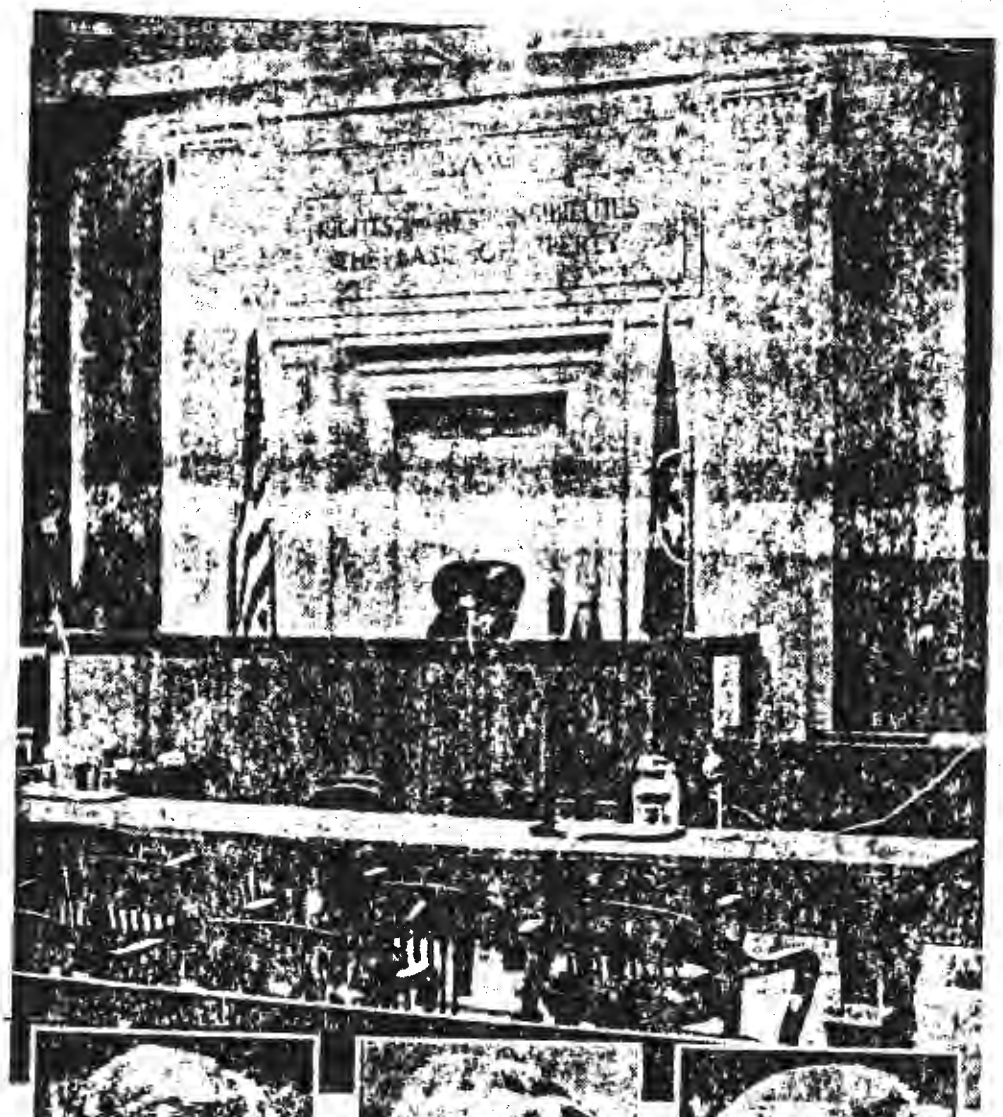
Mr. Jaynes has another reason for attending the trial. He has been subpenaed by the defense as a result of his reporting minutes after the death of Dr. King. Mr. Jaynes was born in Florence, Ala. He attended Memphis State.

Others accredited to cover the trial for this newspaper include Jimmie Covington, also a veteran court reporter and assistant metropolitan editor; photographers Robert Williams and Fred Griffith.

The Commercial Appeal's coverage also will include the dispatches of The New York Times News Service and The Commercial Appeal-Chicago Daily News Service as well as the Associated Press and United Press International.

In a cooperative effort with leading national and foreign newspapers, The Commercial Appeal and Memphis Press-Scimitar have arranged for pool transcripts of the testimony. The court has supported this plan to help make up for the lack of space in the courtroom.

It all adds up to a first-rate effort for our readers. It is an effort that was begun at 6:01 p.m. April 4. It will continue until the case is closed.





Gregory Jaynes



Charles Edmundson



Angus McEachran

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Ray Trial Defense To Report 'Ready'

King Murder Case To Go To Court Tuesday

The defense will announce ready when Division 3 of the Shelby County Criminal Court opens Tuesday morning for the trial of James Earl Ray, chief defense counsel Arthur Hanes Sr. said yesterday.

Mr. Hanes and his co-counsel, Arthur Hanes Jr., were in Memphis yesterday for a conference with their client and defense witnesses. They said that Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. here April 4, is in good condition. They conferred with him for more than an hour in his cell at the Shelby County Jail..

Mr. Hanes declined to comment on reports that he would ask Judge W. Preston Battle, chosen to conduct the trial, to recuse himself in favor of another judge. Mr. Hanes is reported to feel Judge Battle showed prejudice in the degree by which he has sought to limit pretrial comment by counsel.

The first week of the trial is expected to be taken up with the choice of a jury. Although nearly 700 veniremen were chosen at the beginning of the fall term of court, a special venire is expected to be required. Supplementary veniremen are not expected to be called until it becomes clear the regular venire will be exhausted.

Of a list of 300 prospective witnesses earlier submitted to Circuit Court Clerk James A. Blackwell, about 120 have been subpenaed. Receiving subpenas today, at the request of the defense, will be Fire and Police Director Frank Holloman, Patrolman W. B. Richmond, Vester L. Moore, a former City Park ranger, and Thomas Fox, a reporter for The Commercial Appeal.

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URKIN: ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING

PERCY FOREMAN IS NEW ATTORNEY OF RECORD FOR SUBJECT RAY.
UDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE GRANTED POSTPONEMENT TODAY
NTIL NEXT TERM OF COURT. THIS CASE SET FOR TRIAL MARCH THREE
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 11/6/68

FROM : SAC, NORFOLK (44-268)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM entitled "ASSASSINATION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR." which are being submitted for possible dissemination at the Bureau. Enclosed for Memphis are two copies of this LHM.

Inasmuch as the statements made by Mrs. [redacted] were admittedly made in an effort to obtain sympathy of her estranged husband, the Norfolk Division does not contemplate any further action regarding this matter.

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c: AAG Civil Rights Division
Attn 6-04

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Norfolk, Virginia

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

November 6, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

On October 17, 1968, [redacted] Navy Serial Number [redacted] assigned to the USS ORION, telephonically advised that approximately six weeks prior to that date his wife, [redacted] from whom he is separated, made several statements to him indicating that she and another individual, with whom she was living in a common-law status, had stolen a rented car from Florida and were wanted in several states for armed robbery and other crimes. He stated that although his wife had tried to commit suicide on several occasions, he felt that she was mentally unstable and armed with several weapons. He further stated that his wife told him that she had knowledge of the person's identity who killed Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., that this individual received $500,000.00 for the assassination, and was hiding out in the State of Florida.

On October 30, 1968, [redacted] was interviewed at the Norfolk Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at which time she admitted being separated from her husband and further admitted that she had told her husband that she and the individual, with whom she was living in a common-law status, had committed several armed robberies and also that she had information regarding the individual who assassinated Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. She admitted that she had made the statement to her husband that this individual had received $500,000.00 and was hiding out in the State of Florida, but further admitted that these statements were all lies that she had fabricated and that she only told them to her husband inasmuch as he had lied to her on previous occasions about his activities. She admitted that she had told these things to her husband in order to obtain sympathy from him, but stated that she did not, in fact, have any information whatsoever regarding the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[redacted] further admitted that she is presently out on bond for insufficient funds checks being cashed at Norfolk and further stated that she did not, in fact, try to commit suicide in 1967, while residing in Florida.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: INSPECTOR NORMAN J. McDANIEL
IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

The "Commercial Appeal," a Memphis, Tennessee, morning newspaper, on Friday, October 25, on Page 25, carried an article captioned "FBI Aide Cited by Court Panel." This article restates in general the information previously attributed to [redacted] of Washington, a senior fingerprint expert. The article continues by stating that [redacted] was ordered to show cause on December 6 why he should not be adjudged in contempt for violation of a criminal court order limiting pre-trial publicity in the case of JAMES EARL RAY. The charge reportedly is based on an interview with Mr. [redacted] published in the September 11 issue of the "Wichita Beacon," Wichita, Kansas. This information which appeared in the "Wichita Beacon" has previously been furnished to the Bureau.

In addition, the article states that "In Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said there would be no comment before Judge Battle's attested order reaches Washington." The article further quotes from the "Katzenbach Guidelines" governing utterances of department personnel.

Xerox copies of the newspaper article are enclosed.

Copies of the petition for contempt have previously been furnished for the Bureau's assistance and guidance. Two copies of the petition, which was actually filed on 10/24/68, are attached hereto for the Bureau's information. The only additions to this petition are Xerox copies of the newspaper articles which are labeled "Exhibit A," "Exhibit B," and "Exhibit C." One additional page has been attached to the petition which bears

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All lawyers participating in this case, their assistants, associates, staff members, investigators and employees under their supervision and control,

the signature of Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, dated 10/24/68. This addition indicates that the matter has been set for hearing after the RAY trial.

Information was also received by the Memphis Division that a copy of this petition had been mailed to Attorney General RAMSEY CLARK this date.

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FBI Aide C[illegible] By Court [illegible]

Battle Orders Fingerprint Expert To Show Cause In Publicity Order

[redacted] of Washington, a senior FBI fingerprint expert, was ordered yesterday to show cause on Dec. 6 why he should not be adjudged in contempt for violation of a Criminal Court order limiting pretrial publicity in the case of James Earl Ray.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle ordered Mr. [redacted] to appear before him on that date for the contempt hearing. Judge Battle said it was impracticable to hold the hearing before Ray's trial, set for Nov. 12.

[redacted] is expected to be a key witness, giving fingerprint testimony, as the prosecution presents its case. Ray is charged with the deer-rifle slaying of Dr. Mrstin Luther King here April 4.

Judge Battle cited Mr. [redacted] upon the recommendation of an amici curiae committee of the Memphis and Shelby County Bar Association. The committee, headed by Lucius, Burch, advised Judge Battle it believes "[redacted] had actual knowledge of the aforesaid orders, decrees and injunctions issued by this court . . . Your petitioners aver therefore that there is strong cause to believe that respondent [redacted] is in contempt."

The charge is based on an interview with Mr. [redacted] published in the Sept. 11 issue of the Wichita (Kan.) Beacon. Mr. [redacted] was quoted as saying Ray's fingerprints were found near the scene of Dr. King's murder in Memphis.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Ray at least handled the murder weapon," Mr. [redacted] was quoted as saying. He was in Wichita to speak on fingerprint identification at a police seminar.

In Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said there would be no comment before Judge Battle's attested order reaches Washington. But he read the "Katzenback Guidelines" governing utter-

Rule 3 says, "We do not believe department personnel should refer (publicly) to investigative procedures, such as fingerprints, polygraphs (lie detector results), ballistics or laboratory tests. Such demonstrative facts constitute evidence which should be presented publicly for the first time to the trial aury in a court of law.

"Disclosure of such matters to the public before trial can be deeply prejudicial without any significant addition to the public's need to be informed."

Mr. [redacted] is the fifth man to be charged with contempt of Judge Battle's pretrial publicity order. Ray's chief defense counsel and an investigator employed by him and two Memphis reporters were convicted Sept. 30 of contempt with sentence deferred.

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EDITOR: FRANK R. AHGREN

"All lawyers participating in this case, their assistants, associates, staff members, investigators and employees under their supervision and control,

PETITION FOR CONTEMPT

TO THE HONORABLE W. PRESTON BATTLE, JUDGE OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, DIVISION THREE:

Your petitioners, Amici Curiae, show unto the Court as follows:

That petitioners are the duly appointed and acting Amici Curiae; having been so appointed by order of this Court on July 29, 1968;

That heretofore the Court on July 18, 1968 entered an order on Courthouse and Courtroom Procedures and Publicity, and on July 23, 1968 said Court entered an amendment to said order.

Further, under date of July 30, 1968, said Court supplemented said orders by a further order of Court prohibiting and enjoining the perpetration of certain specific acts in connection with the above-styled causes.

That all three of said orders are part of the record in these causes and, among other things, contain the following language in the order of July 30, 1968:

> "All lawyers participating in this case, their assistants, associates, staff members, investigators and employees under their supervision and control, County Medical Examiner, Jury Commissioners, Criminal Court Clerk, County Sheriff, Police Officials and other law enforcement officers, employees of this Court and all other persons employed in the 'Criminal Courts Buildings', their associates, deputies, assistants, staff members and personnel under their supervision and control, are forbidden to take part in interviews or press conferences for publicity and are enjoined from making extra-judicial statements about this case which . . ."

That said order of July 30, 1968 further prohibited all persons under the purview of said order from taking part in interviews or press conferences for publicity and enjoined them from making extra-judicial statements about this case which involve:

> "(4) the comments of the Declarant about the merits of the case and about any evidence which may be presented;"

Further, said order of July 30, 1968 contained the following paragraph:

> "All persons or entities subject to this Order who feel aggrieved by anything herein contained are hereby admonished that any such grievances or complaints should be judicially presented."

That there appeared in the Commercial Appeal, a newspaper of general circulation in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, under date of Wednesday morning, October 16, 1968, an article under the heading: "Lecture By FBI Agent Angers Ray's Attorney", the one in which George Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint specialist, is quoted. A copy of said item is attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and made a part of this petition.

That under date of Wednesday, October 16, 1968, there appeared in the Memphis Press Scimitar, a newspaper of general circulation in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, an item entitled: "Hanes Denounces Court Group as 'Hypocrites'", in which said George Bonebrake is again quoted. A copy of said item is likewise attached hereto as "Exhibit B" and made a part of this petition.

That there appeared in the Commercial Appeal under date of Thursday, October 17, 1968, under the heading: "Hanes Resumes Verbal Onslaught", an item which again quoted the said George Bonebrake. A copy of said item is attached hereto as "Exhibit C" and made a part of this petition.

That your petitioners believe that the said George Bonebrake is a resident citizen of Washington, D. C., and is not amenable at this time to the processes of this Court, but that your petitioners respectfully recommend to the Court that should their

prayer for the issuance of a Scire Facias for a show cause order as hereinafter set out be granted by this Honorable Court against the said George Bonebrake, that a copy of this petition be mailed to the Honorable Ramsey Clark, the Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice, by whom your petitioners believe said George Bonebrake is employed, requesting the said George Bonebrake to submit himself voluntarily to the jurisdiction of this Court so that a fair and proper hearing may be held. That, in the event said voluntary submission is not forthcoming, your petitioners recommend that this Court issue said processes at such time that said George Bonebrake shall come into and be within the jurisdiction of this Court.

That your petitioners believe the respondent herein named, George Bonebrake, had actual knowledge of the aforesaid orders, decrees and injunctions issued by this Court.

Petitioners aver, therefore, that there is strong cause to believe that respondent, George Bonebrake, is in contempt of the orders and injunctions of this Court by reason of the aforesaid articles and acts as alleged and that he should be cited to appear and show cause, if any he has, why he should not be held in contempt of this Court.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, PETITIONERS PRAY:

1. That proper process issue demanding George Bonebrake to appear before this Honorable Court and show cause, if any he has, why he should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court and its orders and, upon the hearing of said cause, the Court enter such other orders as may be proper in the premises.

2. For such other and further relief as the Court may feel right and proper under the circumstances.

Lucius L. Burch, Jr.

J. Alan Hanover

Cooper Turner, Jr.

James D. Caudey

Leo Bearman, Jr.

Lee A. Hardison

Don G. Owens

STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF SHELBY

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned Notary Public, the aforementioned petitioners, who state that they have read the foregoing petition and that the facts contained therein are true to the best of their knowledge, information, and belief.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JAN. 10, 1972

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TO THE CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

File this petition and issue scire facias upon the petition ordering the respondent, George Bonebrake, to appear before this Court on the 12th day of December, 1968, at 9:30 A.M. o'clock to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt of this Court for violation and disobedience of the Court's orders.

JUDGE

examination of items of evidence the attorney general's office has been ordered to make available to him.

In an interview Mr. Hanes declared that prosecution witnesses have been making public statements "convicting my client and we have had no chance to counter them."

He cited a lecture by George Bonebrake, an FBI fingerprint specialist, in Wichita, Kan., Sept. 11 and quoted on Page One of the Wichita Beacon.

The Beacon identified Mr. Bonebrake as the man who "led the search through thousands of fingerprints on file with the FBI headquarters in Washington seeking identification of the killer." Mr. Bonebrake also testified at the extradition hearing for Ray in London in July.

"I was able to testify," Mr. Bonebrake was quoted as saying in Wichita, "that the latent fingerprints we found in Memphis matched those taken of the man arrested in London, and that the same prints matched those taken of James Earl Ray while he was at the Missouri Penitentiary."

Using a chart to compare "latent fingerprints" with "ink fingerprints," Mr. Bonebrake added, "This is what I did in London. I was able to show that the latent prints obtained in Memphis, the ones taken in London and the ones taken of Ray at the Missouri prison were all the same."

Mr. Bonebrake was addressing a Wichita area police seminar on fingerprint identification. In Washington yesterday the FBI said Mr. Bonebrake was out of town and not available for comment.

Frank Garofolo, assistant city editor of the Wichita Beacon, said yesterday that newsmen were permitted to attend the lecture and nothing was put off the record at the police seminar. A major in the Wichita Police Department objected the next day, Mr. Garofolo said, that the speech had been quoted too much in detail.

Judge W. Preston Battle has acknowledged earlier that his power to limit publicity applied only in the boundaries of his judicial district (Shelby County).

The order has a differing effect, Mr. Hanes said.

[illegible] the accused and his attorneys have been ordered [illegible]

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"Exhibit A"

Mr. Hanes said Judge Battle's order restricting pre-trial interviews is inconsistent with a statement by the judge that he has seen criminal cases "drenched in publicity" but ending with a "just result."

Judge Battle made the statement in denying a defense contention that widespread publicity before issuance of his order had made a fair trial impossible.

Mr. Hanes will be in Memphis today and tomorrow interviewing witnesses and examining items of evidence in possession of Atty. Gen. Phil Canale. He took time off yesterday afternoon to [illegible]

Memphis Press-Scimitar

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WEATHER FORECAST: High today 84. Low tonight 65. Chance of a few showers tonight. (Details on Page 2)

85TH YEAR—NO. 299 MEMPHIS, TENN., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1968 TELEPHONES

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Like the Harper Valley P-TA, Attorney Charges

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Arthur J. Hanes, attorney for James Earl Ray, seeked it to a court-appointed committee in the Dr. Martin Luther King murder case today, calling them a "committee of Harper Valley P-TA hypocrites."

The reference is to the hit record, "Harper Valley P-TA," which recounts the tale of a mini-skirted widowed wife told by the P-TA that "as a mother, you're not fit." She wore her miniskirt to the next meeting and "seeked it to the Harper Valley P-TA," recounting the vices of the members and branding them as "Harper Valley hypocrites."

Hanes called the committee 'hypocrites' because he contends that representatives of those prosecuting Ray are being allowed to make statements about the case while he has been criticized for making comments.

The seven-lawyer committee, headed by Lucius Burch, recommended to Judge Preston Battle that Hanes be required to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of Battle's order restricting pre-trial publicity. Battle held Hanes, a private detective in his employ and two newspaper reporters, in contempt but has not passed sentence.

"Sheriff (William) Morris said in a press conference that the man's (Ray's) cell is fine. I said I disagreed. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark stated on television that Ray committed this crime with no conspiracy involved," Hanes said.

"I suppose if I had opened my mouth and agreed with Ramsey Clark and Sheriff Morris, nothing would have been said about it. Nothing would have been heard from Mr. Burch's committee of Harper Valley P-TA hypocrites."

Hanes said he had not filed a plea to set aside Battle's decision in the contempt hearing. "I'm going to wait and see if he sentences me. I may at that time appeal. Still, on the other hand, whatever he decided to mete out to me, I could take it as long as that bunch (the committee) could live with their consciences."

Other members of the legal committee are J. Alan Hanover, Cooper Turner Jr., James D. Causey, Lee Bearman Jr., Lee A. Hamilton and Don Owens.

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[illegible] was quoted in [illegible] saying the fingerprint in Memphis [illegible] "taken of the [illegible] in London" [illegible] of James [illegible] was at the [illegible]. testimony [illegible] to associate him in the murder of Dr. King as well as identify him as the fugitive wanted for escaping from the Missouri Prison," Donohue was quoted as saying. The FBI expert was identified as the man who "led the search through thousands of fingerprints on file at the Washington, D.C., FBI headquarters for the identification of the killer" and the "government's star witness in the extradition proceedings" against Ray.

Donohue was quoted as saying that "FBI agents obtained 'good' latent prints from a rifle believed used to kill Dr. King, from a telescopic sight on the rifle and from a pair of binoculars found at the scene."

"This was a real break for

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SIMITAR, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1968

Hanes Complains About Photograph

us," Bonebrake was quoted. "We had several names to go on but we didn't know which one was correct. Ray had purchased a car under the name of Galt, bought the rifle under another name and registered in Memphis using the name John Willard."

The story quoted Bonebrake as saying he expected to go to Memphis to testify on the fingerprint identification during Ray's coming trial. "There's no doubt in my mind that he (Ray) at least handled the murder weapon," he was quoted.

NO COMMENT

Bonebrake was in Wichita speaking to an area seminar on fingerprint identification for law enforcement agencies. A FBI spokesman said in Washington today that Bonebrake was out on assignment and was not available for comment. "We are not making any comment on that case whatsoever unless it was public knowledge," the spokesman said.

"Everybody seems to be leaning toward the prosecution. All the court officials seem to be," Hanes said.

"Three thousand FBI agents working on the case, the resources of the state of Tennessee, the press and this community are working to ensure that the state of Tennessee gets a fair trial.

"I am the only one standing between my client and the great forces of government. I will not be intimidated.

"It is pretty easy to admonish an unpopular lawyer who has an unpopular client and an unpopular case, to look upon him with disfavor.

"I never heard of a judge criticizing a sheriff or a prosecutor they live with and do business with every day."

Hanes said he did not believe his latest statements were in violation of Battle's anti-publicity order.

"I have not said anything, nor will I say anything, going to the merits of the case," he said. "But I will say this, that when a lawyer is overcome by timidity in criticizing the courts we have lost a lot of individual freedom in this country.

"We should guard against any person or any court being immune to criticism. The time is past when a person or a committee can mount a pedestal, adjust his halo and say don't criticize my actions.

"In my opinion the flames of justice have flickered mighty low in the headwinds of the great forces which have been amassed against my client."

Hanes said he had complained to Battle about a picture released by Morris showing the sheriff leading a handcuffed Ray into jail. "It depicted him (Ray) as some kind of dangerous animal dragged from his cave," Hanes said.

"I asked the judge to let me have a photographer come in and photograph him as a normal human being. This was denied. I feel if the sheriff had a right to release the photograph, we certainly had the right to release one showing him as he normally is."

Hanes said he planned to [illegible]

[illegible] spent several hours yesterday conferring with Memphis attorney Russell X. Thompson.

Earlier in the case, Thompson was reported to be under consideration as associate counsel in Ray's defense, but Hanes later denied it.

Thompson confirmed

Hanes was in his office in connection with preliminary work he had done previously but declined further comment.

Hanes' visit, however, again led to speculation that Thompson would become associated with him.

Commercial Appeal 10/11/68

Hanes Resumes Verbal Onslaught

Cites Story Quoting FBI Linking Ray, Prints

The attorney for James Earl Ray, charged with murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., renewed his verbal onslaught against a court order to limit pretrial publicity in the case.

Arthur J. Hanes conceded that Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, who has held him in contempt, has the right to forbid him to discuss the "merits of the case against Ray. But he can't get after me, according to the Reardon report, for commenting on other things."

"Other things," according to Mr. Hanes, embraces the conditions of Ray's imprisonment in the Shelby County Jail, the release of only one photo of Ray, showing him shackled and manacled, and the unsuccessful effort of a Ku Klux Klan attorney from Georgia to become associated in Ray's defense.

Judge Battle's order he said, has not prevented an FBI spokesman from giving interviews pointing to Ray as Dr. King's slayer.

Tuesday Mr. Hanes cited a story in the Wichita (Kan.) Beacon quoting George Donebrake, an FBI fingerprint expert, as saying fingerprints taken of Ray in London matched "latent fingerprints" taken by detectives in Memphis shortly after Dr. King was slain on a motel balcony here last April.

A dispatch from Wichita said that, besides making the speech at a police seminar there on fingerprint identification, Mr. Donebrake said in an [illegible] weapon."

"Exhibit C"

The earliest date hearing on this matter could be heard would be November 1, only eleven (11) days before the Ray trial.

The reason for orders on publicity and hearings on their alleged violation is to deter prejudicial publicity from infecting the community from which the jury must be drawn. In the nature of things, hearings on alleged violations of publicity orders result in pervasive dissemination of prejudicial publicity and are, to that extent, self-defeating. For these reasons, this matter has been set for hearing after the Ray trial.

W. Preston Battle
Oct. 24, 1968. Judge

November 12, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The sheriff at Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, has advised that subject James Earl Ray has dismissed his attorney Arthur Hanes and has secured the services of Percy Foreman. The sheriff indicates that Ray may not stand trial before April, 1969; however there is a hearing in court in Shelby County today regarding this matter.

Bureau files indicate that in April, 1961, Foreman identified himself to our Houston Office as an attorney for [redacted]

The attached is background information concerning Percy Foreman.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM HOUSTON (44-1509)

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RE BU PHONE CALL NOV. ELEVEN SIXTYEIGHT.

IN VIEW OF FACT PERCY FOREMAN WILL BE ATTORNEY FOR JAME EARL RAY IN INSTANT MATTER, FOLLOWING IS BEING FURNISHED FOR BUREAU'S INFORMATION:

PERCY FOREMAN, BORN NINETEEN ZERO TWO, ABOUT SIX FEET THREE INCHES, TWO FOUR ZERO LBS., GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LAW SCHOOL NINETEEN TWENTY-SEVEN, A NATIVE OF EAST TEXAS, HAS BEEN A DEFENSE ATTORNEY IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, FOR MANY YEARS.

FOREMAN CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF COUNTRY'S FOREMOST ATTORNEYS IN FIELD OF CRIMINAL LAW, PARTICULARLY HOMICIDES. HE PRACTICES ALONE. HIS STRONG POINTS ARE: SELECTION OF A JURY; PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS, PARTICULARLY REASONABLE DOUBT. HE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL AT IMPRESSING JURIES, PARTICULARLY WHEN JUDGE HAS ALLOWED GREAT LATITUDE IN QUESTIONING OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS. IN SUCH CASES, HE HAS

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HIRED LOCAL ATTORNEYS TO FAMILIARIZE HIM WITH AREA AND LOCAL SITUATIONS. HE HAS EXCELLENT MEMORY FOR NAMES AND USES THIS TALENT AND INFORMATION WHEN QUESTIONING THE PANEL IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A PERSONAL FEELING WITH THOSE PICKED FOR JURY.

FOREMAN'S WEAKNESS, IF ANY, IS HIS LACK OF LEGAL KNOWLEDGE. HE OVERCOMES THIS WEAKNESS BY HIRING LOCAL ATTORNEYS KNOWN FOR THEIR LEGAL ABILITY. IN THE PAST HE EMPLOYED LUTHER JONES, A LEGAL AUTHORITY IN CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS; GILBERT SHARPE, NOW A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS AND MOST RECENTLY C. ANTHONY FRILOUX A FORMER AUSA OF HOUSTON, TEXAS. FOREMAN GENERALLY PAYS THESE ATTORNEYS VERY WELL FOR THEIR SERVICES, USUALLY UP TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY IN THE COURTROOM DEPENDING ON SIZE OF HIS FEE. IN THIS REGARD, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FOREMAN AS A RULE IN PAST HAS NOT ACCEPTED CASES UNLESS PAID IN ADVANCE. IN ONE BUREAU CASE, [redacted] ET AL, FAG, BUREAU FILE [redacted] ADVISED SA [redacted] AFTER HE WAS CONVICTED AND LOST HIS APPEAL THAT FOREMAN REQUIRED [redacted] TO SELL

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HIS HOME AND [redacted] SON, [redacted] BORROW THE REMAINDER OF FOREMAN'S FEE BEFORE FOREMAN ENTERED CASE.

FOREMAN HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN WINNING ACQUITTALS IN FEDERAL COURT. IT IS GENERALLY BELIEVED THAT HIS LACK OF SUCCESS IN FEDERAL COURT IS DUE TO STRICTER RULES OF CONDUCT ENFORCED DURING TRIAL BY FEDERAL JUDGES. FOREMAN IS ADEPT AT "SIDE-BAR" REMARKS AND RIDICULING PROSECUTOR, AND PROSECUTION WITNESSES. WHEN A JUDGE LIMITS FOREMAN'S ATTEMPTS TO RIDICULE PROSECUTION OR HIS COURTROOM ANTICS, FOREMAN ATTEMPTS TO GET A HUNG JURY APPEALING TO ONE OR TWO JURORS WHO APPEAR TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO FOREMAN.

IN THE [redacted] CASE MENTIONED ABOVE, FOREMAN OBTAINED A MISTRIAL UNDER TITLE EIGHTEEN SECTION THREE FIVE ZERO ZERO, JENCK'S ACT, WHEN A GOVERNMENT WITNESS ADMITTED UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION THAT HE HAD BEEN INTERVIEWED BY ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY, WHICH INTERVIEW WAS UNKNOWN TO THE FBI OR U. S. ATTORNEY. IN CASE ENTITLED [redacted] AKA.; ET AL, ITOM, BUREAU FILE [redacted] FOREMAN APPEALED TO A FEW JURORS WHO HELD OUT FOR ACQUITTAL, THUS CAUSING HUNG JURY AND MISTRIAL. IF PERMITTED BY JUDGE

IN CAPITAL CASE, FOREMAN ATTEMPTS TO CONVINCE JURY THAT VICTIM WAS CULPRIT OR SCOUNDREL AND GOT WHAT HE DESERVED. THIS IS HIS MAIN DEFENSE IN CAPITAL CASES. GENERALLY, FOREMAN APPEARS BORED WHEN THE PROSECUTION HAS ITS WITNESSES ON DIRECT EXAMINATION. HE TRIES TO CONVEY THIS FEELING TO JURY.

ONE ATTORNEY, WHO WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH FOREMAN DESCRIBED HIM AS HARD-NOSED, COLD, CRUEL AND RUTHLESS.

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FOREMAN SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED CANDACE MOSSLER IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, WHEN SHE AND HER NEPHEW, MELVIN LANE POWERS, WERE CHARGED WITH MURDER OF JACQUES MOSSLER, HER HUSBAND, WHICH CASE RECEIVED WIDE-SPREAD PUBLICITY.

IN ALL PROBABILITY, FOREMAN WILL HIRE A LOCAL ATTORNEY IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND USE THE TACTICS DESCRIBED ABOVE, WHICH TACTICS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OVER SEVEN HUNDRED CAPITAL CASES HANDLED BY HIM.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

Mr. Mohr

DATE: 11/6/68

M N. P. Callahan

ECT MURKIN--COST DATA

There is attached an airtel from the SAC at Memphis re captioned matter indicating that unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau the Memphis Division will, following a submission of October cost figures, discontinue furnishing such data. The basis for such action is that since the subject RAY is in local custody and the State trial is about to commence, there remains very little, if any, investigation to be conducted.

This office agrees with the SAC at Memphis that cost records on this case should be discontinued.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Investigative Division for their views on discontinuing furnishing of cost data on this case.

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ADDENDUM: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION REL:jms 11-7-68

It is anticipated that a number of Agents will be subpoenaed for testimony in the state trial of James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, scheduled for November 12, 1968. This, of course, will involve travel and per diem expenditures.

It is not anticipated that substantial costs will incur from investigation in this case in the future, and in view of this, it is recommended that cost records on this case be discontinued.

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Section 73

FBI

Date: 10/31/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (~~44-33861~~)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to Memphis, 4/17/68, concerning cost data.

Inasmuch as subject RAY is in local custody, that the state trial in this matter is about to commence and that there remains very little, if any at all, additional investigation to be conducted in this matter, the Bureau is requested to authorize the Memphis Division to discontinue the submission of the monthly cost data figures in instant matter.

The monthly cost data for the month of October, 1968, will be submitted. UACB, the Memphis Division will, following the submission of the October cost figures, advise the other field divisions to discontinue furnishing the Memphis Division with this information.

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1 - Foreign Liaison
(Cleared with SA
Graham Day)
1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

To: Legat, Ottawa

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

James Squires, Assistant Editor, "Nashville Tennessean," who in the past has been interested in the Warren Commission Report on the Kennedy assassination, advised he is covering the trial of James Earl Ray at Memphis, Tennessee.

Squires advised that he recently received a telephone call from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and the caller identified himself as Donald Steward Appell, an investigator, employed by one Richard "Dick" Giesbrecht. According to Squires, Giesbrecht is under the opinion that "Raoul" is identical with a blond Latin seaman that Giesbrecht had overheard discussing the Kennedy assassination in 1964. It is noted that President Kennedy was assassinated in November of 1963 and the conversation was overheard in 1964.

A copy of the communication received from Memphis regarding James Squires is enclosed for the information of Legat, Ottawa.

Bureau files indicate that an article appears in the 1-28-68, issue of the "National Enquirer" newspaper entitled "Suppressed JFK Evidence" relating to information furnished by one Richard Giesbrecht. The "National Enquirer" is a well-known, sex-type newspaper. It is totally unreliable and is known to feature wild sensational stories. The article that appeared in the "National Enquirer" is no exception to this.

The article reports that Richard Giesbrecht, a Canadian insurance salesman, claims to have overheard a conversation in 1964 which proves Lee Harvey Oswald had not acted alone in the Kennedy assassination. Bureau files further disclose that on 2-27-64, Giesbrecht informed one of our Agents that while he was

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1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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in a bar in the International Airport in Winnipeg, Canada, on 2-13-64, he overheard a conversation between two unknown individuals concerning the Kennedy assassination. The information as provided by Giesbrecht was included in a report which was disseminated to the Warren Commission. Logical investigation by the Bureau disproved numerous parts of Giesbrecht's allegation and failed to confirm verifiable portions of his story.

Bureau's investigation subsequently indicated that Giesbrecht was attempting to sell his story to a radio station in North Dakota. Giesbrecht stated to his radio station that he felt the story he had to sell would be buried by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), and that the Canadian papers were not big enough to handle it. Personnel at the radio station described Giesbrecht as a beer-drinking type, childlike and one who felt he could possibly obtain some money from his story. [redacted]

Legat, Ottawa should furnish this information to the RCMP for appropriate check to determine what they can furnish us regarding this matter.

Legat, Ottawa should forward to the Bureau any additional RCMP investigative results relative to the female employed by the Canadian Government that James Earl Ray allegedly consorted with.

Legat, Ottawa should also request the RCMP to furnish us any information they have recently developed concerning [redacted]

Airtel to Legat, Ottawa
Re: MURKIN

NOTE:

See Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum 11-5-68, captioned, "Murkin," REL:erg/jms. This communication also requesting Legat, Ottawa to furnish Bureau results of investigation being conducted by RCMP regarding other aspects. Ray had several dates with a female in Canada prior to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and the RCMP is currently conducting an investigation concerning all aspects. RCMP previously furnished us information that one Jules Rocco Kimble possibly was acquainted with an individual in Toronto, Canada, who meets the general description of Ray. Negative findings have resulted this far, and we are requesting the Legat Ottawa to provide us with any additional investigative results of RCMP.

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
MAY 1962 EDITION
GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: November 5, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Raupach
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

James Squires, Assistant Editor, "Nashville Tennessean," who in the past has been interested in the Warren Commission Report on the Kennedy assassination, advised he is covering the trial of James Earl Ray at Memphis. Squires received a telephone call from Canada and caller identified himself as Donald Stewart Appell, an investigator employed by one Richard "Dick" Giesbrecht. Appell asked questions of Squires concerning the particular aspect of James Earl Ray being approached in Montreal, Canada, by individual named "Raoul." Recent issue of "Look" Magazine carried an account of an individual by the name of "Raoul" in which Ray and "Raoul" were endeavoring to make some type of deal concerning a "joint activity" for which "Raoul" would pay Ray $12,000. Activity not fully described but Ray was to transport packages between United States and Canada, and possibility exists that packages could contain contraband such as narcotics. Appell advised that Giesbrecht of opinion that "Raoul" is identical with a blond, Latin seaman that Giesbrecht had heard discussing the Kennedy assassination (conversation overheard in 1964). We previously had this information concerning the Kennedy assassination and logical investigation disproved numerous parts of Giesbrecht's allegation and failed to confirm verifiable portions of story. President Kennedy assassinated in November of 1963.

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ACTION:

This information will be provided to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police by our Legal Attache in Ottawa for appropriate action.

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DETAILS - OVER

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

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James Squires, Assistant Editor, "Nashville Tennessean," who in the past has been interested in the Warren Commission Report on the Kennedy assassination, advised he is covering the trial of James Earl Ray at Memphis and has done some research in connection with the Ray matter (nature of research not provided).

Squires advised that he recently received a telephone call from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and the caller identified himself as Donald Stewart Appell, an investigator employed by one Richard "Dick" Giesbrecht. According to Squires, Appell began asking questions concerning James Earl Ray particularly the aspect of Ray being approached by a blond, Latin man in Montreal, Canada, named "Raoul."

It is noted that the recent issue of "Look" Magazine carried an article authored by William Bradford Huie and the article in part contains an account of an individual by the name of "Raoul." This individual and Ray, according to the article were endeavoring to make some type of deal concerning a "joint activity" for which "Raoul" would pay Ray $12,000. The specific nature of the "joint activity" is not fully described or identified but Ray was to transport packages (not further described) between the United States and Canada. The possibility exists that the packages could contain contraband, such as narcotics. No mention is made here of "Raoul" providing Ray with funds which would implicate "Raoul" in a conspiracy in the King assassination; however, Huie infers that a conspiracy exists.

Appell further related to Squires that Giesbrecht is of the opinion that "Raoul" is identical with a blond, Latin seaman that Giesbrecht had heard discussing the Kennedy assassination (conversation overheard in 1964). President Kennedy assassinated in November, 1963.

Based upon available data concerning Appell, it is not possible to determine if he is identifiable in Bureau files; however, Squires stated that a few years ago he had met and interviewed an investigator for the House Committee on Unamerican Activities (HCUA) by the name of Donald Appell and he asked the Appell in Canada if he was identical with HCUA investigator and the Canadian Appell said he was not.

DETAILS - CONTINUED

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

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FBI MEMPHIS

649 PM URGENT 10-31-68 DND

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

REMYTEL OCT. THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT.

JAMES SQUIRES, ASST. EDITOR, NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN, CONTACTED OCT. THIRTYONE INSTANT. SQUIRES SAID HE IS COVERING TRAIL JAMES EARL RAY AT MEMPHIS AND HAS DONE SOME RESEARCH IN CONNECTION WITH RAY MATTER. ADVISED HE HAS ALSO BEEN INTERESTED IN PAST IN WARREN COMMISSION REPORT ON KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. SQUIRES SAID IN FEBRUARY, SIXTYFOUR, MAN NAMED RICHARD "DICK" GIESBRECHT FROM WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CONADA, ANNOUNCED TO CANADIAN PRESS AND U. S. PRESS THAT HE HAD OVERHEAD BLOND LATIN INDIVIDUAL WHO APPEARED TO BE SEAMAN TALKING ABOUT PLOY TO KILL KENNEDY.

SQUIRES STATED HE HAS BEEN CONDUCTING BACKGROUND INQUIRY IN CONNECTION WITH RAY CASE AND HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE. SQUIRES AWARE OF FACT HUIE GOING TO PUBLISH STORY RE POSSIBLE DEFENSE FOR RAY AND THAT STORY WOULD APPEAR IN LOOK MAGAZINE. SQUIRES SAID HE HAD INFO FOR A STORY CONCERNING RAY'S DEFENSE AND IN ORDER TO BEAT HUIE'S RELEASE IN LOOK HE PUBLISHED HIS STORY IN NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN ON MONDAY A.M., OCTOBER TWENTY-

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EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT. SQUIRES SAID ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP) PICKED UP HIS STORY AND COMBINED INFO (information) FROM HUIE'S LOOK ARTICLE AND PUT THAT ON AP WIRE. SQUIRES SAID HUIE IN HIS STORY SAID RAY CLAIMED HE WAS APPROACHED BY BLOND MAN IN MONTREAL, CANADA, NAMED RAOUL. SQUIRES SAID HIS STORY ONLY INDICATED RAY CLAIMED CONTACTED BY MAN IN CANADA.

SQUIRES SURMISES AS RESULT OF AP RELEASE, WHICH APPARENTLY WENT INTO CANADA, LE RECEIVED ON TUESDAY NIGHT, OCT. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT, LONG DISTANCE CALL FROM WINNIPEG, MANITOBA. CALLER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS DONALD STEWART APPELL, INVESTIGATOR EMPLOYED BY GIESBRECHT IN CONNECTION WITH KENNEDY CASE. SQUIRES SAID APPELL APPARENTLY MUSUNDERSTOOD AP STORY AND UNDER IMPRESSION SQUIRES WAS REPORTER WHO FURNISHED INFO RE CANADA CONTACT OF RAY BY RAOUL. SQUIRES SAID APPELL BEGAN ASKING QUESTIONS RE RAY AND THE INFO RAY HAD GIVEN CONCERNING RAOUL. APPELL TOLD SQUIRES THAT GIESBRECHT IS OF OPINION RAOUL, WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED RAY, IS IDENTICAL WITH BLOND LATIN SEAMAN THAT GIESBRECHT HAD HEARD DISCUSSING KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

SQUIRES SAID HE THOUGHT SOMETHING MIGHT BE FISHY AND HE CALLED

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BACK TO WINNIPEG, CANADA, ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER THIRTY, SIXTYEIGHT, TO DETERMINE IF A PERSON SUCH AS GIESBRECHT EXISTED AND IF HE COULD CONTACT APPELL AGAIN. SQUIRES ALSO SAID PRIOR TO HIS CALL TO CANADA HE CHECKED THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT AND COULD FIND NO REFERENCE TO GIESBRECHT. HE SAID WHEN HE CALLED BACK TO CANADA HE DID GET IN TOUCH WITH RICHARD "DICK" GIESBRECHT'S WIFE, WHO TOLD HIM HER HUSBAND WAS OUT. THROUGH HER HE GOT IN TOUCH WITH DONALD STEWART APPELL. THEY AGAIN DISCUSSED THE RAY CASE AND APPELL'S INTEREST IN THE KENNEDY CASE. APPELL AGAIN TOLD SQUIRES THAT GIESBRECHT WAS OF OPINION THAT MAN WHO ALLEGEDLY CONTACTED RAY AND THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THE PLOT TO ASSASSINATE KENNEDY WAS ONE AND THE SAME INDIVIDUAL. APPELL ALSO TOLD SQUIRES THAT HE AND GIESBRECHT PLANNED TO GO TO NEW ORLEANS FIRST WEEK IN NOVEMBER TO GIVE THEIR INFORMATION TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL GARRISON, NEW ORLEANS.

SQUIRES ADVISED TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR GIESBRECHT IN WINNIPEG IS [redacted] THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR APPELL IN WINNIPEG IS [redacted]

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SQUIRES ALSO STTED THAT A FEW YEARS BACK HE HAD MET AND INTERVIEWED A HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UNAMERICAN ACTIVITIES INVESTIGATOR BY NAME DONALD APPELL. HE SAID HE ASKED THE APPELL IN CANADA IF HE WERE IDENTICAL WITH THE HCUA INVESTIGATOR AND THE CANADIAN APPELL SAID HE WAS NOT.

MEMPHIS INDICES DISCLOSE NO INFO IDENTIFIABLE WITH EITHER GIESBRECHT OR APPELL AND MEMPHIS HAS NO DESCRIPTIVE DATA RE RAOUL OTHER THAN THAT WHICH APPEARED IN LOOK ARTICLE. MEMPHIS INDICES DISCLOSE NO INFORMATION RE BLOND LATIN SEAMAN INVOLVED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. SUGGEST BUREAU REVIEW ITS INDICES AND MATERIAL COLLECTED IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT NAMES GIESBRECHT OR APPELL HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE.

REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT BUREAU INDICES CONTAIN INFORMATION, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT DATA RE GIESBRECHT AND APPELL AND RESPECTIVE PHONE NUMBERS BE FURNISHED RCMP FOR APPROPRIATE CHECK TO ASCERTAIN WHAT THE AGENCY CAN FURNISH REGARDING THESE PEOPLE. P.

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FBI BIRMGHAM

538 PM URGENT 11-12-68 GDM

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

MURKIN

REMYTEL TO DIRECTOR NOVEMBER NINE LAST.

OWNER AND ALL PREVIOUSLY UNINTERVIEWED EMPLOYEES, GRANADA HOTEL, TWO TWO THREE ZERO FOURTH AVE. NORTH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, DISPLAYED PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AIRMAIL COPY FURNISHED MEMPHIS.

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PM URGENT 11/11/68 JCS

TO DIRECTOR, FBI(44-38861)

FROM: SAN ANTONIO (44-1242)

MURKIN.

REBUPHONE CALL TO SAN ANTONIO, NOVEMBER NINE LAST, AND SAN ANTONIO PHONE CALL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER INSTANT.

SEVEN MAJOR MOTELS AND HOTELS IN NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, CHECKED FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, NINTEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, FOR NAME OF JOHN L. RAYNS, ERIC STARVO GALT, AND RAOUL WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. MEXICAN IMMIGRATION RECORDS ALSO CHECKED FOR RAOUL FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, NINETEEN SIXTY-SEVEN, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

TWO MOTELS CLOSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AT LAREDO, TEXAS, ON U.S. SIDE ALSO CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 11/1368

FROM RJ SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau are individual copies of a summons to appear in Criminal Court on November 12, a copy of an Order on Sequestration of Witnesses, and a letter advising the date of November 12 shall be disregarded as appearance date in Court. One copy each of these was delivered to SAC, Memphis, and SA [redacted], Memphis Division.

ROBERT FITZPATRICK

(2) Bureau (Enc. 6) ENCLOSURE
1 Memphis

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cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-94 (3) REC'D NOV 17 68
cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

To [illegible]

You are summoned to appear before the Judge

[illegible] Division [illegible] Court [illegible]

CRIMINAL COURT BUILDING—2nd FLOOR
NORTHEAST CORNER WASHINGTON AVENUE AND SECOND ST.

in Memphis, Tenn., on [illegible] 196[illegible]

Witness in the case of

[illegible] STATE OF TENNESSEE

vs.

[illegible]

WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., Sheriff

[illegible] D. S

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS.

JAMES EARL RAY
Alias Eric Starvo Galt,
Alias John Willard,
Alias Harvey Lowmeyer,
Alias Harvey Lowmyer.

NO. 16645 Murder First Degree

NO. 16819 Carrying Dangerous We

ORDER ON SEQUESTRATION OF WITNESSES

No witness subpoenaed in the case shall read newspaper articles about the case, watch television programs about the case nor listen to radio broadcasts about the case from the time of the beginning of taking testimony in the case until such subpoenaed witness has completed his testimony in the case and been excused by the Court. This provision shall not apply to the defendant, personally.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF • SHELBY COUNTY • TENNESSEE

WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., SHERIFF

November 7, 1968

Mr. Robert Jensen
% Federal Bureau of Investigation
Memphis, Tennessee

IN RE: STATE OF TENNESSEE
VS
JAMES EARL RAY
NO. 16645

Mr. Jenser:

As directed by the Honorable W. Preston Battle, Judge of Criminal Court, Division III, of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, I enclose herewith for your information, copy of order on "Sequestration of Witnesses", which was entered in the minutes of said court on October 28, 1968.

Also enclosed is an official form of subpoena relative to the starting date in the case of State of Tennessee versus James Earl Ray. This will inform you to disregard the date of November 12, 1968 as your appearance date in court. You will be notified at a later date as to your personal appearance in the courtroom.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM N. MORRIS, JR., SHERIFF

O. J. Billings

O. J. BILLINGS, ASSISTANT CHIEF

11-14-68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SACs, Birmingham
New Orleans
Memphis
Mobile
San Antonio

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

HURKIN

William Bradford Huie, author, has written a second article for "Look" magazine concerning the travels of James Earl Ray since Ray's escape from Missouri State Penitentiary on April 23, 1967. The second article appears in November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" (circulated November 12, 1968) and alleges the involvement of an individual by the name of "Raoul" in the Dr. assassination. According to the article, Ray contacted "Raoul" in New Orleans, Louisiana; Selma, Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama, and in a motel across the border in Mexico.

The following is a listing of those motels and a hotel in the respective areas in which Ray was alleged to have registered as a guest using the name Eric S. Galt or John L. Rayns.

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New Provincial Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana
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Airtel to SACs, Birmingham
New Orleans
Memphis
Mobile
San Antonio

RE: MURKIN

Granada Hotel
Birmingham, Alabama
August 25, 1967
(Birmingham Division)

Flamingo Motel
Selma, Alabama
March 24, 1968
(Mobile Division)

Each division will obtain a list of the guests registered at the respective motels and hotel for a period of three days before, during, and three days after the listed period. This list should include, but not be restricted to, name, address, and identification of any vehicle used by the guests. The possibility exists that a common denominator will appear at the above in order that the identity of "Raoul" will be established.

In addition, the article sets forth that Ray stayed at an unnamed motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, 10-7-67. Since it is not known how many motels are located in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, the San Antonio Office should conduct the desired investigation only if feasible. Advise the Bureau and Memphis accordingly.

The Memphis Division, upon receipt of this information from the other listed divisions, will completely evaluate this information for possible identification of "Raoul." The name "Raoul" is Spanish for Ralph and it should be considered that this could be either a given name or a surname.

This is to be handled immediately and results furnished to the Bureau promptly.

NOTE:

Two articles have been written for "Look" magazine. These articles infer that an individual by the name of "Raoul" contacted Ray on several occasions and alleges that the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. WAS CONSPIRACY, THIS is not substantiated in these articles, however, we are requesting several field divisions to make inquiries at motels and hotel to determine if a common denominator exists that will be helpful in identifying "Raoul".

Memphis is being instructed to make this evaluation.

FBI

Date: 11/12/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 11/4/68.

AT 1652-R advised on 11/8/68 that the photograph of the klansman as appearing in "LOOK" Magazine dated 4/25/61, Volume 25, No. 9, is one [redacted] Source further advised that [redacted] it the klan shortly after said photograph was made in the early spring, 1961, and presently resides at Marietta, Georgia.

No further action is contemplated by the Atlanta Office as concerning the photograph described in referenced Bureau airtel.

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Special Agent in Charge

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URGENT 11-14-68

TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 113

MURKIN.

[redacted] NOW CONFINED HOLLOWAY SANITARIUM, VIRGINIA WATER, SURREY, ENGLAND. HE WAS DISCHARGED JUNE ONE NINE SIX EIGHT AS [redacted] BY MEDICAL BOARD WHICH DIAGNOSED HIM AS "SCHIZOPHRENIC REACTION, UNDIFFERENTIATED TYPE, DEFINITE IMPAIRMENT; EPIS WITH SERVICE AGGRAVATION." AIRTEL WITH COPY [redacted] MEDICAL REPORT BEING POUCHED.

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RECEIVED: 11:32 AM RNK

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FBI LOS ANG.

3:07PM URGENT 11-8-68 LJF

TO DIRECTOR (62-557, 44-38361) AND SAC MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOS ANGELES (56-156, 44-1574)

KENSALT: MURKIN.

RE [redacted]

REBUTELCAL TO LOS ANGELES NOVEMBER EIGHT INSTANT.

ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT LOS ANGELES IS TELETYPE FROM MEMPHIS JULY EIGHT, SIXTY FIVE, CAPTIONED QUOTE [redacted] VICTIM; CR UNQUOTE, WHICH ADVISES THAT [redacted] WAS A TRUSTY IN DAVIDSON COUNTY JAIL WHERE SERVING SENTENCE ON CHARGE OF PETTY LARCENY AND ALLEGED HE HAD BEEN MISTREATED. NO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT LOS ANGELES. NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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FBI INDAPOLS

735PM URGENT 11-13-68 WJA

TO DIRECTOR

FROM INDIANAPOLIS

MURKIN. OO MEMPHIS

RE BUTELPHONE CALL TO INDIANAPOLIS NOV. TWELVE LAST.

ALL MOTELS IN AREA EAST OF GARY, IND., CHECKED BY BUAGENTS NOV. THIRTEEN INSTANT AND NO REGISTRATION FOR AUG. TWENTYONE, SIXTYSEVEN, FOUND FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT, OR JOHN L. RAYNS. RECORDS UNAVAILABLE THIS DATE AT U.S. TWENTY MOTEL, PORTAGE, IND. THAT MOTEL WILL BE RECONTACTED NOV. FOURTEEN, NEXT. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

AIRMAIL COPY TO MEMPHIS.

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Date: 11-13-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

ReBuAirtel 11-5-68, and Memphis teletype 11-12-68.

Inasmuch as a postponement in this trial has been granted until March 3, 1969, no teletype will be submitted on a daily basis by Memphis.

Any new developments that might occur in the interim will, of course, be called to the Bureau's attention promptly.

(3) BUREAU (AM)
1 MEMPHIS

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 11-6-68

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Via AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN.

Remytel 11-5-68 concerning this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the "Report of Amici Curiae," stating that there is probable cause to believe that WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE and the publishers of "Look" magazine are in contempt of court regarding pre-trial publicity in instant case. This report was filed 11-4-68.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 2)(AM)
1 MEMPHIS

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C.C. - Bishop

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the above-mentioned parties are not presently within the

STATE OF TENNESSEE

Vs.

JAMES EARL RAY, Alias
ERRIC STARVO GALT,
Alias JOHN WILLARD,
Alias HARVEY LOHMEYER

NOS. 16645 and 16819

FILED 11-4-68
J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY J. A. Blackwell D. C.

REPORT OF AMICI CURIAE

Your amici curiae herewith submit the following additional report:

As a result of an article appearing in the November 12, 1968 edition of LOOK, distributed in Memphis, Tennessee on October 29, 1968, and an interview reported in the Commercial Appeal of November 1, 1968 under headline: "FBI IS GOING PAST RAY IN SEARCH FOR SUSPECTS", there is probable cause to believe that William Bradford Huie, Cowles Communications, Inc., publishers of LOOK, and others closely connected with or interested in this case are in contempt of this Court's orders regarding pre-trial publicity in the above-styled cause.

It further appearing to your amici curiae that some of the above-mentioned parties are not presently within the jurisdiction of this Court, and that the trial of the above matter is imminent, your amici curiae believe that no immediate action can or should be taken, but that a petition for scire facias should be filed at such time as the above parties are within the jurisdiction of the Court and after the jury in this cause is sequestered, requiring said parties to show cause why they should not be held in contempt of this

Court's orders.

Your amici curiae further report that they have met on numerous occasions to discuss the problems of pre-trial publicity in this case and the enforcement of this Court's orders. The single and all-pervasive goal toward which this group has striven is the assurance of a fair trial by an impartial jury in this cause. There is no effort to "muzzle" or censor the news or publishing media; nor are this Court's orders reasonably susceptible to such interpretation.

But this Court has been strongly directed by the Supreme Court of the United States in Sheppard v. Maxwell, 384 U.S. 333 (1966) to insure by appropriate orders that any case such as this one which evokes wide-spread public interest will be tried only in a court of law, and only before a jury whose views of the case have not been pre-formed by outside influence, and only when all witnesses who testify or comment about the evidence are under oath and subject to cross-examination:

> "The courts must take such steps by rule and regulation that will protect their processes from prejudicial outside interferences. Neither prosecutors, counsel for defense, the accused, witnesses, court staff nor enforcement officers coming under the jurisdiction of the court should be permitted to frustrate its function. Collaboration between counsel and the press as to information affecting the fairness of a criminal trial is not only subject to regulation, but is highly censurable and worthy of disciplinary measures." Sheppard v. Maxwell, supra at page 363.

This is the essence of the impartial jury trial required by the Constitution of the United States. Your amici curiae believe that this Court's orders are properly designed for this purpose and that this Court has, despite certain violations of its order, effectively complied with the Supreme

Court's requirements.

Your committee recognizes that, as the date of trial of this cause approaches, the temptations to increase the pressure of publicity will grow stronger. Your committee further recognizes that this Court's power to punish for contempt may seem limited when compared with what may appear to be the gains to be had from risking a conviction of contempt of this Court by violation of its pre-trial publicity orders. Your committee believes, however, that such "gains" are ephemeral and indeed illusory, and that they are not worth the severe price which will be paid by all in the resulting losses which may be sustained to individual rights. Your committee reports, therefore, that, in the last analysis, the integrity of the jury trial in this particular case, and of the jury trial system in this country, must depend in great part upon the self-discipline of the news media, the attorneys for the State and the defendant, and others who have or believe they have an interest in this trial.

Your committee assures the Court that it will, as indicated above, continue to assist diligently in the enforcement of this Court's orders, for, if the orders of this Court, or of any Court, are continually ignored or flaunted with impunity, there will soon be neither "fair trial" nor "free press" to discuss, to debate, or to protect. However, your committee believes that the success of this Court's efforts under Sheppard v. Maxwell to assure a fair trial in this cause will rest finally and ultimately, as do the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment itself, upon self-discipline and responsible self-control by all concerned.

To the extent that this is achieved, your committee believes that its above-stated goal will also be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Burch, Jr.

J. Alan Hanover

Cooper Turner, Jr.

James D. Causey

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Lee A. Hardison

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: November 2, 1968

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SJP:efw
D.J. 144-72-662

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray, Subject;
Martin Luther King, Jr., Victim;
Conspiracy Against Rights
CIVIL RIGHTS

Reference my memorandum in respect to the above referenced matter dated September 23, 1968, we have not yet received a report from your Bureau.

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November 4, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Constitution Avenue Between 9th & 10th Streets
Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The assassination of two great Americans in 1968 left a nation outraged and stunned. None of us will forget those days in April and in June when two men of non-violence, Martin Luther King and Robert F. Kennedy, were senselessly slain.

In that period of crisis, broadcasting not only carried the tragic story to the nation, but expressed the anguish and the soul-searching mood of America. The enclosed album, a tribute to the two men, are recordings of radio programs on our stations by Group W commentator Rod MacLeish.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

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Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of November 4th and the records of tribute to Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Author Says Ray Admits To Involvement in Plot

BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

James Earl Ray, accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., has admitted that he believes he became "involved in some sort of plot to kill King" as early as eight months prior to the murder, it was reported Monday.

But Ray is quoted in the second of a series of articles in Look magazine as claiming he was duped into the conspiracy and "nobody told me anything about any planned murder of King or anyone else."

The series is by author William Bradford Huie who corresponded with Ray at the Shelby County jail where Ray awaits trial. Huie states that he cannot reveal all he has learned until Ray has been tried but he believes Dr. King was the secondary, not the primary, target of the plotters.

TARGET

"The primary target was the United States," Huie wrote.

"Dr. King was to be murdered for effect. His murder was planned, not by impulsive men who hated him personally, though they probably did hate him, but by calculating men who wanted to use his murder to trigger violent conflict between white and Negro citizens."

According to information given Huie by Ray, the escaped convict was recruited in Canada by a man identified only as Raoul for some "activity" on Aug. 18, 1967, eight months prior to the April 4, 1968, assassination. His first assignment was to smuggle three packages by car from Windsor, Ont., to Detroit, Mich.

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From then on, Huie wrote, Ray "moved as directed by the plotters," although he did not know as late as two weeks before King's assassination "that the plot included murder or that it was aimed in any way at Dr. King." One of his assignments was to smuggle a tire —which apparently contained some sort of contraband—across the Texas-Mexican border at Nuevo Laredo.

In payment, Ray received $200 to buy an old car for the Canada-United States haul, for which he was paid $750; $2,000 to buy a 1966 Mustang, which he used for the Mexican smuggling expedition; $500 for living expenses, $500 for camera equipment and $2,000 after returning from Mexico. Ray said Raoul told him he would get him travel papers and $12,000, "enough for me to go in business in a new country."

MEXICO

Ray said that in October, 1967, while waiting for the next assignment from Raoul expected in two or three months, he visited Puerto Vallarta on Mexico's Pacific Coast and decided it was the "best town in Mexico" and a place he would like to live in eventually. He even considered trading his car for a piece of property there.

"When I get out of jail again, I'm going back there permanently," Huie quoted Ray as writing him.

During another sojourn in Los Angeles, Ray consulted with a hypnosis expert, the Rev. Xavier von Koss, on means of self-improvement through hypnosis and he also had an identifying nasal tip removed from his nose by Dr. Russell C. Hadley, a prominent surgeon.

RECOGNITION

According to Huie, Von Koss said he sized Ray up as belonging to "the recognition type."

"He desires recognition from his group, from himself. He yearns to feel that he is somebody. This desire for recognition in him is superior to sex, superior to money, superior to self-preservation," Von Koss said.

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Judge Battle Grants Delay

Judge W. Preston Battle today set a new date of Monday, March 3, for James Earl Ray to go on trial in the sniper murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Percy Foreman, flamboyant Texas attorney, got court approval to take over the defense from Arthur Hanes of Birmingham. Foreman told reporters as he went into the hearing he might ask to move the trial to another place, saying the "mood of the community" would determine the need for a change of venue. However, he did not bring up the matter during the hearing.

Foreman first asked Battle to set another hearing in 90 days, and then to set a trial date agreeable to the prosecution and the defense. He argued that the delay was needed so he could dispose of some cases he has pending in Texas. As an alternative, he asked that the court fix the time for the trial.

Judge Battle ordered Foreman to report back to court on Dec. 12, a month from today, and let him know if he will be ready for trial on March 3.

Judge Battle refused to permit Hanes to withdraw completely from the case. He said he would grant Hanes permission to make a "conditional withdrawal." Hanes must be bound, he said, by the court's orders on publicity and must turn over the results of his investigation to Foreman. Hanes was required by the judge to post a $1,000 appearance bond in connection with his contempt citation for violation of Battle's ban against pre-trial ~~publicity.~~



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ARTHUR HANES SR.
Ordered to post $1,000 appearance bond on contempt charge.

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RAY APPEARS

The hearing began at about 9:45 a.m. Ray was brought into the courtroom. He was not handcuffed. He was wearing a dark blue checked sportcoat, a dark blue tie. He took a seat behind Hanes and his son. He shook hands with Hanes and his court-appointed London attorney, Michael Eugene, who was seated near the wall of the courtroom.

Hanes got up and told the judge he understood Ray had written a letter requesting that he do nothing further in the case. He said he had not seen the letter, then was handed a copy of it by Foreman and glanced at it. Hanes moved that in view of this letter he should be removed as attorney of record.

The judge asked Ray to read a copy of the letter and asked Ray if he wrote it. Ray rose to his feet and said: "I did."

OBJECTION

At this point Robert K. Dwyer, executive assistant attorney general, objected strongly to a delay in the trial. He said: "It is the state's position that the motion should be disallowed."

Dwyer said Hanes had been Ray's attorney of record since his arrest in London in June. "As of last Sunday, the defendant states he doesn't want Hanes and his son to represent him any more. The point I'm making is that he has been here four months and it appears he is trifling with the court. He is attempting to employ counsel here.

"I don't know this gentleman from Texas (Foreman). I have read something about him and heard some things along the way. There was no assurance that Ray might

not return to court in 90 days and say, 'Well, I don't like this gentleman here (Foreman) and I want another continuance.'

"This is a unique case, but it's still a piece of business. From what I've read, these gentlemen (Hanes and his son) have been paid." Dwyer wanted to know why Foreman couldn't associate himself with Hanes in the defense, saying: "Let him sit where he is and let's go to trial today."

When Dwyer concluded, Foreman got to his feet and asked to be heard on what he termed "the diatribe spoken in my direction." He started out be referring to Dwyer as the "distinguished attorney general" and Dwyer, evidently stung by what he felt was sarcasm, asked the court to order Foreman " to leave out personalities and address himself to legal matters."

ARGUMENT

Foreman argued that Ray ad a right to choose his own ttorney. "Frankly I'd be uch better off physically nd financially if the court dhered to the adjuration of e attorney general," Forman said. "But if this man ay) needs me and wants , I feel an obligation to oath as an attorney to ke myself available."

udge Battle said that y's decision to switch laws came at "the eleventh r" and after "an imnse amount of time, mon- and energy had been nt on the trial." The e said it was "an awful g" to have to continue rial," but he added:

Under the unique facts circumstances of the the court is of the opinhis (Foreman's) motion d be granted."

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cited Tennessee law to ffect that a defendant t be required to go to with an attorney not of n choosing.

The judge then called a recess and asked Foreman to meet with Atty. Gen. Phil Canale and his two assistants, Dwyer and James Beasley, to decide on a trial date agreeable to both sides. Dwyer, at this point, asked for clarification of the court's instructions and became involved in another exchange with Foreman.

Foreman said he couldn't remember the name of the assistant attorney general.

"Name's Dwyer," Dwyer shot back.

Foreman good-naturedly replied: "I always feel handicapped as a private attorney. Everybody for the state is a general." Foreman added that he "hoped he could get along with Mr. Dwyer before the day is over."

The recess was taken at 10:20 a.m. and Ray was removed from the courtroom. The hearing resumed a little more than an hour later. Canale announced that the defense and the state could not agree on a trial date.

Canale requested a setting of no later than the Tuesday following the opening of the January term of court, which begins on the third Monday of the month.

Foreman argued that the "very magnitude and geographical area involved" in the case made it impossible for him to be ready by that time. He said he already was committed to clients with cases pending in Texas courts and it would take time to turn them over to other lawyers or get continuances.

Foreman said the state has a list of 360 prospective witnesses, with from 80 to 90 expected to be called. He said it was his "basic approach" to interview all the witnesses, particularly those who were not being summoned to testify, before going to trial. He maintained this would take a minimum of 90 days.

He suggested a date during the second term of court next year, which "would take us into the month of May, I understand from Mr. Canale."

Canale opposed a setting that distant. "The State of Tennessee is going to insist on a speedy and early setting. Any continuance militates against the state's case," Canale said. He agreed that Ray has a right to a fair and impartial trial but he said the people of this state also have rights.

"I want to do everything possible to protect the rights of the people of this state. I think we should get this show on the road." He said his office handles 4,500 cases a year and he felt the community had been forced to suffer enough "tumult and turmoil" in connection with the Ray case.

The judge, after hearing the arguments, said, with a half-smile, "Well, you gentlemen have dumped this right in my lap."

In resolving the dispute, Battle said the rights of the defendant and the community had to be weighed equally. He said he was setting Monday, March 3, as the trial date with a proviso that Foreman come back into court 30 days from now to state if he will be ready at that time.

Judge Battle told Hanes: "I understand there is a difference between you (Hanes and his client) on money matters . . . but that's a civil matter."

Foreman said in his motion that the Haneses had been paid about $30,000 and they wanted an additional $12,000 before they would release statements, interviews and other information collected for the defense during their investigation. But Battle ordered the Haneses to turn over their files on the case to Foreman anyway.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston set aside the conviction in 1952 on the grounds there had been too much advance publicity about the trial.

Delay, the ruling said, might continue "until by lapse of time the danger of the prejudice may reasonably be thought to have been substantially removed."

Speculation continued today over why Ray ditched Hanes, the lawyer who had represented him since his arrest in London in June, and

hired Foreman, a legal as well as a 6-foot-4 physical giant, at the last minute.

Ray's two brothers, John and Jerry Ray, were believed to have been a major influence.

Ray and Hanes also have had their differences, over finances as well as defense strategy. Ray, it was reported, wanted to take the witness stand, but Hanes was strongly against it. Also, Ray was resentful because he had never seen any of the $30,000 reported to have been turned over to his attorney by William Bradford Huie, author of a series of articles on the Ray case now running in Look. The money was an advance from Huie for exclusive rights to Ray's story.

Foreman denied making any reference to the Ku Klux Klan when discussing his entry into the case yesterday with Press-Scimitar reporter Clark Porteous.

"All reference to the Ku Klux Klan is a misstatement of fact," Foreman told The Press-Scimitar later. "The Klan was not mentioned by the reporter or by me.

"I said a bunch of nuts from all over the country called and wanted to raise funds in my name. It always happens in every famous case."

Porteous said he suggested nothing, but Foreman came into the case two days before the trial and the manner in which he entered the case was obviously newsworthy. Also, Hanes had been successful in defense of Klansmen.

"I asked Foreman if the Klan or any other organization was involved in getting him into the case," Porteous said. "Foreman answered he has been asked a number of times to enter the case before Ray's arrest but had refused. While he did not use the word 'Klan' himself, that was what the question had been about. I had no reason to believe Foreman had not understood the question."



PERCY FOREMAN GETS RAY TRIAL DELAYED
Defense lawyer tells newsmen there should be a long wait for trial of James Earl Ray.



—Press-Scimitar Staff Photos by James R. Reid

TRIAL PICKETED
Police politely usher picket away from Criminal Courts Building, scene of Ray hearing.



PRESS AND PERCY FOREMAN
James Earl Ray's lawyer is followed to hearing by newsmen.

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Canale Ponders

Trial Postponed Till March Over Strong Objection Of Attorney General

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

Faced with a new trial date and a new defense lawyer in the James Earl Ray murder case, prosecutors last night turned their attention to the possibility of using Ray's handwritten 20,000-word manuscript as evidence.

Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale is considering subpenaing the document written by Ray in his Shelby County Jail cell as the basis for a series of stories being written by author William Bradford Huie and appearing in Look magazine, it was learned.

The approach may well be a request for Mr. Huie or Look to supply the material voluntarily. The attorney general's subpena powers do not extend outside the state and there is a question on whether the cover material in the hands of defense counsel, a Criminal Court official said.

The second of the articles, published yesterday, claims that a conspiracy to murder Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. existed as early as August, 1967, but that Ray did not know, as late as March 23, 1968, that murder was involved or that the victim was to be Dr. King.

Mr. Huie says material he is holding for a third article in the series, which apparently would bring Ray's career up past April 4, the day Dr. King was shot, will not be published until after the trial starts.

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Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle yesterday postponed at least until March 3 the trial of the 40-year-old fugitive convict, who had been scheduled to go on trial yesterday morning. Ray yesterday appeared visibly aged and less jaunty than when he first was arraigned here in July.

Judge Battle granted the continuance on the motion of attorney Percy Foreman of Houston, Texas, whom he authorized to succeed Arthur J. Hanes of Birmingham as chief defense counsel.

Attorney General Canale argued strongly that the trial be continued only to Jan. 16, the beginning of the winter term of court, but lost.

Judge Battle directed Mr. Foreman to report Dec. 12 on whether it then appears he would be ready for the trial March 3. The judge indicated that if additional time for preparation were required it might be granted.

Judge Battle granted an hour's recess for the defense and prosecution to try to reach an agreement on the trial date. At the expiration of the hour, Mr. Canale reported that the opposing attorneys were unable to agree.

"The law requires only a three-day wait between indictment and trial," the attorney general said. "Delay always favors the defense. We request a date no later than Tuesday following the third Monday in January."

Mr. Foreman replied that there were 360 potential witnesses to be interviewed and that it could not be done by Jan. 16.

"The state has an interest in seeing that justice is done the defendant as well as society at large," Mr. Foreman argued. He cited a legal precedent from Massachusetts for a substantial continuance when a change of counsel was authorized.

As the hearing opened Judge Battle passed to Mr. Hanes the original of a note handwritten by Ray asking Mr. Hanes be replaced as his counsel by other attorneys, "including one from Tennessee."

Mr. Hanes immediately asked to be relieved of the case. Judge Battle ruled that Mr. Hanes would be "conditionally relieved."

The condition was required, Judge Battle said, as a means of assuring that Mr. Hanes, now intimately acquainted with the evidence, disclose none of it to the news media in violation of the court's order restraining publicity.

"Since contempt of court is not an extraditable offense," Judge Battle said, "I shall order that you make $1,000 bond."

Ray spoke only twice during the nearly two hours the court was in session. This was at the beginning when Judge Battle handed him a note he had written telling Mr. Hanes he was no longer to be his attorney.

"Did you write this note?" Judge Battle asked.

"I did," Ray replied in an unsure voice, hardly loud enough to be heard 10 feet away.

"Yes, sir," Ray quavered when Judge Battle asked him if it were still his desire to change counsel. Ray was thinner than in July.

His former self-confidence was replaced by a worried if not harried look. Reporters remarked the sightly enlarged lobe of his left ear, which he had planned to submit to plastic surgery in Los Angeles last spring, in addition to an operation carried out to correct a too pointed nasal tip.

The small courtroom was crowded. The 35 seats alloted to the public were occupied mostly by Courthouse employes. Reporters for the press, television and radio occupied 42 seats. No relatives of the defendant or the deceased were present.

All news media persons were searched electronically and were, in addition, "patted down." Courthouse personnel were similarly searched.

The attorney general's staff assigned to the case had been fingerprinted and photographed. But defense counsel, both incoming and outgoing, were exempted from this routine.

"I'm 66 years old, have never been fingerprinted and will stay out of this case rather than be fingerprinted now," Mr. Foreman had said Monday. He need not have worried. There had been no plans to fingerprint him or Mr. Hanes.

When Mr. Foreman entered the courtroom he was introduced to several courthouse officials, including Criminal Court Clerk J. A. Blackwell. He was not introduced to Mr. Hanes, who sat at the same table only a few feet away.

Mr. Hanes made no move and in a few minutes Mr. Foreman moved over and began a conversation. Reporters could not hear much of it but the word "fees" was audible.

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Ray Displays Another Face, This One Pale And Worried

By ANGUS McEACHRAN

The plastic face of James Earl Ray was stretched into another pose yesterday.

Neatly dressed in blue, double-vented sports coat with faint checkered pattern, Ray appeared gaunt and worried as he entered Judge W. Preston Battle's courtroom.

A prison pallor grown chalk white since his arrest June 8 in London accentuated his shallow, pinched face. His hair was oiled but only partly combed.

It was far different from the bespectacled face that peered out of FBI wanted flyers, different too from the subdued countenance that faced the London magistrate during extradition proceedings, and the heavy-set face which first appeared in the Shelby County criminal courtroom July 21.

Ray sat quietly behind his attorneys during yesterday's proceedings, an apprehensive expression often on his face. He spoke in open court only when Judge Battle questioned him about wishing to change attorneys.

Getting slowly to his feet, a sheaf of what appeared to be folded yellow legal paper protruding from his left hip pocket, the defendant answered, "Uh, yes sir."

Once he leaned forward and whispered something to the man he fired, Arthur Hanes Sr. The rest of the time he was merely a spectator, his left arm sprawled over the back of a red padded chair, his face resting on his upraised right arm.

A sheriff's office official said only 8 persons showed up for the 35 seats set aside by the judge for the public. The press counted only three, two Negroes and a young white woman. Some of the foreign press members suggested the turnout was indicative of local interest in the trial.

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When it was obvious that the public seats were not going to be filled, several employes of the sheriff's office were allowed in. One of those was Toy Strictland, personal secretary to Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. Oscar Edmonds, a County Court squire, a member of the sheriff's auxiliary force and close political ally of the sheriff, was also in attendance.

One of public seats went to 17-year-old Alfred Guinn of 2125 Swift, a senior at Carver High School. "I cut class to come because I wanted to see what happened. No, I won't get in trouble if I have a written excuse."

Security arrangements for getting into the courtroom were even more elaborate than they were for the first Ray hearing. But the process moved smoothly.

In the second-floor foyer of the Criminal Courts Building the sheriff's office has constructed a maze of plywood petitions for searching anyone entering the courtroom. Claude Armour, Gov. Buford Ellington's special advisor on law enforcement, assisted in the security.

Deputies were polite but thorough — to the point of unscrewing ball point pens and examining the contents of cigaret packs. Unnecessary personal effects such as pen knives were deposited in manila envelopes marked: "For Shelby County Prisoners."

A metal detector was next. It resembled a cordless vacuum cleaner. It was sensitive enough to detect the tin foil in a roll of antacid tablets. The video tape machine, which records voice and pictures of spectators, was the last step. In between that and the metal detector was the somewhat embarrassing procedure of sitting down in front of everybody and removing your shoes for an inside inspection.

Seven men sat waiting in the lobby of the Criminal Courts Building.

They had been subpenaed as witnesses for the defense, and, unlike witnesses for the state, they had not been told they need not appear yesterday.

"That's something, isn't it?" said Solomon Jones Jr., the chauffeur who was with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the night of the assassination. "They knew there was no reason for us coming, but they didn't bother to tell anybody."

Shortly, Percy Foreman, new attorney for Ray, came from the courtroom. Mr. Jones introduced himself.

"I want you to know my last client was a member of your race," said Mr. Foreman. "I got a $50 fee for it and I made a $5,000 bond for him.

"I just want to say my being involved in this has nothing to do with the color of your skin or mine. Futhermore, over half of my clients are members of your race."

"Thank you," said Mr. Jones.

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Tight Security Soon Relaxes After Hearing

Three hours after the James Earl Ray hearing had ended, it was hard to tell there had been one.

The white sawhorses blocking Washington were gone.

The police guards, outside and inside the Shelby County Criminal Courts Building had returned to their normal duties. Access to the building was simply a matter of walking through the door.

Sheriff William N. Morris ordered a large temporary "search room" in the second floor corridors dismantled immediately. It was gone by 3 p.m.

The corridor to the nearby County Office Building was unlocked and unguarded.

The sheriff said security around the jail was returned to normal as quickly as possible, and will remain normal until the March 3 trial date for Ray when the tight security measures will be resumed on spectators, news media representatives, and officials connected with the trial.

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Arthur Hanes And Son Talk To Newsmen After Hearing —Staff Photo

A Letter From Ray

This is the text of James Earl Ray's letter dated Nov. 10 to Arthur J. Hanes Sr., delivered to the attorney Sunday night, the first official word of his switch in attorneys:

"Dear Mr. Hanes,

"Due to some disagreements between me and you in regards our handlings of my case, I have decided to engage a Tennessee attorney and perhaps someone else.

"Therefore I would appreciate it if you would take no further action on my case in Memphis, Tenn. Also, I appreciate what you have already did for me.

Sincirely (sic),
James E. Ray."

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How To Make Friends, Foreman Style

"By the end of the second day Percy Foreman will be a friend of the judge, a bosom buddy of the press and also the 13th member of the jury," said an out-of-town reporter who covered the Candace Mossler trial in Miami.

The reporter commented just before Judge W. Preston Battle opened proceedings at the Courthouse yesterday in the case of James Earl Ray, charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Then court was called to order and Mr. Foreman, the tall, 66-year-old Texas who will now defend Ray, rose to speak. Almost his first sentence included a reference to "the great State of Tennessee, whose citizens nearly a half century ago fought and gained the independence of Texas." Georgia, from where Mr. Foreman's forebears came, and which also did its part in the Texas Revolution, was not mentioned.

Next it was "the distinguished judge of this court, who knows from his experience when he was a prosecutor . . ."

And later in an impromptu press conference, "If there is a change of venue I certainly shall ask that this judge be delegated to preside over the case in the jurisdiction to which it is transferred. I would never ask this judge to recuse himself."

Memphis probably has as many church edifices as any city in the country in proportion to population and soon there was a New Testament quotation, "I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

This was a masterpiece, two birds with one stone. For with a warm glance Mr. Foreman revealed he meant the word "state" in the geographic sense. He was content in Tennessee.

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From the lips of a lesser person all this might seem open flattery. From Mr. Foreman, whose brow neyes beam, it is the articulation of genuine feeling.

Mr. Foreman's verbal armory also includes shafts of sarcasm.

Exec. Asst. Atty. Gen. Robert K. Dwyer, who spoke first yesterday, remarked, "I don't know this man from Texas — I have read about him . . ."

Mr. Foreman soon returned the compliment, "The gentleman at the end of this table — he knows my name, I don't know his."

And a little later, "I hope I shall nave no trouble with the gentleman on the end; I know I shall have no trouble with Attorney General Canale."

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It will be a Tennessee attorney and probably one from Memphis, many believe.

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"That would be," Mr. Foreman observed, "like harnessing two race horses to a plow."

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Percy Foreman Is The Center Of Attention As He Leaves Courthouse
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: November 13, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Bradford Huie, author, has written a second article, based upon notes of James Earl Ray for "Look" magazine. The article appears in the November 26, 1968, issue; this issue circulated November 12, 1968. The article discusses various activities which we have previously known and checked out. It also alleges: The plot to kill King existed as early as August, 1967, (no specifics are given); declaration of a television set at customs station at United States and Canadian Border; contact with "Raoul" in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Selma, Alabama; Ray's activity across the Texas Border into Mexico regarding exchange of tires (possible contraband in tires); and Ray staying at several motels in his travels. We are presently conducting investigation on this information. The entire article is leading the reader to believe that a conspiracy took place as early as August, 1967, and continued up to the day King was assassinated; however, no specific detail is provided to bear this out. Additionally, the author infers that Ray was involved unknowingly, but again no detail is provided to substantiate this.

ACTION:

This investigation is being afforded top priority attention, and you will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
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William Bradford Huie, author, whose books include, "Three Lives for Mississippi" dealing with murder of the three civil rights workers in June of 1964, previously advised us that he entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write the true account of Ray's activities and background concerning the assassination of King. Huie has been provided with notes from James Earl Ray, through Ray's attorney Arthur B. Hanes, Sr., Birmingham, Alabama.

William Bradford Huie is writing a series of articles appearing in "Look" magazine. The first article appeared in the November 12, 1968, issue (circulated October 29, 1968) and the second article appears in the issue of November 26, 1968, (circulated November 12, 1968).

We have received an advance copy of the article appearing in the November 26, 1968, issue and it essentially contains the following information.

1. The author points out in the beginning of this article three different items.

A. That the plot to murder Martin Luther King, Jr. existed as early as August 15, 1967, eight months prior to the murder on April 4, 1968.

B. That Ray was drawn unknowingly into this plot in Montreal on August 18, 1967, and thereafter moved as directed by the plotters. It is noted that August 18, 1967, is the alleged date that Ray met "Raoul" and the activities between Ray and "Raoul" commenced at this time.

It is also noted the previous article contains an account of an individual by the name of "Raoul." This individual and Ray, according to the article, were endeavoring to make some type of deal concerning a "joint activity" for which "Raoul" would pay Ray $12,000. The specific nature of the "joint activity" was not fully described or identified, but Ray was to transport packages (not fully described) between the United States and Canada. The possibility exists that the packages could contain contraband, such as narcotics. No mention was made of "Raoul" providing Ray with funds which would implicate "Raoul" in a conspiracy in the King Assassination; however, Huie infers that a conspiracy exists.

DETAILS - CONTINUED

C. That as late as March 23, 1968, less than two weeks before the murder with which he is charged, Ray did not know that the plot included murder or that it was aimed in any way at Martin Luther King, Jr. It is noted that March 23, 1968, as set forth in the recent article in "Look" is the date that Ray was allegedly contacted by "Raoul" in Selma, Alabama.

The author again infers that a conspiracy is taking place; however, nothing specific is given and the author states "Therefore, in this plot, Dr. King was the secondary, not the primary target. The primary target was the United States of America!" No additional names or details are given.

2. Ray and the individual by the name of "Raoul" crossed the Canada- United States Border at Detroit, Michigan, and a customs receipt was issued to Ray as Galt for the declaration of a television set.

Again the item of carrying packages across the border is mentioned, and the contents of the packages are not disclosed. According to the article, the television set was declared in hopes that a search of the car would not go beyond this. The search did go slightly further; however, the packages were not discovered.

We were aware that he crossed back and forth at different points at the border of the United States and Canada; however, the officials do not maintain the records of people crossing the border unless customs declaration is made. We are now checking to determine if he did actually declare a television set.

3. Ray, during the latter part of August, 1967, registered at a motel in Birmingham, Alabama, and then at a rooming house at 2608 Highland Avenue at Birmingham. He also purchased a 1966 Mustang at Birmingham, rented a safe deposit box at a bank in Birmingham, and purchased camera equipment by mail order from a firm in Chicago, Illinois. We were aware of all this information except the fact of Ray staying in a motel in Birmingham. According to Huie, "Raoul" gave Ray $3000 in cash to purchase an automobile, camera equipment, and for living expenses. No specific reason is given for the reason of these purchases. We have thoroughly investigated all the information in our possession and we are currently making appropriate checks at the motel in which Ray was to have allegedly stayed.

4. An account of the travel of Ray from Birmingham, Alabama, into Mexico and to Los Angeles, California. The account also states that he met "Raoul" across the border in Mexico and activity such as exchange of tires occurred. We conducted extensive investigation in Mexico and we were aware of the entire account of the Mexican travel

with the exception of the activity that allegedly occurred at a motel across the border from Texas. The specific reason for the tire exchanging at the Texas, Mexico border is not given. It is possible that contraband, such as narcotics, is being concealed.

5. An account of Ray's activities when he was in Los Angeles, California, from mid December, 1967, to March 17, 1968. The accounts include plastic surgery performed on Ray's nose by Dr. Russel C. Hadley in Los Angeles and visits to a hypnotist by the name of Reverend Xavier Von Koss. Article also gives an account of Ray's travel from Los Angeles, California, to New Orleans, Louisiana, and return with an individual by the name of Charles Stein. Ray, during the trip to New Orleans, is alleged to have contacted "Raoul" in New Orleans. We were previously in receipt of this information with the exception of Ray's contact with "Raoul" in New Orleans. We are making appropriate inquiry at this time in efforts to identify "Raoul" in New Orleans.

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1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5369

MURKIN REC

Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau 11-13-68.

You should review your records to determine if a telephone call was made by Ray at Uvalde, Texas, to New Orleans, Louisiana, on 12-16-67, and take appropriate action therefrom.

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It should be noted that extensive investigation concerning the alleged telephone call has been conducted by various field divisions.

This is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and Memphis.

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By KAY PITTMAN BLACK
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Percy Foreman, preparing to defend James Earl Ray in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, told today of having written to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover demanding entrance to the boarding house room in which King's killer is said to have stayed just before firing the fatal shot.

Foreman was denied entrance to the room when he went there yesterday afternoon.

The room is in a boarding house at 418-422½ S. Main. Adjacent to the room is a bathroom from which police say the sniper fired the shot that killed King as he stood on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

TURNED DOWN

Foreman inspected the Lorraine before he was turned down at the boarding house.

"A man who called himself Delbert White and said he was in charge of the place, would not let me enter," Foreman said. "In fact, he said they were fixing up the room, putting glass in it and all to rent it, and he wouldn't even let me rent it.

"This man told me that the FBI and Memphis police told him to demand to see a gold badge before letting anyone inspect the room Ray allegedly used. I asked him if I showed him permission from Judge Preston Battle to see the room if he would let me in. He said 'No,' that I would have to have permission from the FBI.



PERCY FOREMAN

HOOVER

"I have written Hoover demanding that these excessive security regulations be removed. I would like to see the room before I talk to witnesses. I don't intend to take court action to get into the room, I just intend to let Mr. Hoover handle it."

Foreman said he almost didn't take the controversial Ray case.

Discussing for the first time how he got into the case, Foreman told The Press-Scimitar, "I have hundreds of rules which I use not to take cases. One of them is not to touch a case if the person has even talked to another lawyer.

ARGUED

"I argued against taking it (the Ray case) for about an hour because I did not think I should be in the case," he said.

Foreman said he talked to John and Jerry Ray, who called him from St. Louis last "Thursday or Friday" asking him to take the case.

There were subsequent conversations with the brothers and later James Earl Ray himself on Sunday when Foreman visited the jail, but he declined to say who was the final persuader.

CONTINUANCE

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Is that enough time to prepare a defense, Foreman was asked. Is he satisfied with it?

The big and volatile 6-foot-4, 250 pound attorney grinned and said, "I have learned to be like St. Paul who said in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content."

CASE

Foreman, discussing preparation for the trial, said he would be his own investigator. He said he had no assistants, as many lawyers do.

"I've read the United States government has spent a million and a half on this case, so I'll take advantage of the names and addresses and maybe phone numbers and other prosecution exhibits. I understand there are 360 witnesses. No., I won't

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interview them all personally. I have good lawyer friends in many places.

"For instance, I have lawyer friends in every major city of Canada. I'll have them talk to the witnesses there for me in the presence of a court reporter. I have good lawyer friends in Mexico and California, too, as well as London and other cities in Europe."

He indicated that he would not be going abroad to interview witnesses, saying, "I've never been to Europe, because I've never had a case there."

Foreman said that "underdog cases" appeal to him.

"I think perhaps I have a complex about it. When I was a child I'd always take up for and get into fights over a child who had a hairlip or was fat. Now I'm interested in those cases. People always ask me why I represent poor people and not rich ones. I always tell them rich people don't get indicted."

What will be his tactics in representing Ray?

Foreman said that any lawyer "worth anything" in such a celebrated case would certainly consider the possibility of a change of venue. But he added, "That doesn't mean anything, that's just something anyone would think of."

He said also to be considered is the precedent —setting decision in the Denis W. Delaney trial.

Delaney was a former collector of internal revenue who was given a one year sentence and fined $10,500 for accepting bribes and falsifying tax liens.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston set aside the conviction in 1952 on the grounds that there had been too much advance publicity about the trial and that Delaney did not get a fair trial.

The publicity which preceded Delaney's trial in Boston stemmed in part from hearings held in Washington by a congressional committee at which the conduct of the Boston collector was considered and numerous accusations against him were heard.

The court commented in overturning the conviction:

"If the U.S. through its legislative department chooses to hold a public hearing inevitably resulting in much damaging publicity prejudical to a person awaiting trial on a pending indictment, then the U.S. must accept the consequence that the judicial department charged with the duty of assuring the defendant a fair trial before an impartial jury, may find it necessary to postpone the trial."

Such delay, the ruling added, might continue "until by lapse of time the danger of the prejudice may reasonably be thought to have been substantially removed."

In talking of the Delaney case, Foreman commented that he thought the ruling would be applicable to any celebrated case involving people like Sirhan Sirhan (accused as slayer of Sen. Robert Kennedy), Lee Harvey Oswald, had he lived, or James Earl Ray. Foreman said the congressional hearings might be compared in the Ray case "perhaps to the Look magazine articles."

Foreman opened his coat up and showed a thick wad of papers in his vest pocket, saying they were the contract between author William Bradford Huie and Hanes.

Huie, author of the Look articles, paid Ray for his story. Foreman said he did not wish to comment as to whether the contract between his client and Huie was void now "until I read the contract."

He said that Jerry and John Ray had sold John's last Friday night in St. Louis to help pay for their brother's defense.

Foreman said he wrote and typed his own brief presented to the court asking for continuance.

"When I was 15 years old I was a better than average secretary; when I was 16 I passed a court reporter's exam. I'm a lot better stenographer than I am a lawyer."

He has a secretary in Houston.

On capital punishment Foreman said: "I don't believe in it." He said he doesn't think modern day electrocutions are a deterrent to crime, saying, "In the old days they took a man before the general public, to the highest hill and hanged him.

"Now they electrocute him in the early morning past midnight with only 20 people to witness it. What kind of deterrent is that? The public hanging made an impression all right.

"What we've got now is just a refinement of murder. It's still murder whether its done by a group of 12 under the court's jurisdiction or a group of one.

"I'm opposed to capital punishment for anyone convicted for murder, rape or robbery. The only people who ought to be executed are hot check artists and child molesters. They won't quit. The others usually commit their crime only once, particularly murders."

Foreman had much praise for Judge Battle, presiding in the Ray case. "It's easy to be popular, but a trial lawyer and a judge should be courageous. He is courageous. He is a fine, right-down-the-line judge. Even if I asked for a change of venue I'd ask to take Judge Battle along, and let him swap

benches. You couldn't have a better judge. I respect him."

Foreman's profanity is legend. In the course of one day's time he chewed out in purple prose at least a half dozen newsmen. Foreman has a hair-trigger temper, but in the next instant can be extremely kind and gentle.

He is also erudite, sprinkling his conversation with quotes from the Bible, H. G. Wells, and the Greeks.

Meanwhile, Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale is considering subpoenaing Ray's 20,000-word handwritten manuscript as evidence.

Ray wrote the document in his jail cell as the basis for a series of stories being written by Huie and appearing in Look magazine. Canale's approach may well be a request for Huie or Look to supply the material voluntarily, as the attorney general's subpoena powers do not extend outside the state.

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FROM : C. E. Ganley

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr. It was previously reported that committee of seven attorneys advising Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court, Memphis, Tennessee, presented him with petition, which he signed 10/24/68, requiring that George Bonebrake, Latent Fingerprint Examiner, appear before court 12/6/68 to show cause why he should not be adjudged in contempt. This action based on article appearing in Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" newspaper concerning police school conducted by Bonebrake in September, 1968. Bonebrake allegedly unnecessarily aired fingerprint testimony of this case in the presence of newspaper reporters at the police school. Bonebrake is the examiner who presented expert fingerprint testimony on 6/27/68 in London, England, in connection with extradition of James Earl Ray. His testimony received widespread publicity throughout the world. Bonebrake has emphatically denied discussing his fingerprint testimony with representatives of the press at any time or unnecessarily airing fingerprint testimony of this case before police school. He has reported this was a closed school and press was permitted on one occasion during recess period at invitation of Wichita Police Department to take pictures for local publicity. Administrative action has previously been taken against Bonebrake for discussing the case at the closed police school.

Memorandum 11/8/68 from Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, referred to an article in the Memphis "Commercial Appeal" of 10/16/68 which article quotes from the Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" and triggered action by the Court. This article quotes Assistant City Editor of the "Beacon" as stating newsmen were permitted to attend the police school and a major from the Wichita Police Department objected the day after the article appeared in the Wichita "Beacon" that

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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Bishop, Room 5640 JB
1 - Mr. Rosen, Room 5706 JB

CEG:jeg

the speech had been quoted too much in detail. Vinson states that it is essential to decisively refute Assistant City Editor's quoted version and anticipated testimony as well as the anticipated testimony of reporters and policemen. He requested that "appropriate measures to assist our full preparation to oppose the contempt charge" be taken.

The trial of subject Ray was scheduled to begin today; however, news reports indicate it will be postponed as subject has reportedly retained a new attorney.* In setting the date 12/6/68 for Bonebrake's appearance to show cause as to why he should not be held in contempt, Judge Battle noted he was doing so as this would be after the trial of subject Ray and to do otherwise would result in unnecessary publicity, defeating purpose of his original order. It was recognized in filing the contempt petition that the Court did not have jurisdiction. Further, it appeared that the committee of attorneys had no sound grounds to substantiate their recommendation and probably took the action against our employee as a face-saving gesture, since they had been severely criticized by Ray's defense attorney, Arthur Hanes, Sr., and a Memphis "Commercial Appeal" reporter, Charles Edmundson, who are both currently under contempt citation by Judge Battle in this case. In order to comply with Mr. Vinson's request, it would appear desirable to have Kansas City Office discreetly interview the 17 officers in attendance at the police school and to identify and interview the major from the Wichita Police Department who is apparently quoted by the newspaper in this matter. It would not appear advisable to interview reporters or other newspaper people in connection with this matter as to do so might attract unnecessary publicity.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel be approved, instructing SAC, Kansas City, to have the officers who attended the police school discreetly interviewed, and to identify and interview the major from the Wichita Police Department who was quoted by the newspaper.

*Judge has now postponed trial until March, 1969.

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FBI

Date: 11/13/68

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (44-989)

MURKIN

Re Bureau telephone call to Detroit, dated 11/9/68, and Detroit telephone call to the Bureau, dated 11/12/68.

A review of the receipts of the U.S. Customs Office, Detroit, Michigan, indicating articles declared at the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and Ambassador Bridge, Detroit, Michigan, during the months of July, August and September, 1968, by Special Agents of the Detroit Office failed to reveal any receipt identifiable with a television set allegedly declared by JAMES EARL RAY using the alias ERIC S. GALT during the three months indicated. The review indicated that only two television sets were declared during the pertinent months and these were both declared by commercial concerns and the duty paid was in excess of $10.00 on each item. Customs receipts for pertinent months were also reviewed by the U.S. Customs Office, Detroit, Michigan, and no receipts identifiable with the above-described alleged declaration was discovered.

In consideration of the possibility that the alleged Customs receipt might have been misfiled or the date of the alleged declaration might have been in other than the above three indicated months, the Detroit Office on this date is expanding the search of the Customs receipts to include the periods during which JAMES EARL RAY was at large.

On 11/14/68 Detroit will submit an airtel and FD-302 covering the review of the Customs receipts, U.S. Customs Office, Detroit, Michigan, for the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and Ambassador Bridge during the periods 4/67 - 5/68.

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2 - Detroit
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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

11/12/68

Airtel

To: SAC's Kansas City - Enc. (2)
Memphis (44-1987) - Enc. (2)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)-5374

MURKIN EX-101

Attached is a copy of self-explanatory memorandum from Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, requesting that appropriate measures be taken to assist in preparation to oppose possible contempt charge against Latent Fingerprint Section Examiner George J. Bonebrake.

For your information, on 10/24/68 Judge W. Preston Battle, Criminal Court of Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, signed a petition requiring that Examiner Bonebrake appear before that court on 12/6/68 to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of court. This action was taken in connection with an article appearing in the Wichita, Kansas, "Beacon" newspaper, concerning advanced latent fingerprint police school conducted by Mr. Bonebrake during five-day period, 9/9-13/68, at Wichita, Kansas. This school was sponsored by Wichita Police Department and seventeen officers from Wichita Police Department and surrounding departments attended. Bonebrake is alleged to have unnecessarily aired fingerprint testimony of this case in presence of representative of the press supposedly in attendance at the school. Bonebrake is the examiner who presented expert fingerprint testimony on 9/27/68 in London, England, in connection with the extradition of Ray. His testimony received widespread publicity throughout the world.

NOTE: See memo C. D. Brennan to Mr. Bishop captioned "MURKIN" dated 11/13/68. CEG:lmg

- Mr. Bishop, Enc.
- Mr. Rosen, Enc.

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Airtel to Kansas City
MURKIN
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Examiner Bonebrake emphatically denied allegations and advised that the above police school was a closed school for law enforcement officers only. No members of the press or the public were permitted to attend lectures. Only members of the press admitted to classroom was when invited by sponsoring police department during a recess period to take photos and collect data for local press story. One member of the class, who seemed friendly with a reporter present, mentioned that Bonebrake was the fingerprint examiner that had given testimony in London. The reporter commented to Bonebrake that he thought he recalled his (Bonebrake) name. No further questions asked and no other information volunteered by Bonebrake. At no time did Mr. Bonebrake discuss fingerprint testimony with representatives of the press or unnecessarily air fingerprint testimony in this case. On one occasion during school, members of the class attempted to query him as to the details of fingerprint testimony. Bonebrake stated that he gave no facts other than what had already been quoted by the press concerning his London, England, testimony. No member of the press was present at this time.

Bonebrake at extradition hearing for Ray testified that three latent prints developed this case and the fingerprints of Ray taken by Los Angeles Police Department, at Missouri State Penitentiary and taken during extradition charge by Scotland Yard were fingerprints of one and the same individual. This fingerprint testimony was quoted extensively in news media throughout the world.

In an effort to comply with Assistant Attorney General Vinson's request, you are instructed to have mature, experienced agents contact representatives in attendance at the above school, as well as the Major in the Wichita Police Department quoted by the local newspapers concerning this matter and discreetly interview them in an effort to obtain information to refute allegations that Examiner Bonebrake unnecessarily aired fingerprint testimony in close with members of the press present. No members of the press should be contacted in connection with your inquiry. Please handle promptly and advise Bureau attention Identification Division.

Memphis advise what effect postponement of trial until March, 1969, will have on the court's consideration of Bonebrake matter scheduled for 12/

LBI

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation DATE: November 27

FROM : Fred M. Vinson, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division

SUBJECT: Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Exhibits attached to the Petition for Contempt in the Criminal Court of Shelby County against Mr. George Bonebrake of the Federal Bureau of Investigation include copies of three articles from Memphis newspapers containing quotations attributed to Mr. Bonebrake. These quotations appear to derive from an article in the Wichita, Kansas, Beacon reporting on Mr. Bonebrake's participation in the latent fingerprint school in Wichita.

Exhibit A of the Petition, which is a copy of an article in the Memphis Commercial Appeal of October 16, 1968, contains the following paragraph:

> 'Frank Garofolo, assistant city editor of the Wichita Beacon, said yesterday that newsmen were permitted to attend the lecture and nothing was put off the record at the police seminar. A major in the Wichita Police Department objected the next day, Mr. Garofolo said, that the speech had been quoted too much in detail."

Your memorandum of October 29, 1968, summarizes Mr. Bonebrake's explanation of the extent of his comments at the latent fingerprint school in Wichita during the period September 9 through 13, 1968, discusses the closed nature of the school, and points out that one member of the class seemed friendly and communicative with a reporter during a recess public relations period. Obviously Mr. Garofolo is quoted as stating a contrary understanding as to the closed nature of the seminars, and the news reports indicate that someone is responsible for the extensive comments attributed to Mr. Bonebrake. We consider

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it essential to decisively refute Mr. Garofolo's quoted version and anticipated testimony, as well as the anticipated testimony of reporters and policemen. I would appreciate your taking appropriate measures to assist our full preparation to oppose the contempt charge, should that need arise.

11-18-63

1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

TO: Legat, Ottawa

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN

By return communication advise the Bureau the results of investigation conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in regards to the information furnished to our Memphis Division by [redacted] and any investigative results concerning the identification of "Raoul" in Montreal, Canada. JAMES SQUIRES

You should also advise if the investigative results concerning the interview with female, who consorted with Ray in Canada during Summer of 1967, can be disseminated to the Department and to state authorities.

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1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared with SA [redacted]

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NOTE: Based upon articles in "Look" magazine by William Bradford Huie, we have requested the RCMP, through our Legat, Ottawa in Ottawa, to make appropriate investigation. [redacted] JAMES SQUIRES an editor of a newspaper in Tennessee, likewise, furnished us information as a result of a telephone call he received from an individual in Canada furnishing him information relative to James Earl Ray. We also requested the RCMP to make inquiry concerning this.

We are asking Legat, Ottawa, to furnish us any investigative results of the RCMP concerning these items. We are also requesting permission to disseminate results of RCMP concerning the female that Ray allegedly consorted with in the Summer of 1967.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATION SECTION
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FBI MEMPHIS

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987

MURKIN ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

MEMPHIS PRESS-SCIMITAR, U IN MID-SOUTH EDITION DATED WEDESDAY, NOV. THIRTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT, CARRIED ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE CAPTIONED AS FOLLOWS: "DENIED ACCESS TO ROOMING HOUSE, NEW RAY ATTORNEY PROTESTS TO FBI CHIEF".

IN ARTICLE APPPEARING ON PGE ONE, PERCY FOREMAN, NEW ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "A MAN WHO CALLED HIMSELF DELBERT WHITE AND SAID HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE PLACE WOULD NOT LET ME IN." FOREMN WAS DISCUSSING THE BOARDING HOUSE AT FOUR ONE EIGHT DASH FOUR TWO TWO AND ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN, MEMPHIS.

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FOREMAN IS FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING, "THIS MAN TOLD ME THAT THE FBI AND MEMPHIS POLICE TOLD HIM TO DEMAND TO SEE A GOLD BADGE BEFORE LETTING ANYONE INSPECT THE ROOM RAY ALLEGEDLY USED. I ASKED HIM IF I SHOWED HIM PERMISSIOM FROM JUDGE PRESTON BATTLE TO SEE THE ROOM IF HE WOULD LET ME IN. HE SAID NO, THAT I WOULD HAVE TO HAVE PERMISSION FROM THE FBI."

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

FOREMAN IS FURTHER QUOTED AS SAYING, "I HAVE WRITTEN HOOVER DEMANDING THAT THESE EXCESSIVE SECURITY REGULATIONS BE REMOVED. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ROOM BEFORE I TALK TO WITNESSES. I DON'T INTEND TO TAKE COURT ACTION TO GET INTO THE ROOM. I JUST INTEND TO LET MR. HOOVER HANDLE IT."

MEMPHIS INDICES DO NOT DISCLOSE ANY RECORD OF A DELBERT WHITE BEING ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROOMING HOUSE. AT TIME OF ASSASSINATION, MRS. BESSIE BREWER AND HER HUSBAND, FRANK BREWER, WERE IN CHARGE OF ROOMING HOUSE.

REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF ROOMING HOUSE, NO ONE FROM MEMPHIS FBI DIVISION HAS PLACED ANY TYPE OF RESTRICTION AT BOARDING HOUSE NOR HAS ANYONE REQUESTED THAT THE FBI BE CONTACTED IN ORDER TO GIVE CLEARANCE FOR ANYONE TO ENTER ROOM AT BOARDING HOUSE.

ARTICLE OF INTEREST BEING CLIPPED AND FORWARDED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. P.

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FBI WASH DC

CC-MR. ROSEN

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FBI

Date: 11/15/68

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Enclosed are original and one Xerox copy each of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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1 MEMPHIS
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C. C. - Bishop

NOT RECORDED

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

High Court Maps Contempt Release

Petitions For Reporters In Criminal Appeals

The Tennessee Supreme Court has instructed counsel for two Memphis reporters held in contempt of court in the James Earl Ray case to seek relief first in the State Court of Criminal Appeals.

In compliance with the order, Armistead Clay, counsel for the Memphis Publishing Co., yesterday re-filed petitions for certiorari and supersedeas with Criminal Appeals Judge Mark Walker at Covington.

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle in a ruling Sept. 30 held Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal and Ray Hamilton of the Press-Scimitar in contempt of his order to limit pretrial publicity in the Ray case.

Arthur Hanes Sr., who until Tuesday was Ray's attorney, was held in contempt at the same time. So was Renfro T. Hays, an investigator in Mr. Hanes' employ. When Judge Battle Tuesday let Ray substitute Percy Foreman of Houston for Mr. Hanes as his counsel, Hanes posted a $1,000 cash bond as surety against violation of the judge's order.

Mr. Edmundson and Mr. Hamilton plead the constitutional guarantee of a free press and other grounds in appealing Judge Battle's ruling.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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___ The Commercial Appeal

___ Memphis, Tenn.

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Date: [illegible]
Edition: [illegible]
Author:
Editor: Frank B. Ahlgre
Title:

Character:
or
Classification: 44-1987
Submitting Office: Memphis

☐ Being Investigated

ENCLOSURE

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Bar Committee Eyes Foreman

The Bar Association committee policing publicity in the James Earl Ray case today was reported to be casting a critical eye at public statements made this week by Ray's new attorney, Percy Foreman.

Members of the committee, who were appointed by Judge W. Preston Battle, have consistently declined comment on their investigations, speaking only through reports and recommendations to the court.

However, it was learned that a meeting is being considered to take up some of the out-of-court statements of the Texas attorney, who has been quoted extensively by the press since he entered the case Sunday.

Meanwhile, foreman dropped by the attorney General's office this morning and picked up a list of the state's witnesses.

Foreman told Judge Battle Monday, when the trial was postponed to March 3, that he intends to interview every one of the witnesses who will talk to him.

The list contained approximately 350 names of persons in the U.S., Canada, Portugal and England.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Memphis Press Scimitar

Memphis, Tenn.

Date: 1/22/68

Edition: Final

Author:

Editor: Charles H. Schneider

Title:

Character:

or

Classification: 44-1987

Submitting Office: Memphis

☐ Being Investigated

11-18-68

1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Springfield

From: Director, FBI

MURKIN

Advise results of your inquiry concerning Ray purchasing a Plymouth at East St. Louis, Illinois, in June of 1967.

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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Long, 2260
1 - Mr. Conrad

SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

October 30, 1968

1 - Lab Files
1 - Office
1 - Mr. Clark
1 - Mr. Latona (Attn: Mr. Bonebrake)
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Mr. Frazier

Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

The items listed on pages one through six of the attached list were delivered to SA [redacted] of the Memphis Office on 10/30/68. As a matter of record, the items listed on pages seven through nine are being delivered in person to the District Attorney General's office, Memphis, Tennessee, by SA [redacted] FBI Laboratory.

Included with the items delivered to SA [redacted] were pillboxes containing debris and glass slides containing material removed from various items.

If any or all of the items delivered to SA [redacted] leave the possession of the Memphis Office the chain of custody must be protected.

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Tolson
DeLoach
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Bishop
Casper
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Conrad
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Tavel
Trotter
Tele. Room
Holmes
Gandy

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Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Evidence recovered by FBI

Original invoice and copy from Aeromarine Supply Company, dated 3/29/68, from FBI Birmingham

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG: (from FBI, Atlanta)

Floor mat from right front floor
Floor mat from rear floor
Floor mat from left front floor
Floor mat from trunk
Air filter cartridge
Wheel jack from trunk
Dark blue short sleeve sweat shirt
One rubber shoe, size 7-8½
One white fitted sheet
One black and white shirt jacket
One pillowcase
One fitted sheet with yellow thread
One black sport shirt
One pair of size 34 walking shorts
Rug from trunk
Pillow from trunk
Styrofoam container from trunk
One pair of men's brown socks from trunk
One hunting knife and sheath
Spare tire mounting from trunk
Lug wrench from trunk
Blue-handled screwdriver from trunk
Used windshield wiper blade from trunk
One Personna razor blade
Soil sample from spare wheel and tire
Vacuum sweepings from front passenger side floor
Vacuum sweepings from left front floor
Vacuum sweepings from rear floor
Vacuum sweepings from trunk

ITEMS FROM 1966 FORD MUSTANG: (from FBI, Atlanta)

A piece of Kleenex box bearing letters "At pool" on one side and names "Ginger Day and Anita Katzwinkel, 1535 Serrano, Apt. 6," on other side
One air release shutter in original package
Sunglasses with case
Two pieces of cardboard from trunk
Scraps of paper from glove compartment
Scraps of paper from under rear seat

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Personally delivered to SA [redacted] Memphis Office
Robert Fitzpatrick
10/30/68

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(from FBI, Atlanta)

Soil from right fender well
Soil from right front wheel
Soil from right rear wheel
Soil from right rear fender well
Debris from lower part of left fender
Soil from left front wheel
Soil from left rear wheel
Scraping from front left tire tread
Soil from underneath body in front of differential
Soil from differential
Soil from front of exhaust pipe
Soil from underneath body in front section
Soil from left fender well
Soil from left rear fender well
Scrapings from left rear tire tread
Scrapings from tread of right rear tire
Scrapings from under glove compartment
Scrapings from tire tread, right front tire
Scrapings from front part of engine
Water from windshield washer bag
Spare tire and wheel from trunk

ITEMS FROM ROOM 6, 113, 14th ST., NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(from FBI, Atlanta)

Bed sheet
Bed sheet
Standard Oil map of Atlanta
Partial book of matches bearing advertisement of "Albert Pic
Piece of lined paper
Newspaper from shelf
Piece of pink paper bearing hand printed name "Jimmy Ower."
Keyhole saw

ITEM FROM ROOM 5, 107, 14th St., NE, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(from FBI, Atlanta)

Section of newspaper dated 4/7/38

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Booklet entitled "What is the John Birch Society"
Gulf Oil Company map of Atlanta
"Arrow" map of greater Atlanta
Box of Nabisco saltine crackers

Returned 10/30/68

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(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Jar of French's mustard
Coffee cup
Water glass
Small can of Carnation evaporated milk
Jar of Maxwell House instant coffee
Box of "C & H" sugar
One knife (Forgecraft)
One National's Citation pencil
Wire electric cup heater
One portable Zenith television, Model #N 2205-6
Jar of Kraft's Catalina French Dressing
Package of Golden Grain California lima beans
Can of "Iris" ground black pepper
Box of five National's Citation pencils
Gulf map of Southeastern USA
Shell map of Texas and Oklahoma
Map of Mexico
Map of Los Angeles published by Mitock & Sons
Map of Los Angeles (Richfield)
Shell map of Louisiana
Map of California
Enco map of Arizona and New Mexico
Standard Oil map of Birmingham and vicinity
Tie (brown with brown, blue and silver diagonal stripes)
Pair of grey trousers
Booklet entitled "Your Opportunities in Locksmithing"

(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Four coat hangers
Two cardboard inserts for coat hangers
Handkerchief
Pair of socks

ITEMS FROM ROOM 2, 113-14TH STREET, NORTHEAST, ATLANTA, GEORGIA:
(received from FBI, Atlanta)

Large key blank
Small key blank
Piece of black thread
Piece of brown thread with needle
Metal strip, $\frac{1}{2}$" by $1\frac{1}{2}$"
Business card for "HANEY'S SHEET METAL"

White shirt received from FBI, Newark

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Material from ashtray received from FBI, New Orleans

Six sets of type used in Thermo Seal machines, further described as follows: (from FBI, Albany)

Type size	Characters
Regular 18-point type	Letters
Regular 18-point type	Numbers
Narrow 18-point type	Letters
Regular 15-point type	Numbers
Narrow 15-point type	Letters
Narrow 15-point type	Numbers

Strip of ¼" red Thermo Seal marking tape received from FBI, Albany

Can of Schlitz beer, 12-ounce size from Southaven Minnow Shop, received from FBI, Jackson
Brown paper bag from Southaven Minnow Shop, received from FBI, Jackson

Also Submitted: (received from FBI, Atlanta).

Four lifts of latent impressions found on automobile
Rearview mirror from 1966 Ford Mustang
1967 Alabama license plate 1A-88354
1968 Alabama license plate 1-38993
Three cigarette butts from top of wardrobe, Room 6
One cigarette butt from under wardrobe, Room 6
Ten latent lifts from Room 6
Latent liftsA1 throughA3 from Room 5

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ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MEMPHIS

25 lifts from room #34 of Rebel Motor Motel
Elimination fingerprints of N. E. Zachary and Jewel Greer Roy
Elimination fingerprints of 21 individuals
(1 latent from "flop house" eliminated
1 latent from Rebel Motel registration card eliminated)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

Remington rifle box
Box of cartridges
Safe deposit box #5517 from Birmingham Trust National Bank
Fingerprints of six bank employees
Palm prints and finger-tip impressions of five Birmingham Trust National Bank employees
Bank draft for $337.24, payable to Superior Bulk Film Company
Major case prints of two Aeromarine Supply Co. clerks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Five transparent lifts from 66 Mustang
Luncheon check from "Mammy's Shanty Restaurant"

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, NEW ORLEANS

Nine items recovered from room at 623 Royal Street in New Orleans

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MIAMI

Piece of brown wrapping paper with label bearing #777, etc.
Piece of brown wrapping paper with label bearing #6329
Cardboard box

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ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BUFFALO

Photo of Liberty National Bank Dealer Plan form -
Known handwriting of [redacted]

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, LOS ANGELES

Known handwriting of [redacted] KATZENBACH
Known handwriting of [redacted] FLIKEID
Chevron map of Los Angeles
Chevron map of California

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, JACKSONVILLE

Known handwriting of [redacted]
(postcard)

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, CHICAGO

Known handwriting of [redacted] DINGER NANCE
Known handwriting of [redacted] and THOMAS FLIKEID
[redacted] SUSAN FLEREID
Known handwriting of [redacted]ERRY WILRAY

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, BIRMINGHAM

BORSARI checks

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, ATLANTA

Known handwriting of [redacted] JOHN WILLARD

ITEMS RECEIVED FROM FBI, MOBILE

Known handwriting of 11 persons (obtained from Ala. State Dept. of Safety, Montgomery, Alabama)

MISCELLANEOUS LAUNDRY TAPES RECEIVED FROM NUMEROUS FBI OFFICES

Recd - 10/30/67

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ITEMS BEING PERSONALLY DELIVERED TO MR. CANALE BY LABORATORY EXAMINER [redacted] MORTIMER

(From FBI, Memphis)

Registration card of New Rebel Motel in name "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of four-page handwritten letter dated at Montreal, Que., signed "Code letter 'G'"
Bar of Cameo toilet soap

(From FBI, Miami)

Envelope and accompanying letter "Get Tommy Nash"

(From FBI, Los Angeles)

Typewritten letter dated 1/21/68 with envelope from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter from Dykema to Galt re apartment
Pair of women's black shoes
Change of Address order dated 4/25/68 signed "Eric S. Galt"
Nine Bank of America money orders
Typewritten letter "Inclosed is MO.." signed Eric S. Galt"
Post Office Department Application for Delivery of Mail Through Agent, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank of Futura Books, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Interview Card
Dance studio enrollment agreement
Change of Address form
Installment note (bar tending course)
Application for School Admittance
Airmail envelope to Tiffany Enterprises and accompanying typewritten letter enclosing money order for handcuffs
Envelope postmarked Los Angeles, Apr. '68, mailing address sticker "Mr. Eric S. Galt, 1535 N. Serrano, L. A. 90027"

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(From FBI, Chicago)

Typewritten letter dated 10/5/67 re camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 10/22/67 re camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Typewritten letter dated 11/20/67 re camera from "Eric S. Galt"
Order blank from Sup. Bulk Film Co. in amount of $337.24 (hand printed)
Also Submitted: 6 miscellaneous items of Sup. Bulk Co.

(From FBI, Newark)

Enrollment form of Locksmithing Inst., Little Falls, N. J., in name "Eric S. Galt"
Confidential Information form of Locksmithing Inst., signed "Eric S. Galt"
Envelope postmarked Montreal, Canada, (hand printed) to Locksmithing Inst. from "Eric S. Galt"
Four payment coupons, order blank, two envelopes re Locksmithing, Envelopes containing lessons #8 and #9
Photocopy of Canadian Money Order signed "Eric S. Galt"

(From FBI, New Orleans)

Provincial Hotel registration card dated 12/~~17~~/67, signed "Eric S. Galt"
Two sheets of motel stationery bearing indented writing impressions

(From FBI, Atlanta)

Newspaper clipping bearing handwriting "Galt 1052 N side Dr. 8709770"
Sealed envelope to Dr. Tarplee with hand printing of Eric S. Galt
Eastern Airlines ticket envelope, Fl.399/Y, Atlanta to Memphis

(From FBI, Headquarters)

Pink envelope addressed "The Federal Bureau..."

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(From FBI, Jacksonville)

Photocopy of Certificate of Title in the name "Michael St. Pierre"

(From FBI, New York)

Modern Photo Bookstore coupon bearing hand printing of "Eric S. Galt" and handwritten letter dated 9/23/67

(From FBI, Washington Field)

Typewritten letter re emigrating to Rhodesia signed "Eric S. Galt"
Photocopy of Statutory Declaration of Guarantor form
Application for Canadian Passport (photograph)
Photograph of RAY and signature "Ramon George Sneyd"

(From FBI, Buffalo)

Photocopy of hand printed note dated 4/20/68, signed "Ramon George Sneyd"
Also Submitted: Photograph of partial palm print and passport photograph

(From FBI, Mobile)

Photocopies of Alabama 1968 Motor Vehicle forms

(From FBI, Birmingham)

Known handwriting of ERIC S. GALT (safe deposit records, ledger card and letter)

(From FBI, Kansas City)

Known handwriting of JAMES EARL RAY (Missouri State Pen form)
Known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY (documents from Missouri State Pen)
Known handwriting and hand printing of JAMES EARL RAY (21 sheets of paper and one form)
Also Submitted: Inmate Request form for JACK H. RAY

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Date: 11/15/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to the Bureau dated 11/8/68.

Investigation at Alton and vicinity during past week has produced no new information concerning JAMES EARL RAY or his alleged complicity in robbery The Bank of Alton, 7/13/67.

Independent investigation being conducted to verify statements attributed to RAY appearing in Look magazine articles.

Since all logical investigation conducted on continuing basis in effort to resolve possible complicity of RAY in robbery The Bank of Alton and since investigation failed to establish nexus between the two, weekly airtel summaries are being discontinued by the Springfield Division UACB.

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 11/15/68

FROM : J. P. Dunphy

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King.

SAC Jensen, Memphis Division, advises that Phil M. Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, who will prosecute subject Ray in State Court, has renewed his request for a three-dimensional model of the crime scene in this case. This model to be utilized during the trial.

Memorandum Mr. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach 10/31/68 advised that Canale desired, if possible, that such an exhibit be prepared for trial but was informed this could not be done because of the very short period of time before start of the trial which was then scheduled for 11/12/68.

The trial has been reset to 3/3/69 at the request of Ray's new attorney. This gives us sufficient time to conduct the necessary survey and thereafter construct the requested exhibit. SAC Jensen advises Attorney Canale stated a three-dimensional model would be of immeasurable assistance in the prosecution in this matter and the SAC is of the opinion a model would be a definite assistance and would reflect most favorably on the Bureau.

Normally we do not construct trial models for State cases in view of the multitude of requests we would receive and the normal heavy workload we carry. Exceptions, however, have been made upon approval of the Director in unusual major cases. The last of these was the trial of Richard Speck in Peoria, Illinois, in 1967 for the murder of the eight nurses in Chicago. It is felt since we now have sufficient time to construct the trial model and in view of the great national and international interest in this trial, that the Bureau should render this assistance.

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RECOMMENDATION: DEC 13

That the Exhibits Section prepare the requested three-dimensional trial model.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. R. E. Long (Rm. 2260)

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November 6, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached is a request of the Department to conduct investigation based upon their review of an article concerning James Earl Ray which appeared in "Look" magazine issue of 11/12/68 (circulated 10/29/68) and authored by William Bradford Huie.

We have previously conducted investigation on most of the items appearing in the article and have furnished results to the Department. We are presently conducting investigation in other items and will furnish the Department the results when completed.

Department being advised accordingly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: November

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray, Subject;
Martin Luther King, Jr., Victim;
Conspiracy Against Rights
CIVIL RIGHTS

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

We have reviewed the article appearing in the November 12, 1968, Look magazine written by William Bradford Huie concerning the above subject (pages 96 - 113).

It presents a number of objective facts as to Ray's travel and activities between April 23, 1967, and late August 1967. To the extent possible, please determine the correctness of these facts if you have not already done so.

There are also a number of factual statements in the story which require investigation in connection with the presence or absence of a conspiracy. While not inclusive, the ones that appear to us to require investigation are:

1. Ray worked at the Indian Trail Restaurant for approximately two months in Winnetka, Illinois. The story states that for seven weeks at the restaurant Ray received no telephone calls, "But during the week he left, he received 'three or four pressing calls' that seemed to excite him."

2. A friend of Ray's, presumably in East St. Louis, drove him to Edwardsville where he caught a bus for Chicago, on the sixth or seventh day after his escape from the Missouri penitentiary. After Ray quit his job at the restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, he states that he spent a night with this same friend, before going to Canada in July 1967. At that time he states he obtained a new .38 pistol from a friend.

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3. Ray reports in some detail his contact with an unidentified woman in Canada, whom the author interviewed. Allegedly, Ray wrote her as late as March 1968. Ray appeared to have a closer relationship with her than with anyone else during his fugitivity. However, the article itself does not indicate that she had any knowledge of his actual identity or plans.

4. Ray reports a number of contacts with a man identified as Raoul in the Neptune Tavern in Montreal. Raoul allegedly propositioned Ray with respect to some sort of criminal activity. Part of the proposition allegedly involved Ray's presence in Birmingham where he did in fact go. Included in the proposition was a promise to provide Ray with a suitable car. Also Raoul allegedly had spent time in New Orleans and provided Ray with a New Orleans telephone number.

5. Reference is made to a 1962 red Plymouth which Ray was driving in Canada and which he purchased in East St. Louis, Illinois.

6. Ray states that he stayed at a rooming house owned by the Donnellys. They may remember something about him or whether or not he received any mail.

Please provide this Division with (carbon copy to the Criminal Division) a report of the results of your investigation and checking out of the facts as to Ray's travel and activities.

November 9, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to an individual by the name of [redacted] HUBERT JAMES PUTT who filed a petition with Shelby County Criminal Court, Memphis, Tenn., to testify on behalf of James Earl Ray. State trial scheduled for November 12, 1968, at Memphis. The petition was dismissed by the court.

PUTT [redacted] claims he was inadvertently involved in the assassination of Pres. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Senator Robert F. Kennedy. [redacted] has PUTT been convicted of Federal charge of interstate transportation of stolen motor vehicle and is presently confined to Federal Medical Center, Springfield, Missouri for psychiatric treatment. He has been certified psychotic, has a long history of behavior problems and further diagnosed as suffering from schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type and chronic sever.

In view of the above [redacted] will not PUTT be interviewed.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38361)

FROM MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN.

BY LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST, THE MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MO., FORWARDED TO CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, MEMPHIS, TENN., A PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS AD TESTIFICANDUM, DATED SEPTEMBER TWELVE LAST, PREPARED BY HUBERT JAMES PUTT [redacted] PRISON REGISTRATION NO. [redacted]

IN THIS PETITION [redacted] PUTT REQUESTED THAT THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY ISSUE A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS TO ASSURE [redacted] PUTT'S APPEARANCE IN SHELBY COUNTY COURT TO TESTIFY ON BEHALF OF JAMES EARL RAY WHEN THE CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST RAY COMES TO TRIAL. [redacted] PUTT IN HIS PETITION STATED THAT IT WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO RAY FOR [redacted] PUTT TO DISCLOSE WHAT TESTIMONY HE WILL OFFER IN THE CASE, AND STATED THAT IN ALL FAIRNESS TO THE PROSECUTION [redacted] WAS INADVERTENTLY INVOLVED PUTT IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND THE VERY DAY THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., AND SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY WERE TO BE KILLED.

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MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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[redacted] PUTT FURTHER INFORMED THE COURT IN HIS PETITION THAT HE WAS SUSPECTED OF LIQUIDATING ALBERT ANASTASIA OF MURDER, INC. [redacted] STATED PUTT THAT HE MUST RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INVOKE THE FIFTH AMENDMENT UNLESS THIS COURT AND OTHER COURTS IN OTHER STATES WILL GUARANTEE THAT HE WILL NOT BE SUBJECTED TO PROSECUTION AS A RESULT OF ANY AND ALL TESTIMONY GIVEN IN THIS CASE, AND THE CRIMINAL CASE PENDING IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, TO WIT, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA V. SIRHAN B. SIRHAN.

RECORDS OF THE MEDICAL CENTER OF FEDERAL PRISONERS, SPRINGFIELD, MO., REVEAL THAT [redacted] ALBERT JAMES PUTT FBI NO. [redacted] [redacted] WAS THE SUBJECT AND AN ~~LISMV~~ CASE AND UPON CONVICTION WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE U. S. PENITENTIARY AT ATLANTA, GA., TO THE MEDICAL CENTER ON APRIL FOUR LAST, FOR PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT. WHILE CONFINED AT THE MEDICAL CENTER, [redacted] PUTT HAS COMPLAINED OF BEING UNJUSTLY PERSECUTED, AND IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT HE BE CERTIFIED PSYCHOTIC UNDER SECTION FOUR TWO FOUR ONE AND BE HELD UNTIL HIS FULL SENTENCE EXPIRES ON JULY THIRTYONE NXT. THIS CERTIFICATION WAS APPROVED BY THE BUREAU OF PRISONS, WASHINGTON, D. C., JULY TWENTYFIVE LAST.

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THE FILE REFLECTS THAT PUTT [redacted] HAS A LONG HISTORY OF BEHAVIOR PROBLEMS AND HAS HAD TROUBLE ADJUSTING SINCE HIS INCARCERATION ON DECEMBER THIRTY, SIXTYFOUR. AT TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, HE THREATENED TO KILL A CASE WORKER, AND AT ATLANTA HE WAS INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE OFFENSES SUCH AS DISOBEYING ORDERS, OUT-OF-BOUNDS, ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF LETHAL MATERAL, CURSING AN OFFICER, AND WAS NEEDED TO BE SEGREGATED. HE WAS DIAGNOSED AT ATLANTA AS SUFFERING FROM SCHIZOPHRENIC REACTION, PARANOID TYPE, CHRONIC, SEVER. THE PSYCHIATRIC REPORT DATED DECEMBER FOUR, SIXTYFOUR, REFLECTS HE HAD PERSONALITY TRAIT DISTURBANCES MANIFESTED BY PASSIVE - AGGRESSIVE TRENDS WITH COMPULSIVE TRENDS AND AN INDIVIDUAL WITH SOCIOPATHIC TRENDS. HE WAS INVOLVED IN A GOOD DEAL OF LITIGIOUS ACTIVITY FOR HIMSELF AND OTHERS, AND HE TENDS TO SEE HIMSELF AS A CHAMPION OF THE UNDERDOG.

PUTT [redacted] HAS BEEN MARRIED FOUR TIMES AND IS PRESENTLY DIVORCED. [redacted]

[redacted] HE IS IN NEED OF LONG-TERM INSTITUTIONAL CARE WHICH CAN BEST BE PROVIDED IN A HOSPITAL FOR THE CRIMINALLY INSANE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE CONTROLS TO PREVENT HIM FROM HURTING OTHERS OR HIMSELF. HE IS CONSIDERED A DANGEROUS INDIVIDUAL.

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UPON RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PETITION, W. PRESTON BATTLE, SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE, MEMPHIS, INSTRUCTED THE SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT CLERK TO FILE ABOVE DESCRIBED PETITION. IN RESPONSE TO THIS PETITION, MR. JAMES BEASLEY, ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO WILL ASSIST IN THE PROSECUTION OF JAMES EARL RAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, FILED A MOTION IN SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT IN OPPOSITION TO THE PETITION, STATING THAT THE SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE HAD NO JURISDICTION IN THE MATTER. MR. BEASLEY ALSO FILED A RECORD OF PUTT'S INCOMPETENCY AND REQUESTED THAT A COPY OF THE PETITION AND HIS MOTION BE FURNISHED TO ARTHUR B. HANDES, ATTORNEY FOR JAMES EARL RAY, IN THE EVENT HANES DESIRES TO OBTAIN A DEPOSITION FROM PUTT

ON NOVEMBER EIGHT, SIXTYEIGHT, JUDGE BATTLE DENIED TO ISSUE A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS FOR PUTT AND IN EFFECT DISMISSED THE PETITION. P.

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CC-MR. [redacted]

November 26, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

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Mr. Percy Foreman
Attorney at Law
304 South Coast Building
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 23, 1968, concerning your request for information relative to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and information regarding James Earl Ray.

Your letter has been referred to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C. You may desire to communicate directly with Mr. Pollak.

Very truly yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOTE:

Percy Foreman, attorney of record for James Earl Ray, has directed a letter to us requesting information regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., and requested information regarding fingerprints that were sent to law enforcement officers (distributed by Missouri State Penitentiary). We are acknowledging Mr. Foreman's letter and we are advising him that his letter is being referred to Mr. Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Attached for approval is a letter to SAC, Memphis, enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr. Foreman and our response to Mr. Foreman.

LAW OFFICES OF
PERCY FOREMAN
804 SOUTH COAST BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

MAIN AT RUSK

November 23, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY

J. EDGAR HOOVER, ESQ.
Director- F. B. I.
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Never for a moment did I believe the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or any of its officers, had forbidden permission to inspect the premises at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee by attorneys for the defense. I know it was a misunderstanding on the part of the custodian. I dictated my letter to you long distance within a few minutes of being refused access. Early the next morning, I was given permission by the owner to inspect the premises. I would have stopped my letter, but it had already been mailed.

Now, another facet presents itself: I am reliably informed that the F.B.I. had anticipated a possibility of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King for at least two years prior to April 3, 1968. If possible, I would like the privilege of talking with whomever in the F.B.I. is knowledgeable concerning threats against Dr. King. Since the time preceded the date of the ~~release~~ escape of James Earl Ray from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jeffersonville, there may be information available that will be of assistance to his defense.

Also, I remember reading that a set of fingerprints was broadcast to law enforcement officers as those of James Earl Ray, but which were in fact of some other person. Is there anyone in the Bureau who could clarify these circumstances?

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The adversary system being what it is, I do not anticipate the revelation of any information from the prosecuting attorney. It has long been my policy to start an investigation with the officers who first prepared the case against my client. More than a few times, this has been of considerable aid in the preparation of the client's defense.

I am willing to come to Washington or go anywhere in the United States to talk with any person who might be able to give me any information that is available to me as defense attorney.

Respectfully yours,

Percy Foreman

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November 19, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

Mr. Percy Foreman
Attorney at Law
804 South Coast Building
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 12, 1968, concerning your inspection of the rooming house at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

We understand that subsequent to your letter, you have inspected the rooming house. For your information, this Bureau has never placed any restriction on the property located at 422 1/2 South Main Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

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COMM-FBI

As you know, Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, is handling the state's prosecution of James Earl Ray. It is suggested that you contact Mr. Canale directly if you have any further questions regarding the state's prosecution.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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NOTE:

This is to ackn owledge receipt of a letter from Mr. Percy Foreman who is the new attorney of record for James Earl Ray.

In a news release from Memphis, Tennessee, Foreman stated he was denied access to the rooming house at 422 1/2 South Main (where Ray allegedly rented a room on April 4, 1968) and Foreman claimed that the FBI was placing restrictions on access to the property. The news release also claimed that according to Foreman, he was writing the Director concerning security restrictions. Our Memphis Office advises us that according to a newspaper article of 11/14/68, Foreman inspected the rooming house with specific permission of the new owners, [redacted] We have never placed any Mr. & Mrs. Shaw restrictions on this rooming house and we are so advising Foreman. In view of the fact that Mr. Canale is prosecuting the case in state court, which is set for 3/3/69, we are suggesting to Foreman that in the event he has any further questions of a similar nature, he should contact Mr. Canale.

Bureau records indicate that one attorney, who was closely associated with Foreman described him as hard-nosed, cold, cruel and ruthless. [redacted]

Copy of incoming and our reply to Mr. Foreman being furnished to Memphis by separate communication.

LAW OFFICES OF
PERCY FOREMAN
804 SOUTH COAST BUILDING
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

MAIN AT RUSK

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November 12, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: State of Tennessee
vs. James Earl Ray
Nos. 16645 and 16819

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I represent the defendant in the above styled cases.

In connection with the preparation for trial and within two hours of being admitted to practice in this case, I went to:

422 1/2 South Main
Memphis, Tennessee

This is the rooming house where news releases suggest my client was living at the time of the shooting of Martin Luther King, with whose murder he is charged. At this address, I was told by Mr. Delbert White, custodian of the rooming house, that he had been instructed by a Mr. and Mrs. Short (telephone number 683 3143) that the F.B.I. had said: "No one can see this room unless he is wearing a gold badge.".

I have no "gold badge", yet I want to do what I must do as attorney for my client. This includes an investigation of the scene. Since the refusal of the permission to inspect the scene is attributed to some ephemeral representative of the F.B.I., I respectfully request a letter from you advising Mr. and Mrs. Short, at the above address, that it is not the policy of the F.B.I. to prevent an attorney for the defendant from inspecting the scene.

I know that such is not the policy of the F.B.I. and that the attitude of Mr. and Mrs. Short is due to a lack of full understanding of your policy.

Sincerely yours,

Percy Foreman

Ord: 11-17-68
TAL: lms

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cc: Mr. & Mrs. Short
422 1/2 S. Main
Memphis, Tennessee

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November 21, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to information orally furnished to our Memphis Office by [redacted], the Sheriff of Shelby County Memphis, Tennessee.

William Bradford Huie has written two articles for "Look" magazine concerning Ray and Huie has allegedly been commissioned by Ray to write Ray's life story.

The attached implies that if the information from Hanes' (former attorney for Ray) defense file is published in "Life" magazine, it may differ from the articles as written by Huie which appeared in the last two issues of "Look" magazine.

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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Date: 11-19-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

Mr. Tolson
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Sheriff WILLIAM N. MORRIS [redacted] Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, advised on 11-19-68 he was in receipt of information that might be of interest to the FBI. This information is as follows:

JAMES EARL RAY has advised WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE that he thought because of recent developments there might be a different approach to his trial, but that the final decision would be left up to PERCY FOREMAN, the new attorney. RAY also requested that any payments that might be due him for attorneys fees not be sent to anyone, including RAY's brother JERRY. RAY also reportedly told Mr. HUIE that he had read an article indicating that HANES is supposedly negotiating with "Life" magazine to sell the defense file which he was going to present at RAY's trial. RAY said that if this were so it would affect to a considerable degree the story being written by Mr. HUIE. RAY suggested to HUIE that in the event he wanted to correspond with RAY again he should do so through Mr. FOREMAN.

The foregoing information is furnished for the Bureau's information. Any other information received will also be furnished the Bureau.

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Date: 11-21-68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Re Memphis Airtel to Bureau 11/5/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are four copies of LHM regarding information furnished by one [redacted] to Departmental Attorney J. HAROLD FLANNERY regarding a possible conspiracy in this matter.

For the information of the Bureau, the following is a brief resume of activity that occurred in Memphis, Tennessee, which resulted in Martin Luther King's appearances in Memphis during March and April 1968.

On 11/4/68, [redacted] who has been most active in support of the Negro civil rights movement in Memphis in recent years, advised that a strike of the Memphis sanitation workers, most of whom are of the Negro race, commenced in Memphis 2/12/68. The strike was initiated by Local 1733, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). It started as a legitimate labor dispute, but soon developed into a political power struggle in the city of Memphis.

This informant explained that WILLIAM B. INGRAM, former Mayor of Memphis until January 1968, had been defeated in the November 1967 city election when he ran for re-election for Mayor against the present Mayor, HENRY LOEB. This had been a bitterly fought election in which INGRAM had the support of approximately 90% of the Negro electorate, who had categorized LOEB as a symbol of segregation. Beginning in late February,

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1968, and continuing until the settlement of the strike in Mid-April, 1968, the political supporters of INGRAM joined the Union in support of the strike and in opposition to LOEB. This support stemmed from diverse Negro groups led by CORNELIA CRENSHAW, Mrs. TARLESE MATHEWS, a barber, O. W. PICKETT, Negro realtor, and a group of Negro ministers. The ministers developed an organization for this purpose known as Community on the Move for Equality (COME). Included in the group were such leaders as Reverend EZEKIEL BELL, Pastor, Parkway Gardens Presbyterian Church, Reverend JAMES MORRIS LAWSON, JR., SAMUEL B. KYLES, Pastor, Monumental Baptist Church, and Memphis Convener of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Reverend H. RALPH JACKSON, AME Church, who is Director, Minimum Salary Office, and Reverend MALCOLM D. BLACKBURN, Pastor of the Claiborne Temple, AME Church, 280 Hernando. All sanitation strike marches supporting the strike originated from Claiborne Temple, located at 280 Hernando, Memphis. All the above-mentioned individuals, with the exception of BLACKBURN, are Negroes and all had strongly opposed LOEB and had supported INGRAM in the November, 1967, city election. Reverend LAWSON, who had been Director of the non-violent tactics for SCLC, and Reverend KYLES were later influential in bringing MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Head of SCLC, to Memphis on March 28, 1968, and again on 4/3-4/68.

This source advised that as the strike developed, it became more and more apparent that the strike was a combined political and racial issue, nurtured, stimulated, and organized by political opponents of Memphis Mayor HENRY LOEB and supporters of former Mayor WILLIAM B. INGRAM. This was the group which so deeply involved SCLC in the strike, culminating in the 4/4/68 fatal shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[redacted] "Press-Scimitar" reporter, and [redacted] "Commercial Appeal" reporter, both Memphis daily newspapers, who were contacted by SA [redacted]

On 11/20/68, [redacted] AKA [redacted] furnished the following confidential information:

She stated that she has cohabited with [redacted] for approximately 1½ months in the recent past, and that during this period [redacted] has been conducting an independent investigation concerning the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., in an effort to substantiate his theories that possibly the Mafia and the Memphis Police Department are involved.

She stated [redacted] claimed he is divorced from his wife; however, he has been unable to display a divorce decree to her. She asserted that on the night of 11/19/68, she was in telephonic contact with [redacted] and during the conversation with him [redacted] indicated he still had the .25 caliber pistol belonging to [redacted] and that he intended to commit suicide with this weapon. She stated that although she has been acquainted with [redacted] for a period of time she was unable to state whether [redacted] made the remark concerning suicide in jest or whether he was serious.

The information furnished by [redacted] should not be disseminated to the U. S. Department of Justice, due to the fact that [redacted] furnished this information in confidence and in the event the Department releases any information to [redacted] concerning the remarks about suicide [redacted] would be in a position to immediately ascertain the source of the information.

If the information furnished by [redacted] as contained in the enclosed LHM, is accurate, it is obvious, since J. HAROLD FLANNERY was present during the interview of [redacted] by [redacted] that FLANNERY was in a position to know that the information concerning [redacted] and [redacted] originated with [redacted] and not with [redacted] In view of this, it is believed that the memorandum prepared by FLANNERY was not an accurate resume of information he had gathered from [redacted] and the information he gathered in the presence of [redacted] from other individuals, and this has resulted in considerable wasted effort on the part of the Bureau to ascertain the veracity of information furnished by [redacted]

No further investigation is being conducted by the Memphis Division in regard to the information furnished by [redacted] to Departmental Attorney J. HAROLD FLANNERY.

[redacted] in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] who, as of 4/18/68, was a self-admitted [redacted] in Memphis, who volunteered information to SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

Re: James Earl Ray

[redacted] in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] who furnished information to SA [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
November 21, 1968

RE: JAMES EARL RAY, Aka.;
Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM
CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY

Mr. J. Harold Flannery of the U. S. Department of Justice, has prepared a memorandum reflecting interviews on June 12, 1968, and August 22, 1968, with [redacted] of Greenville, Mississippi, a contract writer for "Time" magazine. In this memorandum, [redacted] alleges that [redacted] a Negro civil rights activist from Somerville, Tennessee, had overheard part of a telephone conversation at the Scott Street Produce Market in which the speaker allegedly made reference to where an individual should be shot and as to where the individual doing the shooting should go to collect his money.

[redacted] was interviewed on two occasions by Special Agents of the Memphis FBI Division, and the results of these interviews are set out as follows:

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[redacted] Somerville, Tennessee, was interviewed at the Peabody Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, in the presence of Inspector [redacted] Mr. [redacted] of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations, and Attorney [redacted] stated that he had some information he wished to furnish concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

[redacted] advised that on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, he traveled from Somerville, Tennessee, to Memphis, Tennessee, to pick up his supplies for his grocery store. He advised that he departed from the [redacted] Company, [redacted] Memphis, at approximately 4:20 P.M. He said he traveled directly to the Farmers Market located on Scott Street and after arriving purchased a sack of potatoes from a Negro man, name unknown, at the market. He then went to the place where he normally buys his produce and stated he does not know the name of this particular firm but said it was possibly the [redacted] He said this business is operated by a large, heavy set white man, who weighs approximately 300 pounds and is of possible Puerto Rican extraction and who can be identified because his teeth are set apart from each other. [redacted] stated after arriving at this company he walked up to the door to the office and noticed that the heavy set man was sitting at his desk with his back to the door and talking on the telephone.

[redacted] stated that the heavy set man did not see him at that time. He stated he heard the heavy set man say, "Kill the S.O.B. on the balcony and get the job done. You will get your $5,000." According to [redacted] a white man who is thin in build and who has a scar on his right cheek, saw him about that time and asked him what he wanted. [redacted] replied that he was there to pick up some produce and this man told him to go on to the back and help himself.

[redacted] said he went back to the rear portion of this office and shortly thereafter heard the telephone ring. The phone was answered by the man with the scar, and [redacted]

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said he could not hear what this man said. The man then handed the phone to the heavy set man, and [redacted] said he heard this man say, "Don't come out here. Go to New Orleans and get your money. You know my brother." [redacted] continued by advising that he bought his produce and wanted to purchase two bushels of apples. He said he saw apples at [redacted] but they referred him to another stove and told him that he could get his apples there. [redacted] believes that he was only at [redacted] Company for approximately ten minutes and this was sometime between 4:45 P.M. and 5:15 P.M.

[redacted] continued by advising that approximately a week prior to April 4, 1968, he was at [redacted] at which time the heavy set man, the man with the scar, and approximately three other white men were in a group talking. He said he heard the heavy set man say at this time, "They ought to shoot the S.O.B." [redacted] advised that immediately after this the heavy set man walked over to him and said, "What do you think about King and his mess?" [redacted] told the heavy set man that he tended to his own business.

[redacted] advised that he arrived at his store in Somerville at approximately 6:15 P.M. He said immediately thereafter [redacted] telephonically advised him that KING had been shot. He said on the following day his wife told him about the description of the person who possibly shot KING, and he said according to this description the individual was approximately 5'6" tall. He said he saw the sketch which appeared in the Commercial Appeal and which was supposed to be a likeness of the unknown individual who shot KING and when he compared the descriptions furnished by his wife from the paper and the sketch which appeared in the paper he thought of a person who was employed at [redacted] sometime last summer. He thinks this man might be identical to the person who actually shot KING and stated that this individual is a cross between an Indian, a Cuban, or a Mexican. According to [redacted] this person has a very yellow complexion, has "jungle rot" on his neck, and definitely gives the impression of being a Puerto Rican or a Cuban and definitely not an American. [redacted] also said, "This person is not 5 feet 6 like they said in the paper, but he is real tall. He is at least 5 feet 9."

[redacted] also advised that the person who he thinks might be identical to the person who shot KING weighs 140 pounds, has a slender build, and is approximately 25 years old. He could furnish no further description regarding this person or any further information of value to identify him.

[redacted] stated that he discussed what he had heard on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, with his wife and also discussed with his wife the possibility that he knows the identity of the person who shot KING. He said he was afraid to tell any person other than his wife and did not mention it to anyone except [redacted] whom he advised at approximately 7:00 P.M. on April 7, 1968.

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[redacted] Somerville, Tennessee, was interviewed at his place of business, Somerville, at which time he furnished the following information concerning the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR:

On the morning of April 4, 1968, at 8:00 a.m., he traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, from Somerville to pick up his supplies for his grocery store in Somerville. Before obtaining these supplies he went to his brother's house regarding income tax returns to be filled out by his brother, [redacted] He called his wife at home at approximately 2:30 p.m. and sometime thereafter, at approximately 3:00 p.m., he departed his brother's place of business to go to a "chicken place" near the Greyhound Station on Front Street to purchase some meat. He arrived at the "chicken place" a little before 3:15 p.m. and thereafter departed to go to Fineberg Meat Company, 2875 Starling Road, Memphis, Tennessee, arriving there at approximately 3:45 p.m. He bought $72 worth of meat at this place and a white female waited on him. He left Fineberg Meat Company at approximately 4:15 p.m. enroute to the Farmers Market located on Scott Street and arrived there at approximately 4:25 to 4:30 p.m. Upon arriving at the Farmers Market, he went to the east shed to purchase a sack of potatoes from a Negro male, name unknown. He put these potatoes in the bed of his truck and then proceeded to [redacted] Memphis. [redacted]

He stated that as he passed this door he heard a white male yell, "Kill the son-of-a-bitch on the balcony" and, "I don't care how you get the job done, just get it done." At the time he heard this remark he did not know just what it meant.

He stated [redacted] is operated by a large heavy-set white male who weighs approximately 250-300 pounds, has straight hair, is approximately 6' tall, has gapped teeth, was wearing a red sport shirt and sitting in an office in

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an office at this warehouse-type building at a desk with a telephone and was facing into the produce department area. He stated this individual had dark skin and was possibly of Puerto Rican or some "foreign" extraction. [redacted] stated he walked up to the door of this office and noticed the heavy set man was sitting at the desk with his back to the door talking on the telephone. This man did not notice him, [redacted] at the time.

At this time another individual, whom he described as a white male, clear skin, over 6' tall, 200 pounds, with a hat on, wearing casual clothes, and a scar on the right side of his throat, known by [redacted] to be another boss at [redacted] approached him and asked him what he wanted. According to [redacted] this man said, "Go ahead and wait on yourself." [redacted] advised that he then went back to the rear portion of the warehouse and purchased $16 worth of produce.

When he was coming out of this warehouse-type building, he heard the telephone ring which was answered by the man with the scar on his throat and he heard this individual mumble something to the heavy set man but he could not hear what this man had said. The man with the scar then handed the telephone to the heavy set man and he heard the heavy set man say, "Go to New Orleans and get your $5,000 and don't bring your ass near my place and don't call me any more-you know my brother in New Orleans." [redacted] advised that he had already purchased $16 worth of produce but decided he wanted to purchase approximately two bushels of apples. He had seen the apples at [redacted] but stated the heavy set man and the man with the scar on his face acted very nervous and told [redacted] "to go next door and get your apples." [redacted] stated that he was in the warehouse for approximately 30 minutes and to the best of his knowledge the telephone call took place about 5:15 p.m. [redacted] advised that he bought two cases of apples from a Jewish fellow on the west side of [redacted] and then left to return to his home in Somerville, Tennessee.

[redacted] advised he arrived back at his store in Somerville at 6:15 p.m. and learned from [redacted] a friend of his, who telephonically advised him that Dr. KING had been shot. He stated that late that night, after talking with his wife and discussing the description of the person who

possibly shot KING, he figured the conversation he had heard may have had something to do with the murder of Dr. KING.

[redacted] stated that on the following day he saw a sketch appearing in The Commercial Appeal which was supposed to be a likeness of the unknown individual who shot KING and he compared the description furnished by his wife from the paper and the sketch which appeared in the newspaper and thought this to be a person who was employed at [redacted] sometime in the late fall or early winter of 1967. He stated this man, described as a light tanned or Puerto Rican type individual with long straight, coarse black hair, "jungle rot" on his neck, slender build, drop shoulders, white male, 5'10" - 5'11", 160 pounds, not a day over 25, as being identical with the individual who shot KING. He stated this individual was a cross between an Indian, Cuban, and Mexican and he could possibly identify this individual again. [redacted] stated he saw this individual for approximately one to two days at [redacted] in the late fall or early winter and has not seen him since that time at the produce company.

[redacted] advised another reason for his suspicions is that on a Thursday, a week before April 4, 1968, he was at [redacted] at which time the heavy set man, the man with the scar, said to him, "What do you think about your buddy?" [redacted] said he replied, "Who are you talking about?" The heavy set man then said, MARTIN LUTHER KING", to which [redacted] replied, "I tend to my own business." [redacted] stated the heavy set man then said, "Somebody ought to shoot the son -of-a-bitch." [redacted] stated he again replied, getting into his truck, "I tend to my own business" and drove off. [redacted] stated this was the first time the heavy set man had ever spoken to him regarding a racial matter.

[redacted] advised that he had discussed what he had heard on the afternoon of April 4, 1968, with his wife and had also discussed with his wife the possibility he knew the identity of the individual who shot KING.

[redacted] stated that on the morning of April 18, 1968, between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m., a beige, late model 1966 or 1967 Cadillac with a golden emblem on the front license place, license plate not noticed, drove into his driveway at [redacted]

[redacted] Somerville, Tennessee. An individual, identified as [redacted] and his wife, who approximately twelve years ago ran [redacted] in Somerville, Tennessee, and thereafter left to live in New Orleans, Louisiana, or that vicinity. He stated this individual operates an all-night truck stop in Louisiana at the junction of [redacted] He further stated this individual has house trailers on the property.

He stated [redacted] and his wife got out of the car to shake hands with [redacted] and stated they were "glad to see him." [redacted] stated they asked him questions concerning his itinerary for that day and he told them he was going to Memphis at approximately 4:00 p.m.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] asked, "Are you putting on a lot of weight?" and then asked if the road behind the [redacted] still came out into Old Macon Road. [redacted] advised he "acted dumb" and after a while [redacted] left. [redacted] told [redacted] he was leaving tonight or tomorrow night. (April 18-19, 1968). [redacted] advised that [redacted] did not threaten him in any way and he was very suspicious and connected this incident with the telephone call at [redacted] because the "white man shook my hand." According to [redacted] it is very uncommon for white men to shake black men's hands in his part of the country.

[redacted] stated he can tell when individuals are wearing guns and stated many times in the past he has seen people who appeared very suspicious to him and who, he thought, were a threat to him inasmuch as they stared at him and acted "funny." He advised he always looks at individuals to see whether or not they are wearing shoulder holsters or sidearms or "45's" in their back pockets. [redacted] pointed out that he always acted dumb so that people will not give him a hard time when in reality he is actually very smart.

[redacted] was shown six photographs, five of which were random photographs of individuals who have been arrested in various parts of the country in the past. These photographs are of [redacted], and JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT. [redacted] immediately eliminated the photographs of [redacted], and [redacted] and looked closely at the three remaining photographs. He stated that the

photograph of [redacted] looked like the unknown individual he had seen in [redacted] in the late fall or early winter but stated he may be "too short."

[redacted] did not desire to furnish a signed statement regarding this individual stating he "did not want to get him in trouble" if this should be the wrong person. [redacted] noted certain similarities in this photograph, namely, the hair style was the same, he had the same "jungle rot" on his neck, and the profile was similar to that of the sketch by the Commercial Appeal artist in the newspaper. The individual picked out by [redacted] was born [redacted] 1943, is 5'5" tall, weighs 152 pounds, medium build, brown hair, brown eyes, and was last known to be residing in New Orleans, Louisiana.

[redacted] was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, who was identified to [redacted] as being the individual wanted by the FBI for the murder of Dr. KING. At this point, [redacted] took the photograph of RAY and intimated this individual, too, resembled the man he saw at [redacted] in late fall or early winter, 1967. He stated, "Now let's be honest, the hair is combed the same way and there was some similarity in the individual he was attempting to describe. [redacted] was reminded that he had positively eliminated RAY on three occasions and he thereafter stated he just "was not sure."

During the interview with [redacted], an individual who was known to be a Times Magazine reporter was taking photographs of Agents interviewing [redacted] and during the interview it was felt that the distraction caused by this Times Magazine reporter necessitated moving [redacted] to a more secluded spot so that an effective and penetrating interview with him could be accomplished.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Race: Negro
Sex: Male
DOB: [redacted]
POB:

Height:	5'9"
Weight:	178
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Gray
Complexion:	Light brown
Social Security #:	[redacted]
Occupation:	

Re: James Earl Ray

As a result of the information furnished by [redacted] the following interviews were conducted by FBI Agents of the Memphis and New Orleans Divisions:

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[redacted] home address [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, was interviewed at his place of business at which time he furnished the following information:

On April 4, 1968, he arrived at work at approximately 5:30 a.m. and stayed on the job, with the exception of lunch and possibly going to see one of his business associates, until 6:00 p.m.

[redacted] advised that in his capacity as [redacted] he is continually dealing with the public and business associates over the telephone and, therefore, does not have an exact recollection of just what transpired on that day. To the best of his knowledge, he does not remember discussing with anyone the possibility of shooting KING and emphatically denied having any knowledge of the activity of the person responsible for MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s death.

[redacted] was shown a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT, and failed to identify these photographs as being identical with any individual he knew.

[redacted] advised it is not uncommon talk among co-workers in and around the produce company and other individuals in the Memphis area to discuss the comments of KING while he was in the Memphis, Tennessee, area. [redacted] advised he may have made some general remarks regarding KING, especially since he felt the curfew in the Memphis area during KING's stay at Memphis, cost him approximately $40,000 to $50,000 in lost sales.

[redacted] advised that he receives and makes numerous telephone calls and specifically denied any telephone call made mentioning the shooting of Dr. KING or of any reference to KING. He stated that he had no knowledge of the shooting of Dr. KING while at work at the produce company.

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[redacted] advised that he had been in New Orleans, Louisiana, just before Christmas, 1967. He advised it is not unusual for him to travel in his capacity as [redacted] of a produce company to obtain various produce in certain sections of the South. He left work at approximately 6:00 p.m., April 4, 1968, and feels certain he heard about the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., on his car radio although it is possible that if he stayed at work that day past 6:00 p.m. his sister or his wife may have telephonically contacted him as it is common for him to call these individuals just prior to leaving work. [redacted] advised that he cannot be specific about his actions on April 4, 1968, inasmuch as he is continually on the go and is in constant contact with various individuals, many of whom are business people who are coming to him for the first time.

He reiterated he may have made disparaging remarks about KING, both prior to the shooting and after the shooting of KING, and stated he does not consider this to be uncommon.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name:	[redacted]
Race:	White
Sex:	Male
DOB:	[redacted]
POB:	
Height:	
Weight:	200
Hair:	Sandy brown
Eyes:	Bluish gray
Scars and marks:	Scar on right side of neck
Vehicle:	[redacted]
Tag:	[redacted]
Military service:	U. S. Army; US [redacted]
Weapons:	Owns Browning Shotgun, Italian Mauser, and .22 automatic pistol
Arrest record:	[redacted]

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[redacted] home address [redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, employed as [redacted] 814 Scott, Memphis, was interviewed at his place of business and he furnished the following information:

To the best of his knowledge, he was at his place of business on April 4, 1968, and stated he did not recall exactly what time he arrived but remembered leaving at any time between 4:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. He called his wife at home just prior to leaving and she could probably verify the fact he arrived home sometime after 5:00 p.m.

[redacted] emphatically denied having any knowledge of the identity of the person responsible for Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'s death on April 4, 1968. He also emphatically denied ever discussing with anyone the possibility of shooting KING although he admitted he had made the usual derogatory remarks about KING's action in Memphis, Tennessee, and also about the fact KING was partly responsible for the curfew imposed on the city of Memphis resulting in loss of revenue by his business establishment in the Memphis area. He advised he may have made statements to the effect that KING should be killed although he does not recall any specific statements made by him to this effect. He stated that because of the curfew, he suffered approximately $40,000 in lost sales at the produce company.

[redacted] stated he frequently makes trips to New Orleans, Louisiana, to get strawberries and other produce and also because members of his family reside in the New Orleans area. He stated most of the co-workers, employees, and customers at his produce company know of his travels to New Orleans inasmuch as he frequently mentions his trips to New Orleans.

[redacted] stated that regarding telephone calls allegedly made by him or telephone calls to him on April 4, 1968, he specifically denied receiving any call where mention was made of Dr. KING or of Dr. KING's shooting. [redacted] stated most of his produce is purchased through telephone conversations and this

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inevitably involves talking about large sums of money over the telephone. He advised he did not receive any telephone call on April 4, 1968, regarding KING and stated he would have remembered any conversation over the telephone or in person which allegedly took place on April 4, 1968, involving the death of KING. He further stated he would have no reason for being involved in any action of this sort.

[redacted] advised he frequently taunts various individuals regarding racial matters and may have made disparaging remarks to some of his customers involving KING but reiterated he does not consider this uncommon among various co-workers at his place of employment.

[redacted] advised he has had no individual employed recently in late fall or early winter at his produce company fitting the description of the unknown individual described as having long straight, coarse, black hair, "jungle rot" on his neck, slender build, drop shoulders, tan complexion, 5'10"-5'11", 160 pounds, and "not a day over 25" years of age. He always employs Negro males for help in the produce department and any unidentified white male seen in or around his produce company would most likely be a truck driver or an individual who had come to his establishment to purchase produce.

[redacted] stated he left work between 4:15 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and was not aware of KING's death until after his arrival at his home. He advised the first he heard of KING's death was from his wife or from the news media which reported it on television.

[redacted] was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT and he stated he had never seen this individual before. He was furnished other aliases used by RAY and stated he had never heard any of these names used in his presence. He then made a search of his records but could locate no record on any individual by the name of JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER, or JOHN WILLARD as ever being employed at his establishment.

[redacted] reiterated that he did not receive any telephone call on April 4, 1968, where mention was made of shooting KING or

any reference made to KING and stated he felt sure he would remember such a telephone conversation if it had, in fact, taken place.

[redacted] advised he has family members residing in New Orleans, Louisiana, and identified these individuals as follows:

Mother [redacted]
New Orleans, Louisiana

Brothers [redacted]
resides two houses away from his mother;
[redacted]
who works for [redacted] in
[redacted] who works
for [redacted] in New Orleans, Louisiana.

[redacted] advised an individual who frequently is in and around his establishment is [redacted] 38 years of age, who was formerly a Shelby County Sheriff's Office deputy.

The following description of [redacted] was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted] Jr.
Race	White
Sex	Male
DOB	[redacted]
POB	
Height:	5'10" - 5'11"
Weight	285
Eyes	Grayish blue
Hair	Brown
Vehicle	[redacted]
Arrest record	[redacted]

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[redacted] Memphis, Tennessee, furnished the following information:

The individuals operating LL & L Produce Company were identified as [redacted] and [redacted] described [redacted] as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Approximately 35
Complexion:	Fair
Characteristics:	Pug nose, casual dresser
Eyes:	Blue
Height:	6'1"
Weight:	200

He described [redacted] as follows:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Complexion:	Dark
Age:	Approximately 40
Build:	Heavy
Weight:	325-350
Height:	5'10"
Scars and marks:	Scar on neck
Remarks:	Neat dresser.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had closed his business early and was not available for interview and that [redacted] was at that time in New Orleans, Louisiana, buying strawberries for the produce market.

[redacted] was shown photographs of JAMES EARL RAY, also known as ERIC STARVO GALT and he failed to identify this individual as anyone being in and around his place of business.

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[redacted] located and interviewed at his residence, [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana, and advised as follows:

He is currently retired and living alone at this address. He formerly worked for a 17 year period with Viking Truck Lines, but for medical reasons was forced to retire. He stated that he is a diabetic with a heart condition. For that reason he cannot do strenuous labor. He stated that he has not been in telephonic contact with his brother, [redacted] in Memphis in several years and the only member of his immediate family residing in New Orleans who may have possibly been in touch with [redacted] would have been is mother, [redacted] who resides at [redacted]

He viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY stating this individual looked familiar but he could not identify it.

He stated that his brother [redacted] lives some where on the West Bank of the Mississippi River, exact address unknown; however, his telephone number is [redacted] He stated that both his brother, [redacted] and [redacted] are employed with trucking firms and have been so employed for many years. He stated no one in his immediate family is employed in the produce business in New Orleans. He knows that his brother [redacted] occasionally makes trips to the Hammond, Louisiana, area to purchase particularly strawberries but has no knowledge of any other business contacts of his brother in New Orleans. He stated he would have no knowledge of any disparaging remarks made by his brother or any of his employees concerning KING or the Negro element.

The following is a description gained through observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'8"
Weight	300
Hair	Brown, bald on top

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SAS [redacted]

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Eyes	Blue
Birth data	[redacted]mphis
Occupation	Retired, formerly with Viking Truck Lines

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[redacted] was interviewed in the home of her son [redacted] and advised as follows:

She is the widow of [redacted] and her maiden name was [redacted] She was born and raised in Memphis, Tennessee, and is 71 years of age. She and her husband came to New Orleans about 39 years ago and she has seven living children, of which three sons and one daughter reside in New Orleans.

She stated she saw her son [redacted] last Friday when he stopped in to see her after a trip to the Hammond, Louisiana, area for the purpose of purchasing strawberries for his produce business.

She occasionally contacts him by telephone and in fact called him a couple of days after the KING assassination purely out of concern for the family and to inquire as to the local situation.

She viewed a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and stated that it looked familiar; however, she could not identify it specifically. She advised she has no knowledge of the KING assassination, other than what she has read in the newspapers and seen on television.

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[redacted] located in the vicinity of his employment, [redacted] New Orleans, and interviewed. He voluntarily furnished the following information:

There is only one member of his immediate family that is in the produce business and that is his brother [redacted] in Memphis, Tennessee. He has not talked to [redacted] by telephone in at least four years. He stated [redacted] is the oldest of the brothers and there are two other brothers residing here in New Orleans, at present. One is [redacted] who resides at [redacted] who is a retired diabetic with a heart condition, having previously been employed by Viking for many years. The other brother is [redacted] who works for [redacted] Trucking Lines, and has for many years. [redacted] lives in Terry Town, just across the Mississippi River Bridge, and he believes the address is on Matador Drive.

He stated he was born and raised in Memphis and his father was in the produce business for many years, but none of the brothers in New Orleans are in the produce business. He knows that [redacted] occasionally travels to Hammond, Louisiana, to purchase strawberries but he knows of no other business contacts of [redacted] in the produce line in New Orleans.

He examined a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, and advised he has seen this individual in the newspapers and television and has no knowledge of the KING assassination other than that gained from the news media.

He stated he resides at [redacted] and is mother, [redacted] resides alone at [redacted] He stated he would have no knowledge of any disparaging remarks made by his brother [redacted] concerning KING or the Negro element.

The following is a description gained from observation and interview:

Name	[redacted]
Sex	Male
Race	White

On 4/22/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

SAS [redacted] 21

by [redacted] TLC:mah Date dictated 4/23/68

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Height	5'8"
Weight	185
Birth data	[redacted] Memphis, Tennessee
Hair	Black, graying
Eyes	Blue
Occupation	Truck driver [redacted]
Residence	New Orleans [redacted]

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[redacted] Louisiana, telephone number [redacted] advised that he was born September 18, 1936, in New Orleans, Louisiana. On January [redacted] at New Orleans, he married [redacted] and has one son and three daughters. For the past thirteen (13) years, [redacted] has been employed as a [redacted] at the West Trucking Company, New Orleans.

[redacted] stated that sometime just before the MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., assassination, exact date unrecalled, he telephonically spoke to his brother, [redacted] in Memphis, Tennessee. [redacted] made this telephone call from his mother's residence. The purpose of this call was to borrow $200 from his brother. [redacted] did not make this call from his own residence, as he did not want his spouse to know about the loan. His brother, [redacted] wired him $200 in care of his mother's residence in New Orleans.

While on the telephone with his brother [redacted] invited him to visit him in Memphis, or to meet him at Hot Springs, Arkansas. [redacted] advised that his brother, [redacted] follows the race horses and likes to go to a race track at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and bet horses. [redacted] discussed his winnings and losses on the telephone with [redacted] does not recall the exact amounts of money he discussed.

[redacted] viewed photographs of JAMES EARL RAY and [redacted] and advised that he did not know either of those individuals and he did not believe that he had ever seen either of these individuals.

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by SA [redacted] 23 Date dictated 4/23/68

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RE: James Earl Ray

Investigation by both Memphis and New Orleans has failed to associate any of the [redacted] with the Mafia - La Cosa Nostra, or to Carlos Marcellos.

According to Mr. Flannery's memorandum, [redacted] states that [redacted] and [redacted] Aka. [redacted] and [redacted] two professional killers, are also involved in this matter. [redacted] claims that [redacted] allegedly met James Earl Ray at a Lion Service Station in Memphis the day of or the night before the shooting and [redacted] has been saying he works for [redacted] and is responsible for "getting" James Earl Ray. According to one of [redacted] New Orleans informants, James Earl Ray was seen at or stayed at the Pontotoc Hotel in Memphis approximately three days before the shooting.

[redacted] also refers to an individual by the name [redacted] who was interviewed by both Flannery and [redacted] and allegedly made a statement to the effect that according to one [redacted] met [redacted] at a Lion Service Station on the night before or the day of the shooting.

In connection with the information contained in the foregoing paragraph, [redacted] Aka. [redacted] was interviewed on November 19, 1968. His comments are set forth as follows:

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[redacted], Memphis, Tennessee, unlisted Telephone [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, [redacted], Inc., [redacted] Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, Telephone [redacted], and was apprised of the identities of interviewing Special Agents of the FBI. [redacted] furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that he is familiar with an individual by the name [redacted], whom he met through [redacted] Aka, [redacted] shortly after the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. [redacted] stated he was introduced in August, 1968, to an individual known as Nick Flannery, who stated he was from the Justice Department, Washington, D. C. [redacted] advised that originally [redacted] had asked [redacted] to ascertain information from Negroes in the Memphis community concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., but then asked [redacted] to obtain any information concerning the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., with the possibility that the "Mafia" was connected with King's death. [redacted] advised that he made no attempt to ascertain any information concerning the Mafia and the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

He stated that when he met Flannery, he repeated to Flannery exactly what [redacted] had previously told him, namely that [redacted] met with James Earl Ray at a Lion Service Station on the day before the death of Martin Luther King. He stated that this information came from [redacted] and was in no way information he developed on his own. He stated that [redacted] is known to him as a cosmetics salesman in the Memphis area and is known to drink frequently in Caesar's Lounge, which according to [redacted] is owned by [redacted] states [redacted] is a former schoolmate of his and a legitimate businessman in the Memphis community. [redacted] states [redacted] is a nephew of [redacted], whom [redacted] described as a local Memphis businessman. He identified [redacted], Aka. [redacted] as a worker on a tug boat on the Mississippi River. He stated neither [redacted] nor [redacted] is known to him as a professional killer. [redacted] states both [redacted] and [redacted] are employed in the Memphis area and his only association with them has been

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On 11/19/68 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987

SA [redacted]

by SA [redacted] RF:BN Date dictated 11/20/68

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through the Club Caesar, which is owned by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] inquired about [redacted] who is known to [redacted] as a possible segregationist in the Memphis area. [redacted] stated [redacted] is of the opinion that if a car was used to go to Millington, as described by the news media, then [redacted] as the logical person, although no reason was given by [redacted] for this. [redacted] said [redacted] was of the opinion that if another white Mustang was used to assist the killer of King in escaping the Memphis area, as referred to by the news media concerning the CB radio broadcast, then he considered [redacted] to be the logical person to have a private airplane waiting at Millington.

[redacted] further stated that [redacted] is of the opinion that officers who were suspended for alleged police brutality within the past year are involved in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King. According to [redacted] does not give any basis for this.

[redacted] told [redacted] that he has contact with the Mafia in New Orleans, New York, and Philadelphia, although he named only one individual, one [redacted] or [redacted] as his contact with the Mafia in New Orleans.

[redacted] stated he has had numerous casual meetings with [redacted] and during this period [redacted] has volunteered certain information of his personal life to [redacted] including facts regarding the tragic death of [redacted] wife. While volunteering information to [redacted] regarding his wife's illness, [redacted] mentioned that his wife had become addicted to the use of narcotics during her illness and in this regard had cooperated with Federal Drug Administration Supervisor [redacted] had asked [redacted] to ascertain information regarding narcotics from [redacted]

[redacted] described [redacted] as being unreliable and as attributing false information to [redacted] which information was actually rumored by [redacted] According to [redacted] by originating these rumors in different areas in Memphis, is able to get a "play back" from various sources, which he uses as a means of lending credence to his stories.

[redacted] advised he could furnish no information concerning any conspiracy in the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. He said he knows of no individuals involved with James Earl Ray in the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Re: James [redacted]rl Ray

With regard to the allegation that Ray resided at the Pontotoc Hotel in Memphis approximately three days prior to the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr., a complete review of the records of the Pontotoc Hotel, 69 West Pontotoc Street, Memphis, on 11/18/68 for the period March 23 through April 8, 1968, failed to reveal any information concerning Ray under his true name or known aliases. [redacted] Pontotoc Hotel, [redacted] has 27 sleeping rooms at the Pontotoc Hotel, and that approximately 21 or 22 of these rooms are occupied by more or less permanent residents. He claims he himself resides at thehotel and he is positive that Ray never resided at this hotel during the past eleven years.

According to Mr. Flannery's memorandum, [redacted] claims that a [redacted] Memphis, was advised by a ranking officer in the Memphis Police Department (Captain or above) not to go near Dr. King because something was going to happen to him.

Reverend [redacted] Memphis, was interviewed by Agents of the FBI on 11/18/68. Reverend [redacted] claims that he has known [redacted], a contract reporter for "Time" magazine, since approximately April, 1968, and has had frequent contact with him since that date. He claims that, in fact, [redacted]at the present time maintains a room at [redacted] residence.

With regard to the information [redacted] attributes to [redacted], Reverend [redacted]r stated that those are not the exact words he has used in discussions with [redacted] and the statement attributed to him by [redacted] has been taken completely out of context and is inaccurate.

[redacted] refused to state whether he had any discussion with any Memphis police officer concerning Martin Luther King, Jr.; however, he admitted that he has had many conversations with ranking police officers of the Memphis Police Department in the past six years. [redacted] admitted

that he currently does hold a grudge against the Memphis Police Department due to the fact that he is not satisfied with the manner in which certain officers of the Police Department have handled complaints he has made to the Department in the past.

Reverend [redacted] describes [redacted] as being an alcoholic who is currently experiencing marital difficulties. By "alcoholic", Reverend [redacted] stated he means that he has observed [redacted] commence drinking alcoholic beverages, namely wine and hard liquor, as early as 8 o'clock in the morning and to continue to consume these alcoholic beverages throughout the day and into the night.

According to the memorandum of Mr. Flannery, [redacted] claims that shortly after the killing a bartender overheard some Memphis policemen say there had been a "slip up" and that the assassination was originally scheduled to take place after the march for which Dr. King had returned to Memphis.

Since [redacted] was either unwilling or unable to identify the bartender, the Memphis Office of the FBI has been unable to conduct any investigation to determine the veracity of this allegation; however, a review of the records of the Memphis Police Department and the Memphis FBI Office has failed to reveal any information to indicate that such an incident was ever reported to these respective law enforcement agencies.

According to Mr. Flannery's memorandum, [redacted] refers to a civilian having been observed lying in the back of a police car immediately after the shooting and near Mulberry and Huling. He got out of the police car, into another car, and was driven away.

In this regard, the records of the Memphis Police Department reveal the following:

At 6:55 p.m. on 4/4/68, [redacted], a white male, and [redacted], a white male, were both arrested at Second Street and Vance, by officers assigned to Police Tactical Unit #14, inasmuch as they refused to give the [redacted]

officers any reason for being in the area of the Lorraine Motel at the time of the shooting of Reverend King. According to the arresting officers, these two individuals were placed in a marked patrol car, questioned, and then transferred to an unmarked police car for transportation to Central Police Headquarters. According to Inspector [redacted], Memphis Police Department, the handling of these prisoners was standard operating procedure and most persons arrested by tactical units during disturbances during this period were transported to Headquarters in unmarked cars, one arrestee to a car.

According to Mr. Flannery's memorandum, [redacted] claims that an unidentified Negro policeman was removed from his assignment at the Fire Station at about 5 p.m. on the day of the assassination. [redacted] identifies this policeman as [redacted]

[redacted] also states that two Negro firemen were moved from the station a day or two before the shooting. One of them had reportedly told friends that two or three days before Dr. King was shot a telescope or binoculars had been set up on a tripod in the Fire Station and focused on the Lorraine Motel balcony. According to this memorandum, [redacted] in August advised Flannery that one fireman left the Department or was suspended, shortly after the shooting, and that he had been unable to locate either of them.

In this regard, Inspector [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Memphis Police Department, advised on 11/18/68, that on 4/3/68 he assigned Detective [redacted] and Patrolman [redacted] Negro officers, both of whom are assigned to the Inspection Division of the Memphis Police Department, to a security detail at the Memphis Fire Station, Engine House #2, located at Butler and Main Streets. This location is approximately one block from the Lorraine Motel. The purpose of this assignment was to observe the activities of the "Invaders," local Black Power group at Memphis. A number of the "Invaders" were rooming at the Lorraine Motel at this time. These two officers were equipped with binoculars and were stationed in a room at the rear of the fire station, with a view that included

the room later occupied by the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

In connection with this assignment, and prior to the time Officers [redacted] and [redacted] physically proceeded to this assigned location, it was determined by the Intelligence Unit of the Memphis Police Department that a Negro fireman stationed at the Fire Station and named [redacted] had taken an active part in demonstrations by the striking sanitaton workers in February and March, 1968, and had been closely associated with black militants connected with the strike. In order to insure security for Officers [redacted] and [redacted] and to insure that no information regarding the Memphis Police Department Intelligence Unit's efforts to keep abreast of the activities of the "Invaders" was leaked to the black militants in Memphis, the Chief of the Memphis Fire Department was requested to temporarily transfer Fireman [redacted] to another fire station. This was done on 4/3/68.

In addition, on 4/4/68, Negro Fireman [redacted] was routinely assigned from Fire Station #2 to Fire Station #31, due to a manpower shortage at Fire Station #31.

On 11/18/68, [redacted] advised that by letter dated 5/18/68, Fireman [redacted] resigned from the Memphis Fire Department after thirteen years of service, giving as his reason for leaving "Personal Reasons." [redacted] advised it is his understanding that [redacted] has become an active worker with the NAACP at Memphis subsequent to his resignation from the Memphis Fire Department.

At approximately 4:15 p.m. on 4/4/68, Lt. [redacted] of the Intelligence Unit of the Memphis Police Department, on instructions from Inspector [redacted] proceeded to Fire Engine House #2 and removed Detective [redacted] from this station, leaving Officer [redacted] at this post. The reason for the removal of Officer [redacted] was due to the receipt of a telephone call on the morning of 4/4/68 by [redacted] for Senator McClellan's Senate Investigating Committee, Washington, D. C., to the effect that information had been

received by the Committee that a Negro detective on the Memphis Police Department was to be killed.

Due to Detective [redacted] activities in attending meetings of the striking sanitation workers in February and March 1968, [redacted] had been threatened on several occasions. Inspector [redacted] therefore believed the telephone call received by the McClellan Committee was another threat directed against [redacted]. He therefore ordered [redacted] removed from his lookout post at Engine House #2 for [redacted] own protection. A police guard of two officers was assigned to [redacted] and his family as a result of this threat.

A review of the tapes of the Memphis Police Department radio transmissions for April 4, 1968, failed to reflect any transmissions from Police Dispatcher ordering [redacted] to move from his observation post and, in fact, it has been ascertained that no radio equipment was maintained by the Police officers at this observation post with which to receive radio transmissions.

According to this memorandum, [redacted] mentions something to the effect that [redacted] of the Memphis Police Department telephonically contacted the Lorraine Motel regarding stationing detectives at the motel.

In this regard, [redacted] as advised that he does not recall talking to any maid at the Lorraine Motel on 4/4/68; however, he stated he had been in telephonic contact on a number of occasions with [redacted] regarding the identity of certain individuals registered at the Motel.

It has been determined from the Memphis Police Department that on the morning of 4/3/68, Memphis [redacted] ordered [redacted] of the Department to send a detail of men to the Memphis Metropolitan Airport to offer security to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and his party. Police records reflect that Inspector [redacted] offered the services of the police detail to [redacted]

[redacted] who was acting as chauffeur for Dr. Martin Luther King. Mrs. Mathews advised Lt. [redacted] Memphis Police Department, who is an officer in this detail, that they had not asked for police to be assigned to protect Dr. King, and did not desire a police escort. In addition, members of King's party refused to tell the police detail where they planned to stay or their itinerary while in Memphis. Inspector [redacted] while offering the services of the Memphis Police Department to Dr. King for security, escort, and protection purposes, was advised by the Reverend [redacted] an associate of King, that no assistance was desired and that they had not fully made up their minds where they were going with Reverend KING after they left the Memphis Metropolitan Airport.

At approximately 1:30 a.m., on 4/5/68, [redacted] a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Strategy Committee, advised [redacted] of the Memphis Police Department that this SCLC Strategy Committee had considered asking for police protection for the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.; however, the Committee had decided against this.

According to Mr. Flannery's memorandum, [redacted] stated that a little Negro boy allegedly heard a shot and saw a man jump up from the bushes behind the rooming house (below the window area from which the shot is thought to have been fired) and run off. According to [redacted] the little boy has been identified and interviewed by Bureau Agents and the Memphis Police Department.

In this regard, a review of the records of the Memphis Police Department and the Memphis FBI Office has failed to reveal any information to indicate that any officers of these respective law enforcement agencies interviewed a young Negro boy who is allegedly the contributor of the above information by [redacted] In this regard, on 11/15/68, Source One and Source Two both advised that [redacted] a 'Time' magazine

reporter, had gone throughout the Memphis area immediately following the King slaying, and was overheard asking leading questions of Negroes, namely, "You think it's possible that a police officer could have killed Martin Luther King, Jr.?" According to these sources, as a result of this, practically the entire Memphis Negro community has given vent to the rumor that a police officer had killed King. The sources claim this rumor has embittered a very large segment of the Negro community and has caused widespread distrust by Negroes against all law enforcement officers and has caused a serious community cleavage between the Police and the Negro community.

In view of the fact that numerous allegations have been made, either by [redacted] or his alleged sources, stating involvement of Memphis police officers in the assassination of Dr. King, Frank Holloman, Director of Fire & Police, was contacted. Holloman advised that shortly after the assassination of Dr. King he received information that a representative of "Time" magazine was circulating in thd Negro community and asking questions of the Negro residents. His sources informed him that the general tenor of the questions being asked was to the effect that it was conceivable that the Memphis Police Department was involved in the assassination of Dr. King. Director Holloman advised that later he learned the reported "Time" representative was an individual by the name of [redacted] He subsequently had an appointment with [redacted]

Director Holloman said at this time he informed [redacted] that he had received certain information indicating that [redacted] had, by his questions, created the inference in the Negro community that it was possible the Memphis Police Department was involved in the assassination of Dr. King. Director Holloman advised that he told [redacted] that if [redacted] wrote a story based on rumors and misstatements of facts such as he was collecting rgarding the involvement of the Memphis Police Department, Director Holloman would institute a civil suit against him and do everything in his power to insure that [redacted] wrote only the truth and did not print such falsifications regarding the Memphis Police Department.

Director Holloman stated that after his discussion with [redacted] has not again called at his office for any information, nor has any story appeared.

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BLACK ORGANIZING PROJECT (BOP),
Also known as Black Organizing Power,
Afro-American Brotherhood,
Black Student Association,
Invaders,
LeMoyne Intercollegiate Chaptor of the
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People (NAACP),
City Organizers

On April 18, 1968, a third source advised that a black power group in Memphis which has been in existence for several months has until recently been known as Black Organizing Power. It is now known as Black Organizing Project (BOP), also known as Black Organizing Power, with five cells or parts, known as (1) Afro-American Brotherhood (AAB), primarily consisting of Owen College students; (2) Black Student Association (BSA), primarily consisting of Memphis State University (MSU) Negro students; (3) LeMoyne Intercollegiate Chapter of the NAACP, consisting of LeMoyne College students; (4) the Invaders, consisting mostly of high school dropouts; and (5) the City Organizers, comprised of young adults.

AAB has about 12 members; BSA has about 20 members; the Invaders has about 15 members; the LeMoyne group has about 20 members; and the City Organizers has about 20 members.

Source three advised that the BOP attempts to create pride in black identity, attempts to teach and promote the teaching of Negro history, and to promote black culture and obtain more employment for young Negroes.

The Executive Secretary of BOP is Charles Laverne Cabbage.

On February 16, 1968, Charles Laverne Cabbage personally acknowledge being leader of BOP, claiming he is the impetus of black power in Memphis, Tennessee, and that BOP's purpose is to stimulate in the young Negroes a sense of black identity, black pride, and black consciousness. He said his group follows the teachings of Student Nonviolent

Coordinating Committee (SNCC) leaders H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael but that BOP did not necessarily exist as a formal SNCC unit. CABBAGE further admitted he had made statements such as "Memphis should be burned" and "Memphis should have a good race riot," but claimed he did not mean these statements literally, merely endeavoring to shock the community into doing something to help the black race.

On February 27, 1968, a fourth source advised that at a public meeting on February 26, 1968, the BOP Chairman John Burrell Smith told a Negro audience, "We've got to do some fighting," and "You'd better get some guns. You're going to need them before this is over. You can't pray your way out."

On June 6, 1968, the fourth source advised that BOP primarily consists of about 30 to 35 young college and high school students and school dropouts, unemployed and not looking for work, who continually preach hatred of the white race and capitalistic economic system and advocating and predicting violence by blacks. The over-all plan of BOP, according to source four, is to scare the Memphis community leaders, both black and white, into fearing black militancy. The BOP leaders then hope to convince the community to fund them as a form of subtle blackmail whereby BOP can prevent racial violence. Source four said that BOP is more interested in publicity and money than in direct action, but is nevertheless preaching violence in an effort to scare the community.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
November 21, 1968

Title James Earl Ray, Aka.;
Dr. Martin Luther King, Victim

Character Civil Rights - Conspiracy

Reference Memorandum dated November 21, 1968, and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Date: 11/20/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: Legat, Tokyo (173-1) (RUC) Attn: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

MURKIN - COST DATA

ReBuR/S 11/12/68 and TOKairtel 10/1/68.

The Tokyo Office has no cumulative totals to reflect in instant case for the month of October, 1968.

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Special Agent in Charge

November 19, 1968

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Detroit (44-989)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5393 1 - Mr. Long

LURKIN

ReDEairtel to the Bureau dated 11/14/68.

In your LHM enclosed to referenced communication it is noted that the customs receipts were checked concerning the name of Eric S. Galt, alias of James Earl Ray.

It is noted that during the summer of 1967 when the subject was in Canada, he used the name John L. Raynes. You should advise if this alias of Ray was specifically checked at customs and if not you should make appropriate inquiry regarding all aliases known to be used by Ray.

Dissemination of your LHM is being held in abeyance pending receipt of information from you.

Enclosed are two copies of LHM for Memphis.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Detroit (44-989)

MURKIN

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, 11/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM regarding review of customs receipts at the U.S. Customs Bureau, Detroit, Michigan, for the dates 4/67 through 5/68.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Detroit, Michigan
November 14, 1968

Re: James Earl Ray

On November 10, 12 and 13, 1968, [redacted] Administrative Section, United States Customs Department, Detroit, Michigan, made available the informal entries and baggage receipts indicating duty paid on articles imported into the United States via the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and Ambassador Bridge, Detroit, Michigan, during the period April, 1967, through May, 1968.

These records were reviewed by Special Agents of the Detroit Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in an effort to locate an import duty receipt in the amount of $4.50 for a television set allegedly declared by James Earl Ray using the alias Eric S. Galt.

The result of this review is as follows:

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ENCLOSURE

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Date 11/14/63

On November 10, 12 and 13, 1963, the informal entries and baggage receipts indicating all articles imported by individuals into the United States from Canada via the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge, Detroit, Michigan, for the periods April, 1967, through May, 1968, were reviewed.

No import duty receipt in the amount of $4.50 identifiable with a television set allegedly imported by JAMES EARL RAY using the alias Eric S. Galt was discovered.

On 11/12/63 at Detroit, Michigan File # Detroit 44-999

by [redacted] Date dictated 11/14/63

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FBI

Date: 11/26/63

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)

MURKIN

Re Springfield teletype to Bureau, dated 11/25/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum covering investigation regarding a 1962 Plymouth purchased by JAMES EARL RAY in July 1967 at East St. Louis, Illinois. Investigation continuing to develop all information concerning the 1962 Plymouth, including its disposition. Information available indicates that the 1962 Plymouth was disposed of in Chicago, Illinois.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are also being enclosed for Chicago and Memphis.

3 - Bureau (44-38861) (Enc. 11)
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2 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 2)
2 - Springfield (44-561)

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Springfield, Illinois
November 26, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

[redacted], Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised on November 26, 1968, that 1967 Illinois license LJ 5943 was issued on August 8, 1967, to JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, for a 1962 Plymouth, four door sedan, Vehicle Identification Number 2921165934. [redacted] advised that the 1962 Plymouth, four door, was purchased July 14, 1967, from Bundy Oldsmobile, 711 Illinois Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

[redacted], Drivers License Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised that JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Winnetka, Illinois, failed his license examination and driving examination on June 9, 1967; however, he passed his examinations on June 12, 1967. On June 21, 1967, RAYNS was issued Operator's License #R520-4723-3045, and this license describes him as 5 feet 9 inches tall, 158 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes, born February 14, 1933. Permit #D754464 had also been issued on June 21, 1967.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: November 21, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. [redacted] of the World-Union Press, United Nations, New York, directed a letter to us stating that the young man shown in the Warren Commission Exhibit photograph number 2632 seems to resemble the photograph of Ray as appearing in the November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" magazine (circulated November 12, 1968). [redacted] letter was acknowledged by the Director.

Correspondent's reference to Warren Commission Exhibit number 2632 is a photograph of former Chief of Police CURRY [redacted] of Dallas, Texas Police Department holding a press conference on the third floor corridor of the Memphis Police Department, press conference televised sometime between period of 11/22-24/63. This photograph appears on page 232 in the Warren Commission Report.

It is noted that James Earl Ray was incarcerated in the Missouri State Penitentiary from March 17, 1960, to his escape on April 23, 1967. It is further noted that the photograph as contained in the Warren Commission Report as referred to by [redacted] was taken in November 1963; therefore, it is not possible for Ray to be included in this photograph.

ACTION:

For information.

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[redacted]

World-Union Press
United Nations, New York 10017

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of Novem-
ber 13th and its enclosure. I am grateful for the interest
which prompted you to bring this matter to my attention
and I wanted you to know of my appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose last outgoing to [redacted] in August, 1963, on Director's notepaper. [redacted] He is a syndicated columnist and his column appears in 35 newspapers in U.S., Canada, Israel, and other countries. He enjoys a good reputation and favorably reviewed the Director's books. Upon approval of this letter, it is recommended it be forwarded to the General Investigative Division for any additional action deemed necessary. Bufiles disclose no record concerning World-Union Press.

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FROM THE DESK OF

[redacted]

WORLD-UNION PRESS

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UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.

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Mr. Tolson
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

13 November 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
FBI
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I may be entirely wrong, but it seems to me that the expression, that is, the facial 'contemplative' look of the young man shown in the Warren Commission Exhbit photo No. 2632 (at the right) seems to resemble that of Ray now up for trial in Memphis for the alleged assassination of Martin Luther King.

I have noted this for some months now, but more so this week on the basis of a photo of Ray appearing in the current issue of LOOK.

It is important, in this connection, to take into consideration Ray's plastic surgery.

Perhaps your office ought to determine who the man is - shown in the Exhibit 2632.

All best wishes.

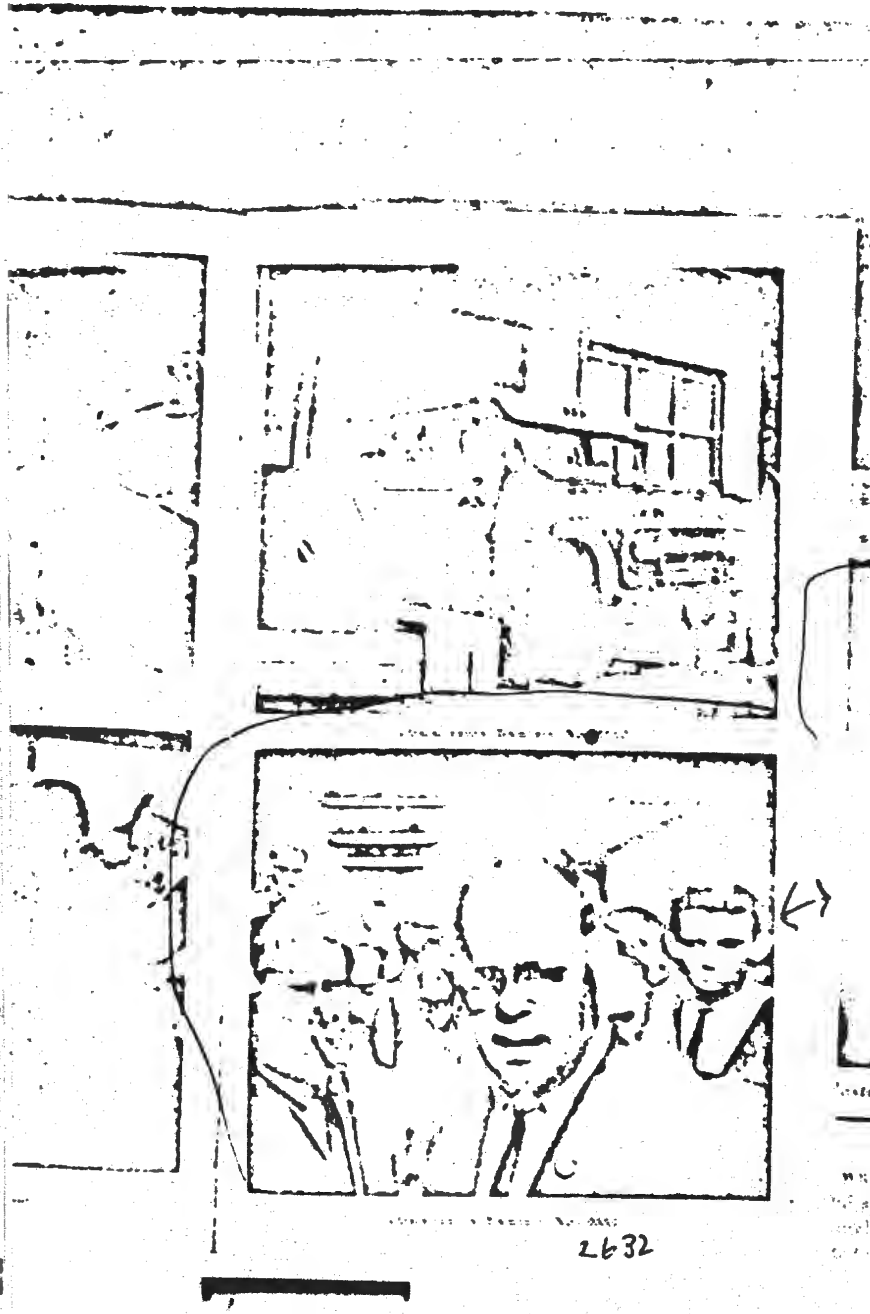
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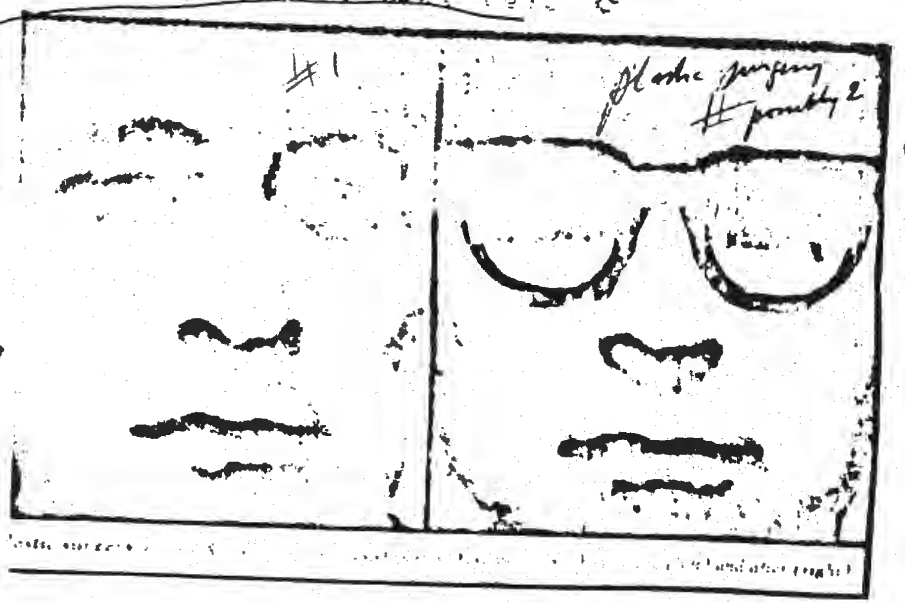
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FBI

Date: 11/15/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTENTION: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

ReButel to Memphis, 4/17/68, and Memphis airtel to the Bureau, 10/9/68.

The information set out hereafter consists of cumulative totals concerning the cost data of captioned matter as furnished by all Bureau offices for the period 4/4/68 to 10/31/68:

	Regular Hours	Overtime Hours	Cumulative Total
1. A. Special Agents	96,263	27,202	123,465
B. Clerks	20,041	1,743	21,784
	116,304	23,945	145,249

2. Mileage traveled by Bucars on this matter: 473,536

3. Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs:

A.	Per diem		$6,698.00
B.	Communications		4,132.03
C.	Photography		1,884.68
D.	Hotel Room Expense		59.48
E.	Plane Fares		837.00
F.	Misc: Zeroxing	$330.94	
	Zerox Paper & Supplies	14.25	
	Mailing Wanted Flyers to Laundries in the U. S.	287.00	
	Misc. Supplies	65.77	
	Confidential Item	19.50	
	Total Misc.		717.46
	Total Unusual or out-of-ordinary costs		$14,328.65

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4. Peak Number of Special Agents on this Case: 3,075 Special Agents

It is to be noted, the above figures constitute only those costs known to the Memphis Division as reported through the Bureau's Field Divisions.

November 15, 1968

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached is a request of the Department for investigation concerning certain aspects which appeared in the second article in "Look" magazine and authored by William Bradford Huie. This second in a series of articles appears in the November 26, 1968, issue of "Look" and circulated on November 12, 1968.

We were previously in receipt of most of this information as requested by the Department and have provided the results of our investigation to them. The items we were not in receipt of are presently under investigation and results thereof will be furnished to the Department.

Department being advised accordingly.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson
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TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: November

FROM : Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

SJP:eb
D.J. 144-72-662

SUBJECT: James Earl Ray, Subject;
Martin Luther King, Jr., Victim;
Conspiracy Against Rights,
CIVIL RIGHTS

We have reviewed the article in the November 26, 1968, Look Magazine written by William Bradford Huie concerning the subject (pages 86-99).

It presents a number of objective facts as to Ray's travel and activities between April 23, 1967, and December 1967. To the extent possible, please determine the correctness of these facts if you have not already done so.

There are also a number of allegedly factual statements in the article which, as part of the continuing full investigation of this matter previously requested, require investigation in connection with the presence or absence of a conspiracy. While not inclusive, the ones appearing in this second article which seem to us to require investigation are:

1. In August of 1967, Ray crossed the Detroit-Windsor border, and made a $4.50 import tax payment for a television he carried in his car. At this crossing, Ray had left Raoul at a Detroit bus station. Ray was instructed to wait at the Windsor railroad station for Raoul who was delivered there in a cab.

2. Ray allegedly arrived in Birmingham on August 25, 1967, from Canada, by way of Gary, Indiana, and Chicago(where he sold the red Plymouth).

3. On or near August 28, 1967, Ray received a letter from Raoul in Birmingham, and was told that night to meet Raoul at the Starlite Cafe on 5th Avenue

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North, across from the Post Office. The article states that Ray and Raoul met at the cafe again the following night where Ray discussed with Raoul the Mustang he had found for sale.

4. On or about August 30, 1968, Ray paid William D. Paisley $2,000 in $20- or larger bills for the Mustang. The article states Ray "was handed the $2,000 in Birmingham, perhaps only a few minutes before he handed it to Mr. Paisley." The denominations stolen from the Illinois bank which we believe Ray and one other man robbed may be relevant here.

5. Sometime after October 5 or 6, 1967, Ray stayed in a motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, where he met Raoul. Upon Raoul's instructions, Ray drove back across the Mexican border followed by Raoul in a cab. On the United States side, Raoul took a tire from a car waiting by a frame house, and placed it in Ray's car. Raoul and Ray then together drove through Customs. Raoul got out from the car, and Ray paid the inspectors $3.00 to be cleared. It was here that Ray obtained his tourist card. Together, he and Raoul drove to Ray's motel where Raoul's car, with Mexican license plates was waiting. The next day, Raoul returned to Ray's motel. The tire was again placed in Ray's car. Ray in his car, and Raoul in his car, were passed through the interior customs.

6. In the middle of December 1967, Ray met Raoul again in a bar in New Orleans, and was given $2,500 in $20 bills. Ray contacted Raoul at the New Orleans phone number given Ray in Canada.

7. There is an account of Ray's contact with Rev. von Kos, head of the International Society of Hypnosis, in January 1968 and of his nose operation by Dr. Russell Hadley, plastic surgeon.

8. On March 15, 1968, "Ray received by mail . . . the directive he had been expecting. He was wanted in Selma and Birmingham, Ala." He registered in Selma on Friday, March 22, 1968, at the Flamingo Motel. The AP on March 21, 1968, reported that Dr. King was to be in Camden, Alabama, on March 21.

Please provide this Division (carbon copy to the Criminal Division) with a report of the results of your investigation and checking out of the facts as to Ray's travel and activities.

November 19, 1968

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5389

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN
CR

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Re Airtel to the Bureau dated 11/15/68.

You should review the contents of the interview with [redacted] and submit your recommendation as to any further investigation. Your files may contain additional information concerning [redacted] which the Bureau does not have.

You should include the interview with [redacted] in your next report.

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NOTE

Birmingham interviewed [redacted] who is in the military service. He advised that he was in Memphis, Tennessee, when King was assassinated (April 4, 1968). He claimed that he overheard several Negro males stating "get King." [redacted] does not know if this means Martin Luther King or another individual but states, due to the time he was there it could possibly mean Martin Luther King Jr.

Memphis being instructed to review the records, and make appropriate recommendations.

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Date: 11/15/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
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Enclosed for Bureau and Memphis Division are four copies and five copies respectively of FD-302 reflecting interview with [redacted].

[redacted] voluntarily furnished this information after he had mentioned this information to the military authorities at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, who in turn notified the FBI.

It is noted that [redacted] appeared sincere throughout the interview; however, he was extremely vague in details and was unable to provide any names of any individuals who could verify any of his story or the fact that he was in Memphis at the time of the assassination of KING. A review of the military records at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, reveal that [redacted] went AWOL from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, on 3/31/68 and was not returned until October, 1968, to military control.

Any action based upon this interview is being left to the discretion of Bureau and office of origin.

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2 - Birmingham

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Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 11/15/68

[redacted], United States Army, Serial No. [redacted] advised he was in military custody while being transported to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, following his apprehension at Cleveland, Mississippi, for being absent without leave. [redacted] provided the following information to Special Agent [redacted] who identified himself as a Special Agent with the FBI. Also present during this interview of [redacted] was Lt. Col. [redacted], [redacted], Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

[redacted] advised that he went AWOL from Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, around March 29, 1968. He then traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, where he stayed for a period of approximately two days and then obtained a ride from Cleveland, Ohio, to Memphis, Tennessee, with an individual [redacted] knew only as [redacted] who drove a pink Cadillac and was from Memphis, Tennessee. [redacted] stated that he was broke when he arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, and located a place to sleep in a condemned building at 1408 Beal Street in Memphis. [redacted] slept there one night and was walking down an alley to return to this building at approximately 3:30 A.M., the second night when he observed four Negro males standing near the alley just ahead of him. [redacted] stated that he stopped and stood in the shadows as he was afraid these individuals would try to harm him. As [redacted] stood there he overheard these individuals arguing. One individual said "Let me get him." The other individuals were arguing they should be the one to "get him." One of the individuals who [redacted] described as a large Negro male, approximately 6'6" to 6'7" tall, approximately 30 years of age, and wearing a thin beard which encompassed his entire face, stated something to the effect that he should be the one to "get KING." Also, this individual stated that he would get the gun.

[redacted] described the others with the big man as follows:

On 11/13/68 at Anniston, Alabama File # ME 44-1987 BH 44-1740

by SA [redacted] Date dictated 11/13/68

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No. Two Man was described as a Negro male, young, approximately 20 years old, 5'4", wearing khaki pants.

No. Three Man was described as a Negro male, 5'11", medium-heavy build, balding hair and worn natural with two parts. This individual also wore metal rim glasses with very small lens.

No. Four Man was described as a Negro male, approximately 5'10", approximately 25 years of age, and wore a black tam with blue decorations.

[redacted] stated that upon hearing these individuals talk, he became afraid and ran in the opposite direction so that he would not have to pass in front of them. [redacted] stated that he then went to the Greyhound Bus Station where he sat the rest of the night.

At approximately 10:30 A.M., the following day, [redacted] stated he returned to Beal Street where he went to a bar called the Bucket of Blood and purchased approximately two beers. [redacted] stated that he observed these four individuals in the tavern at that time. He then got up and left this tavern after having been inside approximately 15 minutes and upon coming out observed two of the four individuals he had seen the previous night standing on the curb on Beal Street near the tavern. [redacted] stated as he began to walk down Beal Street, he observed a 1954 blue Ford convertible with white top drive up and the individuals who were standing on the curb then got inside. [redacted] stated that he observed this vehicle was driven by the large Negro male with the beard who he had seen the previous night. [redacted] stated that he also observed that a rifle sight approximately 8" in length was laying in the rear deck of the automobile. [redacted] stated that he did not see any gun and that it was obvious the sight was not attached to a gun.

[redacted] stated that he returned to the bus station where he later learned of the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. He stated that up until this time he was unaware that KING was in Memphis and had not

associated any of the statements he had overheard with MARTIN LUTHER KING.

[redacted] advised he felt he could identify the large Negro male who wore the beard but would be unable to identify any of the other individuals. He reiterated that his entire basis for believing that these individuals may have been responsible for the murder of KING was the single mention of the word "KING" by one of the individuals in the alley the previous night.

The following descriptive data was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	
Alias	[redacted] stated that this is the name that appears on his birth certificate; however, he has never used this name)
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
DOB	[redacted]
POB	Cleveland, Mississippi
Height	5'11"
Weight	162 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Wife	[redacted] Cleveland, Mississippi
Mother	[redacted] Cleveland, Mississippi
Occupation	Private, United States Army currently stationed at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky
Arrest record	Claims once for auto theft in Chicago, Illinois, approximately 1963, and was released after being held 8 or 9 hours. [redacted] also claims to have been arrested twice for being AWOL.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4) 2P

MURKIN.

REBUTEL NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST.

RCMP MONTREAL BY TELEX ADVISED ALL EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY RAOUL NEGATIVE AND REPORT FORWARDED HEADQUARTERS NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST. SAME TO BE FORWARDED BUREAU ON RECEIPT.

RCMP WINNIPEG BY TELEX ADVISED AS FOLLOWS -

"FROM INTERVIEW WITH [redacted] IT WAS LEARNED THAT HE HAS COMMUNICATED WITH [redacted] CONCERNING INFO THAT CAME TO HIM BY ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALLS APPROXIMATELY THREE MONTHS AGO. SUBSTANCE OF THIS INFO IS THAT 'RAOUL' IS ONE AND SAME PERSON AS INDIVIDUAL [redacted] OVERHEARD DISCUSSING KENNEDY ASSASSINATION IN LOCAL COCKTAIL LOUNGE IN FEBRUARY, SIXTYFOUR. [redacted] STATED THAT ALL INFO PASSED ON TO [redacted] HE TOLD HIS FRIEND, [redacted], WHO CONTACTED [redacted].

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[redacted] BOTH SUBJECTS CONSIDERED

PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN MONETARY GAIN. [redacted]

[redacted] M REPORT IN MAIL IN AM."

END.

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) 11-20-68

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Director, FBI (44-38861) — 5391

1 - Mr. Long

MURKIN

Re Memphis teletype to the Bureau 11-8-68.

Enclosed for Memphis is background information concerning [redacted] It is noted that the information is furnished by the Air Attache's Office, American Embassy is limited to official use only.

On 11-13-68 New Scotland Yard interviewed [redacted] mother, who told them he was admitted to Holloway Sanitarium, Virginia Water, Surrey, England, on 11-10-68. She furnished a copy of his USAF Physical Evaluation Board Hearing, which is enclosed herein.

This information should not be disseminated outside the Bureau and is for your information only.

Enclosures (2)

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NOTE: Memphis, through the San Francisco Police Department, received information that an individual by the name of [redacted] was calling from London, England, wished to advise he was about to be killed because of information he possessed in the King assassination. [redacted] also said his [redacted] who is a student at the University of California at Berkley, also possessed information about Martin Luther King assassination. [redacted] interviewed and stated he knew nothing about the King assassination and [redacted] is a mental patient in a rest home near London. Legat London was instructed to obtain information about [redacted] They have transmitted the results of background data to us and we are relaying this information on to our Memphis Office for their information. It is noted that [redacted] was admitted to sanitarium on November 10, 1968.

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Date: 11/14/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

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On 11/13/68 New Scotland Yard interviewed [redacted] mother, who told them he was admitted to Holloway Sanitarium, Virginia Water, Surrey, England, on 11/10/68. She furnished a copy of his USAF Physical Evaluation Board Hearing, which is enclosed herein, cc not retained London.

Also enclosed is a copy of a Memorandum for the Record, dated 11/8/68 from the Air Attache's Office, American Embassy, contents of which denote [redacted] was interviewed by a member of the Air Attache staff.

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1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

TO: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 20, 1968

Re:
MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681115108 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Reference: None

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of RCMP report relative to Qc409. Legat, Ottawa, has advised, as yet, clearance has not been received from the RCMP for dissemination outside the Bureau of the results of this examination or the information in the RCMP report.

ENCLOSURE

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Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, copy of RCMP report)

1 - Legat, Ottawa Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 20, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681115108 JK

Re: MURKIN
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Specimens received 11-15-68

Qc409 Photocopy of registration card of Town'n Country Ltd. Hotel & Restaurant bearing the name and address "Eric Galt, 507 Chestnut St., Chicago, Ill."

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned writings appearing on Qc409 were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Specimen Qc409 has been retained in the files of the Bureau.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

LAB FILE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re:
MURKIN
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COT Memphis (44-1987)

File #
Lab. # 68-30861
D-68-115108 JK

Examination requested by: Bureau

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 11/15/68

Result of Examination:

Examination by: [redacted]
MARTINEZ

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Photocopy of registration card of Town'n Country Motor Hotel Restaurant bearing the name and address "[illegible] 307 Ontario St., Chicago, Ill."

KING ASSASSINATION DOCUMENTS--FBI
CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS FILE

Section 74

OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO: Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 2, 1968

FROM: A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

SYNOPSIS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Bradford Huie, author, has written two articles which appeared in "Look" magazine concerning James Earl Ray. These articles are based upon notes furnished to Huie by Ray.

Huie, in these articles, infers that a conspiracy exists; however, he did not set forth details to substantiate this. Huie states in these articles that an individual by the name of "Raoul" and Ray entered into a "joint activity" (not further described) and "Raoul" provided Ray with funds. The possibility exists that "Raoul" and Ray engaged in transporting contraband such as narcotics between Canada and the United States and the United States and Mexico as it is noted that Ray attempted to purchase marijuana in Mexico. Investigation by us, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Mexican authorities has failed thus far to identify "Raoul" or to verify his existence. We have no information to date to indicate that Ray was involved in a conspiracy.

Huie, in these articles, sets forth motels that Ray was registered in as a guest that we were not previously aware of. We have checked this out, found it to be true; however, nothing of significance developed. Huie also, in his articles, furnished an account of Ray's employment at Winnetka, Illinois, which we previously were aware of; however, nothing of significance developed.

ACTION:

REC 44 ST-101 5397

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This is for information. At our request the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is continuing to run out Huie's statements regarding "Raoul" and we are continuing to remain alert to and will run out any allegations of a possible conspiracy or any other information of pertinence.

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54 DEC 12 1968

Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach
RE: MURKIN

DETAILS: This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

William Bradford Huie, author, previously advised us that he entered into a contract with James Earl Ray to write the true account of Ray's activitie and background concerning the assassination of King. Huie has been provided with notes from Ray by Arthur B. Hanes, Ray's former attorney, and based upon these notes, Huie has written two articles which appeared in "Look" Magazine.

Huie, in these articles, inferred that a conspiracy took place as early as August, 1967, and continued up to the day King was assassinated; however, no specific detail was provided to bear this out. Huie also inferred that Ray was involved unknowingly, but again he provided nothing to substantiate this. Huie, in these articles, furnished an account of an individual by the name of "Raoul" and Ray entering into a "joint activity" for which "Raoul" would pay Ray $12,000. The specific nature of the "joint activity" was not fully described or identified, but Ray was to transport packages (not further described) between the United States and Canada.

Huie further stated that "Raoul" met Ray at various motels in the United States, provided Ray with funds and Ray and "Raoul" met at the Mexican Border and an exchange of tires took place.

Extensive investigation by us, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Mexican authorities has failed thus far to identify "Raoul" or to verify his existence. We have no information to date to indicate that Ray was involved in a conspiracy. It is quite possible that "Raoul" and Ray were engaged in some type of smuggling activity as the packages they were allegedly transporting and the tires they were allegedly exchanging could have contained contraband such as narcotics. It is noted that during October and November, 1967, when Ray was in Mexico, he made inquiry as to where he could purchase marijuana.

Huie, in these articles, sets forth motels that Ray was registered in as a guest that we were not previously aware of. We have checked this out, found it to be true; however, nothing of significance developed. Huie also, in his articles, furnished an account of Ray's employment at Winnetka, Illinois, which we previously were aware of; however, nothing of significance developed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1937
FBI FILE NO. 44-38381
LATENT CASE NO. 91073

December 2, 1968

TO:

SAC, Memphis

RE: MURKIN
CR

REFERENCE: Letter 11-22-68 from Birmingham Division
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Birmingham
SPECIMENS: Q411, registration card bearing the name and address "John L. Rayms, 1825 Lafayette Street, St. Louis, Missouri"

No latent impressions of value were developed on the specimen.

The specimen is being returned to Birmingham Division.

Laboratory report separate.

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1 - Mobile
1 - New Orleans
1 - St. Louis

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Recorded 11-29-68 1:10 p.m. Received 11-29-68 dar

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
CO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861 5398
Lab. # D-681126110 JK
LC# 91075

Examination requested by: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740) Letter 11/22/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint Date received: 11/26/68

Result of Examination: Examination by: Mortimer Bailey

No lab. of value
Specimens to Birmingham

Specimens submitted for examination

Q111 Registration card bearing the name and address "John L. Rayms 1825 Lafayette St. St. Louis Mo."

cc - MO
NO
SL
2-BH 44-1740

Examination completed 3:30 11/29/68 Dictated 11/29/68
Time Date Date

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) 11/22/68
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 11/14/68, and Birmingham teletype 11/20/68.

Enclosed please find the original of a registration card believed for subject RAY under alias JOHN L. RAYNS. This reflects his registration at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, 8/26/67, at the Grenada Hotel, Birmingham, a third rate institution, giving residence address of 1825 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Missouri.

It is requested that the handwriting appearing on the three lines of the registration card be compared with known handwriting of subject RAY. A Xerox copy of the registration card is also enclosed for the Bureau and each office receiving this communication. Mr. ADRIAN KOONCE, Clerk, has no independent recollection of RAYNS.

A review of all registration cards during the period 8/22-28/67 has been completed without noting any significant card which might be indicative of the presence of "RAOUL" during the period. A list of the names will be furnished Memphis.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 2)(AM - RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. 1)(AM)
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REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
NEW ORLEANS	MEMPHIS	NOV 27 1968	11/20-21/68

TITLE OF CASE

JAMES EARL RAY, aka,
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.-
VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
SA ALBERT B. MILLER	bab

CHARACTER OF CASE

CR - CONSPIRACY
UFAC - ROBBERY

REFERENCE:

Bureau airtel, 11/14/68

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ENCLOSURES:

TO MEMPHIS

Original Voted, New Orleans, Louisiana, original and one as follows:

1 Complete telephone bills, 5 pages of which have been xeroxed in this report, dated 12/19/67 (7 pages)

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					NONE	ACQUITTALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC	AUTO	FUG	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐ YES ☐ NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐ YES ☐ NO

APPROVED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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2 - Bureau (44-38861)
3 - Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 153) (RM)
2 - Mobile
2 - Omaha (Enc. 2)
2 - San Diego (Enc. 2)
2 - New Orleans (157-106) (1)

Dissemination Record of Attached Report

Agency	ICRD CRIM DIV
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How Fwd.	6-4x (6)
By	[illegible]

Notation: SIX

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and 1/19/68 (11 pages).

2. Nine (9) work sheets. (Xeroxed in this report.)

3. 142 registration cards. (Xeroxed in this report.)

As indicated in instant report this material is to be returned to Mr. BRYAN DUPEPE, owner manager of the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, La., when it has served its purpose. On 11/30/68 SA ALBERT B. MILLER, FBI, New Orleans, La., gave Mr. DUPEPE a receipt to that effect, a copy of which is NO 157-10673-1A68

TO OMAHA

One copy of Buairtel dated 11/14/68 .(NO 157-10673-1198)
One copy of New Orleans airtel, 5/7/68. (NO 157-10673-851)

TO SAN DIEGO

One copy of Buairtel 11/14/68.(NO 157-10673-1198)

LEADS:

MOBILE

AT MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. Will locate and interview H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., [redacted], Ala., make of car S.W. (probably station wagon), Alabama license 3-2146, 2 in party.

OMAHA

AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, [redacted], Sioux City, Iowa, no car or license indicated, 2 in party.

SAN DIEGO

AT LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA. Will locate and interview Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, [redacted] LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 2 in party.

Will locate and interview Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, [redacted], LaJolla, California, arrived by taxi, 1 in party.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Bureau and Memphis will recall that New Orleans report of SA STEPHEN M. CALLENDER, 4/29/68, (NO 157-10673-802) sets forth investigation at the Provincial Motel and information regarding motel records as furnished by owner manager, DUPEPE at that time.

New Orleans airtel 5/7/68 (NO 157-10673-851) to Memphis and other offices, including Mobile and San Diego, set forth leads to have the motel registrants interviewed

As indicated in instant report Mr. DUPEPE has located additional motel registrants.

In view of the instructions set forth in re New Orleans airtel 11/1/68 (NO 157-10673-1198) New Orleans is not setting forth leads to interview all the registrants not previously interviewed. However, because of the proximity of certain registrants, i.e., the LARSONs, the SMITHs and QUINN and LACEY, New Orleans has set forth leads to interview them. These interviews should be conducted along the lines set forth in New Orleans airtel 5/7/68. To possibly identify some of the long distance calls shown in this report they should be asked whether they made calls or know anyone who did. Also during the interview they should be questioned for possible identification of "RAOUL"

Mobile, Orange and San Diego will submit results of investigation by report rather than insert.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA ALBERT B. MILLER Office: NEW ORLEANS
Date: 1/2/68

Field Office File #: NO 157-10673 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Records of Provincial Motel, New Orleans, La., indicate RAY using alias of GALT, stayed at the motel December 17-19, 1967. Data concerning occupants of motel December 14-22, 1967, obtained. It shows RAY as GALT was in Room 126. Prior to RAY occupying Room 126 it was occupied by H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., [redacted] Montgomery, Ala., make of car S.W. (probably station wagon), Alabama license 3-2146, 2 in party. While RAY was in Room 126 Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. [illegible] SMITH, [redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, 2 in party, occupied Room 125 which is next to Room 126. Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, [redacted], LaJolla, Calif., 1 in party, registered in Room 126, 12/19/67, after RAY checked out of Room 126. Probably with Mrs. LARSON, occupying a nearby room, were Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL J. LARSON, [redacted], LaJolla, Calif., 2 in party. It would appear the three LARSONs arrived by taxi rather than personal car. Toll cards December 14-22, 1967, from public phone at Provincial Motel not available. Clerk who registered RAY and owner-operator of laundry and dry cleaning which does work for Provincial Motel interviewed and no additional info obtained.

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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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Date 11/21/68

Mr BRYAN DUPEPE, Owner Manager, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana, was contacted concerning guests residing at the motel during the period December 17-19, 1967, which was when JAMES EARL RAY was reportedly registered at the Provincial Motel as ERIC S GALT, and for guests residing at the motel three days before, i e., December 14-16, and three days after, i e., December 20-22, 1967.

After an exhaustive search of motel records, Mr. DUPEPE made available the following work sheets and motel registration cards and long distance phone bills which have been xeroxed and are attached The originals are being retained in the files of the Memphis Office of the FBI and are to be returned to Mr. DUPEPE after they have served their purpose.

In explanation of the records Mr. DUPEPE furnished the following information:

Each workday has a work sheet. The date is shown at the top, e g., Thursday, December 14, 1967. The entries on the sheet are made by the morning desk clerk and the afternoon desk clerk The numbers on top of the sheet, e.g., 36967-36975, are ledger numbers and are used for internal bookkeeping purposes. The other numbers, e.g., X 12, S/O 17, R 8, T 25, mean 12 rooms are ready because the occupants have paid and checked out, 17 persons are staying over, 8 rooms were rented the day in question, and a total of 25 rooms were occupied the day in question.

In further explanation, using the Thursday, December 11, 1967, work sheet as an example, Mr. DUPEPE explained, Room 101 was not rented although as indicated by the circle it was ready for renting. S/O, staying over in Room 102 was TAGLAVORE Further down in the rooms, room 109 was rented for the first time on December 14, 1967 to JOHNSON The number 36968, under JOHNSON, means that was his ledger card number. Each guest is assigned a

On 11/20/68 at New Orleans, Louisiana File # NO 157-10673

by SA ALBERT B MILLER /bab Date dictated 11/20/68

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ledger card whereon are recorded charges for room, food, beverage, valet and phone calls. All the ledger cards for December, 1967, have been destroyed and whatever charges each guest had are unavailable at the motel. All these services are rendered by the motel except valet which is handled by Lee Laundry and Cleaners, 830 Chartres Street. Every two weeks or so this company sends the motel individual slips showing valet work done for the applicable room. These slips are checked against valet slips in the motel and are then destroyed at the motel. Mr. DUPEPE advised he does not know what records Lee Laundry and Cleaners maintain.

As far as telephone calls are concerned local calls are dialed through the switchboard at the motel and the phone company has no record of them. Collect long distance calls going out are not recorded at the motel. Other long distance calls going out and collect calls coming in are paid by the motel and recorded. These are recorded by the switchboard operator at the motel and then checked against the monthly bill submitted by the phone company. The calls for December, 1967, recorded by the motel switchboard operator have been destroyed. Mr. DUPEPE made available the phone bill dated December 19, 1967 which shows long distance calls from November 9, 1967 to December 18, 1967. Page 7 a copy of which is attached shows calls from December 11, 1967 to December 18, 1967 and one for December 3, 1967. Pages 1 and 2 of the following month's bill, dated January 19, 1968, shows calls from December 19, 1967 to part of December 25, 1967 and one for December 8, 1967. Mr. DUPEPE explained occasionally, such as December 8, 1967 in this instance, a call is not recorded in the period of the bill. The check marks against the amounts shows these have been checked against the individual ledgers. Mr. DUPEPE stated from the phone bill he has no way to determine from which rooms the calls were made. The ledger cards, which have been destroyed, would have shown that information.

Further in regard to phone calls, Mr. DUPEPE advised the motel has only one public pay phone. This is located in the motel's outdoor alcove between the office and the swimming pool. The phone number is 523-8802.

The procedure for registering at the motel is as follows, Mr. DUPEPE explained: If a guest has a reservation

notice of the reservation is kept at the registration desk. At the time the guest comes in the work sheet is consulted and the guest assigned the appropriate room. The guest then normally fills out a registration card. In a rare instance the card is filled out by the clerk. After the card is filled out the reservation notification is generally stapled to the registration card. After it has served its purpose and prior to filing, the reservation notification is taken from the registration card and destroyed. The registration card, copies of which have been xeroxed and are attached, are filed. If the registration card bears the imprint of a staple in all probability that person had a reservation. Generally speaking if the card bears no such imprint chances are the person had no reservation. Mr. DUPEPE explained this is no hard and fast rule because the reservation notification could have been fastened to the registration card by paper clip. Generally written on the bottom of the card is the time or, at least tentative time the registrant will check out.

Concerning the work sheet, taking December 14 again as an example, Mr. DUPEPE stated Rooms 116 and 220 are not rented and the "H" means hold and as indicated they required plumbing work.

Xeroxed and attached are work sheets for December 14, 1967, through December 22, 1967. Motel registration cards which are xeroxed and attached were located for everyone on the work sheets except Room 115 HIGGINS on December 14, 1967, Room 112 FISHER and Room 234 MADDEN on December 21, 1967, and no registration card was found for CRISSEY, Room 212, on December 22, 1967. Information regarding BRANCH and PRUET is set forth herein. Mr. DUPEPE advised in all probability data are misfiled among the various records of the motel.

It is observed there is a registration card for Mr. and Mrs. BARNEY BRANCH, [redacted] Sherman Oaks, California, 1968 Chevrolet, license US 6320, California; (not too legible), on December 14, 1967, Room 108, but the work sheet shows that room vacant. Written in but erased appears to be BRANT (not too legible) and in all probability they registered and then decided they did not want the room

Further in connection with registrations, the work sheet for December 15, 1967 shows one PRUET in Room 217. There is no registration card for him however, which indicates the room was reserved for him but he did not show. Mr. DUPEPE advised there are two PRUETS who occasionally stay at the Provincial Motel. One of them is JIM PRUET, [redacted] Houston, Texas, believed to be in the electronics business. The other PRUET is from Dallas, Texas, and is known as JAMES PRUET. Off hand the address and business connection of JAMES PRUET of Dallas are not available to Mr. DUPEPE.

Specifically in regard to GALT Mr. DUPEPE advised as follows:

The work sheet for Sunday, December 17, 1967, is where GALT first appears. This is indicated by Room 126. The R, as previously explained, means December 17 is the first day he rented the room. The 2 by his name means either he said he wanted the room for 2 days or that a reservation had come in and that because of the reservation the room would be available only for 2 days. The number under GALT, i.e., 37263, means GALT had a ledger card with that number on it. The ledger card which has been previously explained has been destroyed. Mr. DUPEPE stated from the writing GALT on the work sheet it appears to him that Mr. B. C. DUKE, a clerk at the motel, registered GALT.

In connection with the 2 days as above, the registration card of Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, [redacted] LaJolla, California, 92037, bears the imprint of a staple indicating, according to DUPEPE, they had a reservation for December 19, 1967 as shown on the card. With them was probably Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, [redacted] LaJolla, California, 92037, who registered in Room 126, December 19, 1967, after GALT checked out of Room 126. The cards indicate the LARSONs arrived by taxi rather than personal car. Mr. and Mrs. LARSON as indicated by the card and work sheets were moved from Room 124 to Room 125 on December 20, 1967, apparently to be next to Mrs. LOUISE LARSON who was in Room 126. Rooms 124 and 125 have a connecting door. Rather than the 3 LARSONs occupying Rooms 124 and 125 it would be $6 cheaper for Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON to move into Room 125 instead of Mrs. LOUISE LARSON moving from 126 into 125.

In connection with the physical layout of the rooms it was observed Room 126 is in the back of the motel and on the first floor. It fronts on the parking area. Room 126 is a two level room 10 feet by 10 feet and has a spiral stairway to an upper bedroom. In other words, it has two beds, one on the first floor and one up the spiral stairway. Next to Room 126 on the first floor is Room 125. Room 125 has one level only and is the only room next to the lower level of Room 126. Next to the upper level of Room 126 is Room 234.

The work sheet for Sunday, December 17, 1967, which indicates GALT checked in that day, shows SMITH was in Room 125 as a stay over. The work sheet for Friday, December 15, 1967 shows SMITH first checked in Room 125 on December 15, 1967. SMITH is last shown on the work sheets on December 19, 1967 which according to DUPEPE means in all probability SMITH checked out on December 20, 1967. It would therefore appear SMITH was next to GALT all the time GALT was in the Provincial Motel, i.e., December 17 - 19, 1967. The registration cards shown SMITH to be Mr. and Mrs. DONALD C. (illegible) SMITH, [redacted] Sioux City, Iowa, no car or license indicated.

It is observed that none of the registration cards have anything written on the back of them such as check out time. In connection with times, Mr. DUPEPE explained, the time of registration is not recorded nor is the time of check out. Check out time is 1:00 PM, but occasionally people stay over the check out time so he cannot say exactly when anyone checked out. Mr. DUPEPE advised he previously furnished the FBI the registration card of GALT. From the work sheets, however, particularly since GALT is shown on two days, i.e., December 17 and 18, 1968, and not on December 19, 1968, it would appear he checked out of the motel on December 19 prior to 1:00 PM. The next occupant of this room, Room 126, was Mrs. LOUISE LARSON on December 19, 1967.

As to who was in Room 126 immediately prior to GALT, it is noted this would be nobody as indicated by the work sheet for Saturday, December 16, 1967. QUINN and LACEY and stay over were written on the work sheet for that day for Room 126 but erased. It is observed from the work sheet of Thursday, December 14, 1967, that QUINN and LACEY first

rented Room 126 that day. The registration card indicates they, however, checked out Saturday, December 16, the day before GALT was assigned Room 126. The registration card shows QUINN and LACEY to be H. R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, make of car S. W. (probably stationwagon), Alabama license 3-2146.

In regard to Room 234, immediately above GALT's room 126, it is observed from the work sheets that this room was unoccupied Sunday, December 17, 1967, the day GALT checked into Room 126. Work sheets from December 14, 1967 which are attached indicate it was unoccupied from that day on until December 21, 1967 when it was occupied by MADDEN for the first time. No registration card could be located for MADDEN, it apparently having been misfiled according to DUPEPE. Work sheets prior to December 14, 1967, available in Provincial Motel records, i.e., December 13, 1967 back to December 8, 1967 show Room 234 to be unoccupied. Mr. DUPEPE explained from Thanksgiving roughly to the Christmas weekend business is generally slack and for that reason Room 234 was unoccupied as indicated.

In regard to motel parking, the motel has a parking area, which is all open, and which Room 126 fronts. This parking area is free to all guests and guests use it particularly because it is available and parking in the French Quarter, where the Provincial Motel is located, is very limited. Other motels in the immediate area have parking that entails attendants handling the cars.

Mr. DUPEPE advised the name "RAOUL" meant nothing to him.

LIST OF CALLS

T & C - SEE REVERSE FOR EXPLANATION

DATE	PLACE CALLED					T	C	AMOUNT	YOUR NUMBER
12 11	LANCASTER	OHIO	614	653	[redacted]	1	K	1 24	524 6446
12 11	SIOUX FLS	SDAK	605	338		1	S	1 75	
12 12	BATONROUGE	LA		355		1	S	55	
12 12	FM BATONRU	LA				4	C	1 05	
12 13	MORRISTOWN	NJ	201	539		1	B	5 95	
12 13	NIAGARAFLS	NY	716	282		1	S	1 00	
12 13	LACKLAND	TEX	512	674		1	S	85	
12 15	CHARLESTON	W VA	304	346		1	B	2 00	
12 15	CINCINNATI	OHIO	513	922		1	B	2 70	
12 16	MONTGOMERY	ALA	205	262		1	C	1 60	
12 16	OCEAN SPGS	MISS	601	875		1	B	50	
12 18	HATTIESBG	MISS	601	583		1	B	1 65	
12 18	PATTERSON	LA		395		1	S	98	
12 03	NEW ALBANY	OHIO	614	855		1	C	1 30	524 6447

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12 1	CHARLESTON	W VA	304	346	1	B	2 7	
12 1	MOBILE	ALA	205	473	1	K	2 5	
12 1	KANSASCITY	MO	816	276	1	L	2 6	
12 1	BLUE ASH	OHIO	513	793	1	B	2 0	
12 2	PEORIA	ILL	309	685	1	B	1 5	
12 2	MINNEAPOLS	MINN	612	884	1	S	1 2 5	
12 2	WASHINGTON	DC	202	387	1	C	2 5 5	
12 2	ATLANTA	GA	404	766	1	B	6 7	
12 2	HATTIESBG	MISS	601	583	1	K	9	
12 2	DAYTONABCH	FLA	904	767	1	B	6 5	
12 2	MEMPHIS	TENN	901	275	1	C	2 2	10 * c/c call
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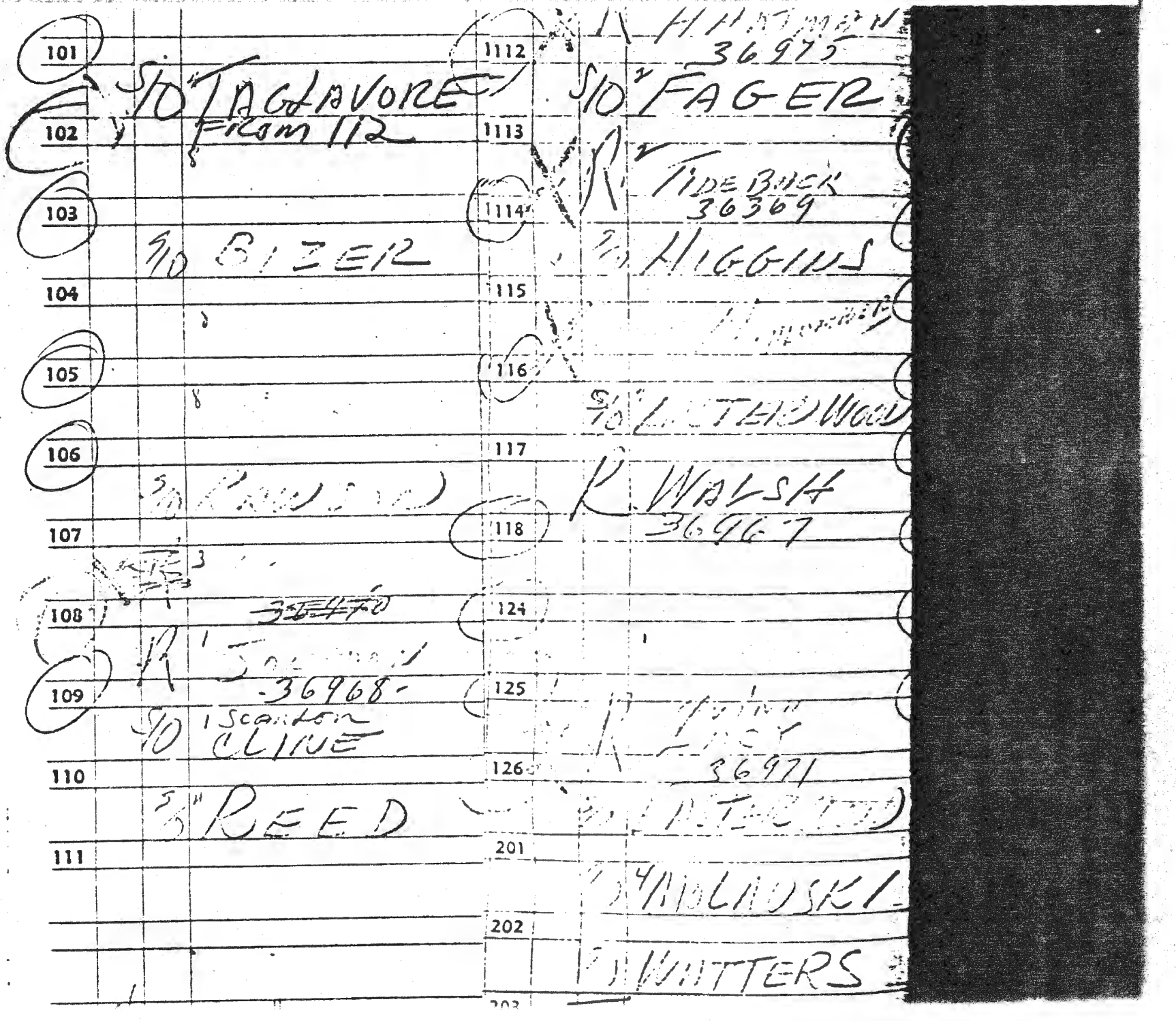
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1222	GREENFIELD	IOWA	515	743	1	S	90	
1222	MINNEAPOLS	MINN	612	823	1	S	75	
1223	ENGLEWOOD	NJ	201	568	1	S	85	
1223	ENGLEWOOD	NJ	201	568	1	B	75	
1223	MIAMI	FLA	305	866	1	B	105	
1224	GROVEPORT	OHIO	614	836	1	B	90	
1224	OSAGEBEACH	MO	314	348	1	C	330	
1224	DEBARY	FLA	305	668	1	C	285	
1224	ROME	IT			1	K	900	
1225	NATCHEZ	MISS	601	442	1	S	65	
1225	FARMINGTON	MICH	313	476	1	C	205	
1225	SHREVEPORT	LA	318	686	1	S	82	
1225	MANHATTAN	KANS	913	778	1	B	110	
1225	KANSASCITY	MO	816	363	1	B	70	

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36975
S/O FAGER
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TIDEBECK
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S/O LUTEWOOD
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WALSH
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WITTERS

7-36975 Tract Lots 14 1967

S/O PETHOVSEK

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209 Ft Davis 36974

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S/ Mineral

213

S/ Outlot

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All " Pethovsek

217

Lot Clark

218

S/ 3 Kennel

219 X

S/ Plat 3&L

220 X

S/ DIETZ

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224 X

225 X

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Al Ingleware

Address [redacted]

City Hemmingford, Qc State Qc

Representing Electric Battery Supply

Make of Car Che License No. 84387 State Qc

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-1267	2	112	1500	.83	1583	
12-1467	1	102	12	66	1266	
					(SAT)	
			-X-SALE			

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Jerry & Ellen Biren

Address [redacted]

City Louisville State Ky

Representing

Make of Car TR1 License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
~~12-13-67~~	~~2~~	~~104~~				
12-13-67	2	104	18.00	.99	18.99	-
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Howard Rawson

Address [redacted]

City New Orleans State LA

Representing

Make of Car Taxi License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-13-67	2	107	16.00	.88	16.88	—
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr+Mrs R E Johnson

Address [redacted]

City Nyssa State Minn

Representing N. W. Bell Tel Co

Make of Car Buick License No. 3KD602 State Minn

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-07	2	109	1500	.83	1583	—
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name JACK CLINE

Address [redacted]

City Chatsworth, Ill. State

Representing

Make of Car Chevelle License No. RH 7531 State Illinois

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid-In Advance
12-16-67	2	110	15	83	1583	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

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Name Mr & Mrs J S Reed Jr.

Address [redacted]

City Kingsport

Representing J State Tenn.

Make of Car POntiac License No. CY6008 State TENN.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
2-11-67	2	111	15	83	1583	
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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name BOB HARTMAN

Address [redacted]

City Baton Rouge State La

Representing SELF

Make of Car Rent License No. 35A257 State Ca.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-13-67	2	112	15.00	.83	15.83	-
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr + Mrs Craig Fagen

Address [redacted]

City Princeton State Del

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No. State Del

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-12-67	2	112	15.00	.83	15.83	15.83
			(FRI)			

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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

TIDEBACK.

Name R. J. Tideback

Address

City Belmond State Iowa

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No. 996613 State Iowa

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-11-47	2	114	1500	.83	1583	—
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Ray Eastwood

Address [redacted]

City Atlanta State Ida

Representing National Car Rental

Make of Car ..... License No. ..... State .....

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-13-67	1	117	14.00	77	14.77	
			(FR)			

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WALSH

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Dr. & Mrs. C M Walsh

Address [redacted]

City Arcata State Calif

Representing 2-8233

Make of Car Rambler License No. 2-8233 State Calif

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-67	2	118	17	99	1799	
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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

H.R. Guion

Name JOE LACEY, JR.

Address [redacted]

City Montgomery State Ala.

Representing

Make of Car Su License No. 3-2146 State Ala.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-47	2	126	15.00	.83	15.83	—
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Ray Eastwood

Address [redacted]

City Forest Park State Ga.

Representing National Car Rental System

Make of Car Chev License No. 374-BCSO State LA.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-11-07	1	201	12-00	66	1266	
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name MARY MULAUSKI

Address [redacted]

City Berkeley State Calif.

Representing Alameda Hosp.

Make of Car Dodge License No. NJL 337 State Calif.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-12-07	1	202	12.00	.66	1266	~~12.66~~ 37.98
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WATTERS

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name DONALD T WATTERS

Address [redacted]

City SOUTH CHARLESTON State W. VA.

Representing UNION CARBIDE

Make of Car FORD License No. 369880 State LA

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-11-67	1	203	12	66	1266	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Frank J Pettinach

Address [redacted]

City Philadelphia State Penn

Representing Self

Make of Car Plymouth Blue Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-13-47	1	204	12.00	.66	12.66	—
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REGISTER — PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Anderson & Wife

Address

City West Hamlin State W. Va.

Representing

Make of Car Ford License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-67	2	209	1600	88	1688	1688
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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name THOMAS MURRAY

Address [redacted]

City DETROIT State MICH

Representing

Make of Car PLYMOUTH License No. GK9615 State MICH

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-13 07	2	213	15.00	.83	15.83	—
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

SALTZMAN.

Name Mr & Mrs. D. Saltzman

Address [redacted]

City Dallas State Texas

Representing

Make of Car Chevrolet License No. KZ-259 State Texas

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-13-47	2	214	15 00	83	15 83	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

PELHAM-

Name R B Pelham

Address [redacted]

City Burbank State Calif

Representing Self Pleasure

Make of Car Olds License No. [illegible] State Calif

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-47	2	215	1500	83	1583	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Ester Reiter

Address [redacted]

City Modesto State Calif

Representing

Make of Car Olds 68 License No. 4JW439 State Calif.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12/14/67	2	216	15.00	83	1583	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

CLARK

Name A T Clark

Address [redacted]

City Jamestown State N.Y.

Representing

Make of Car Ford License No. CX-839 State N.Y.

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-13-67	2	218	15	83	1583	
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KRAMER

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr + Mrs D. R. Kramer

Address [redacted]

City [illegible] State Ala.

Representing

Make of Car License No. THR 1 State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-9-67	2	219	15	83	1583	1583
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BIETZ

REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name Mr & Mrs Dietz & Wife

Address [redacted]

City Cincinnati State Ohio

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No. 62 WD State Ohio

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
10-10-67	2	221	15	83	1583	
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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs. Barney J. Brandt

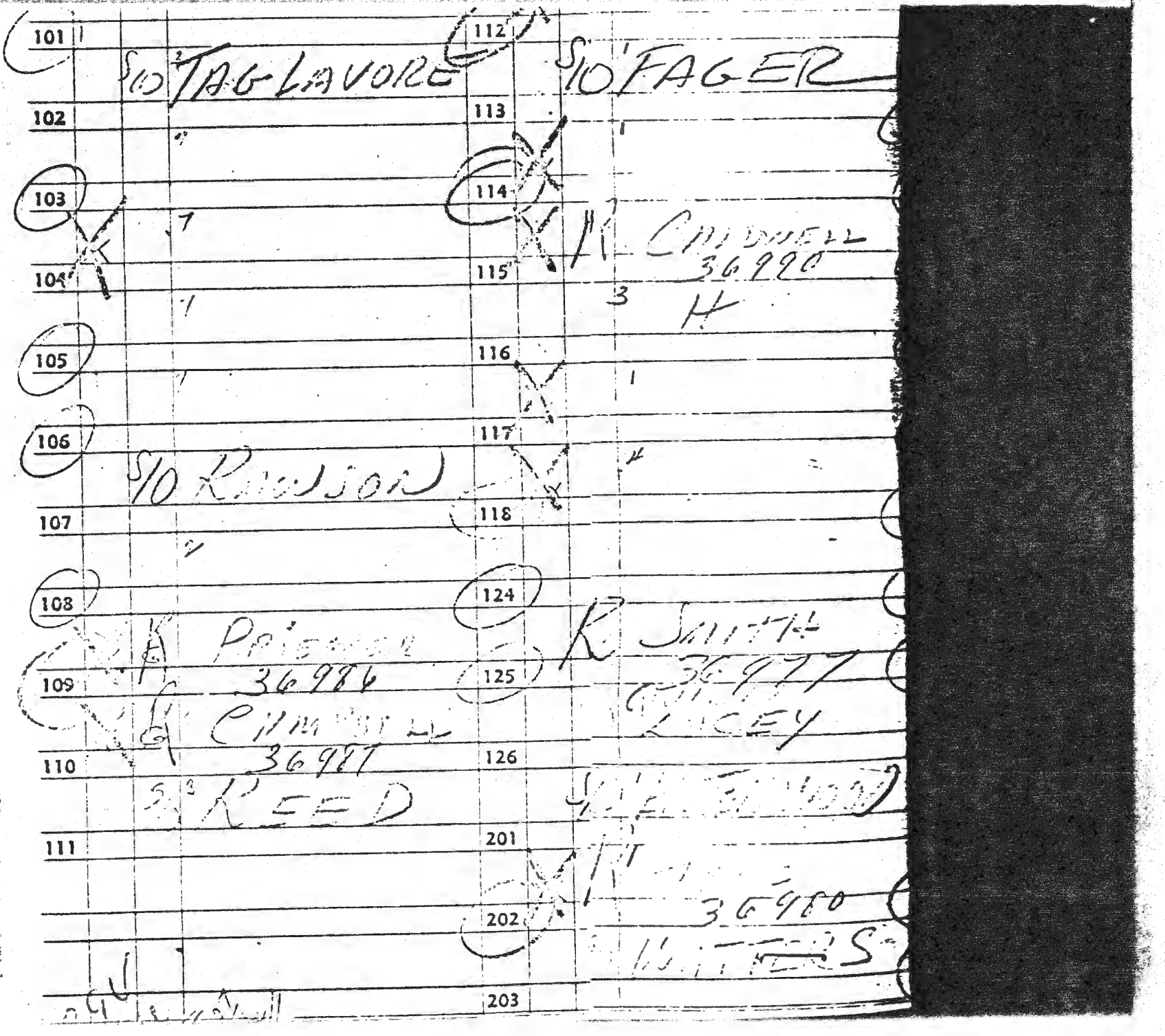
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City American Canyon State Calif.

Representing

Make of Car Ch. Chev License No. 1S6370 State Calif.

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr & Mrs V.D. Priester

Address [redacted]

City Jackson, T State Miss.

Representing Priester Const. Co.

Make of Car Cad License No. State Miss.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-15-67	2	109	15.00	.83	15.83	
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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs J Harry Campbell

Address [redacted]

City Jackson State Miss

Representing Campbell Grain Co

Make of Car Buick 109 License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
13-15-47	2	110	15.00	.83	15.83	
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Wm. Caldwell

Address [redacted]

City Parkersburg State Iowa

Representing Self

Make of Car Ford License No. 604153 State Iowa

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-15-07	2	115	15.00	.83	15.83	
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REGISTER. PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs Donald L. Smith

Address [redacted]

City Sioux City State Iowa

Representing

Make of Car — License No. — State —

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-15-62	2	05	18	99	1899	
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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Grau

Address [redacted]

City Hattiesburg, State Miss.

Representing

Make of Car Chev License No. F8735 State Miss

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-15-58	2	202	14.00	.77	14.77	—
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Ken Cauldan

Address [redacted]

City Palo Alto State Calif

Representing Vatican

Make of Car Porter License No. D2851H State Calif

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-15-67	1	40#	1200	66	1266	
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McLin

REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name Mr. Mrs Jon B McLin

Address [redacted]

City Tuscaloosa State Ala

Representing

Make of Car VW License No 63-11437 State Ala

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-15-67	2	306	14	77	1477	
			(SCW)			

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. NICHOLAS KRATIAS

Address [redacted]

City ANN ARBOR

Representing

Make of Car CHEVY License No. [illegible]

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount
12-15-57	2	208	16.00	.88	16.88
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs. A Goldberg & Son

Address [redacted]

City Mill Valley

Representing

Make of Car Dodge Licence No. 594-855 Calif. '64

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Charges	Paid In Full
12-15-67	3	207	18.00	.99	18.99	18.99

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

DEGENHART

Name LARRY DEGENHART

Address [redacted]

City ORMOND BCH State FLA

Representing

Make of Car BUICK License No. SW2-8572 State FLA

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid or Charge
12-15-67	2A-1C-1	215	17.00	94	17.94	
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs. Albert Holmes

Address [redacted]

City Baton Rouge State La.

Representing

Make of Car Dodge License No. 88 x [illegible]

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Cash
12-15-67	2	218	15.00	.88	15.88	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name MR-MRS. Wesley - MAYNARD

Address [redacted]

City Cortland State N.Y.

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No. 6X83E State N.Y.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-15-67	2	220	15.00	.83	15.83	—
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs Lewis W. Hill

Address [redacted]

City Mobile State Ala

Representing Fiel-Lokey Co.

Make of Car Buick License No. 27-9973 State Ala

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-15-07	2	23B.	20.00	1.10	21.10	

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Dr & Mrs W Bondurant

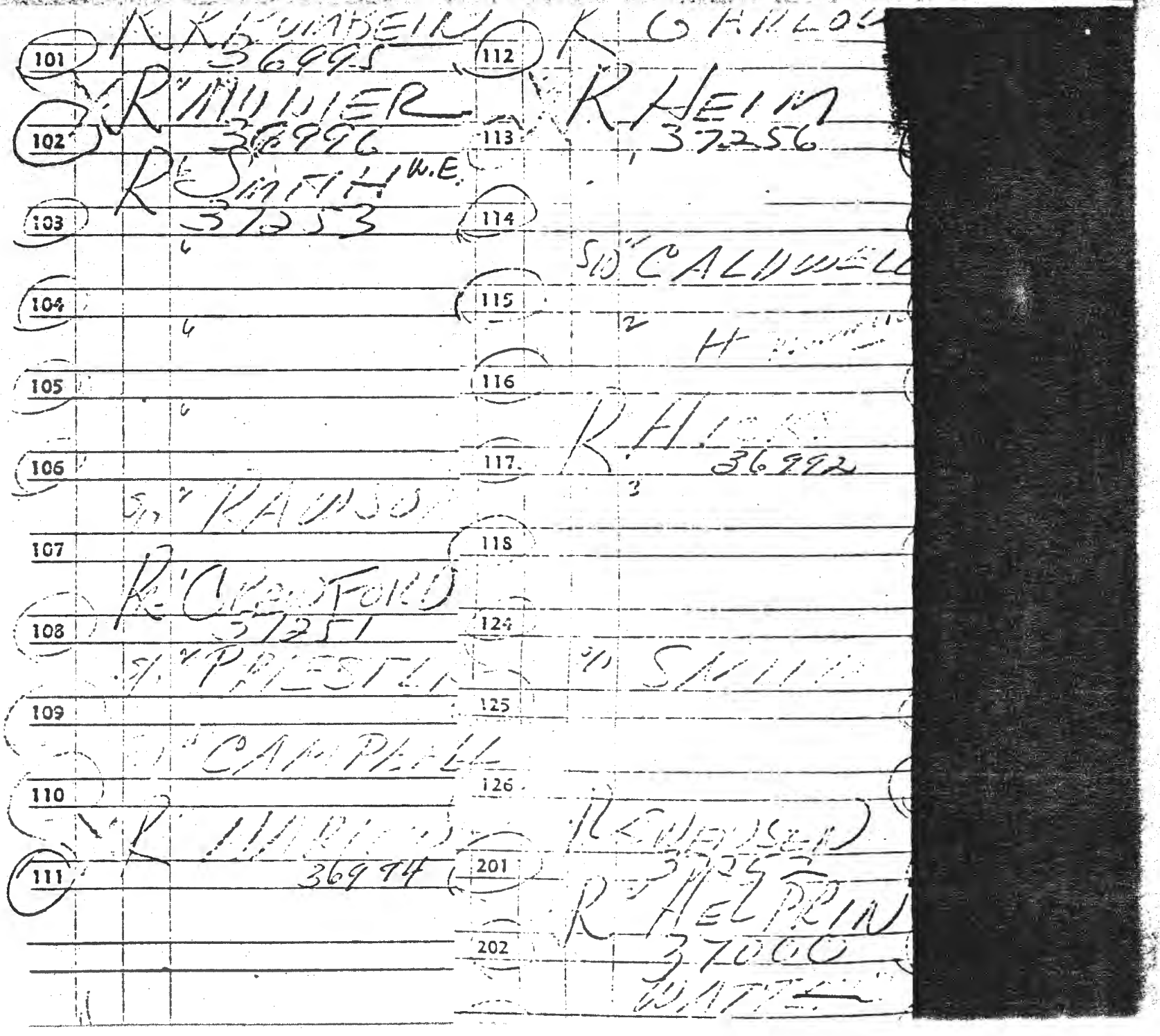
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City Mobile State Ala

Representing

Make of Car Olds License No 24738 5 State Ala

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KRUMBEIN

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name M/M J P KRUMBEIN

Address [redacted]

City PENSACOLA State FLA

Representing TENNECA CHEMICALS

Make of Car BUICK License No. 9W-3587 State FLA.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-6-67	2	101	18	99	1899	

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL SMITH

Name Mr + Mrs W. E. Smith

Address [redacted]

City Wauneta State Nebr.

Representing

Make of Car Olds License No ES 1260 State Nebr

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-6-67	2	103	18	99	1899	
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CRAWFORD

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr and Mrs J. R. Crawford

Address [redacted]

City Atlanta State Ga 3-3329

Representing

Make of Car Olds License No. 2-23421 State Ga

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
P 7 6 7	2	108	17	99	1796	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Jeannette Haines

Address

City Natchez State Miss

Representing

Make of Car Plymouth License No. State Miss

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12/16/67	2	111	5	83	5 83	
	2	112	5	83	5 83	
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL Hazelton

Name Paul M. Hess

Address [redacted]

City MPLS 55431

Representing

Make of Car Lic. No. 7821

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	
12/16/67	2	113	15	75	

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

MUNIER

Name Bertrand MUNIER

Address [redacted]

City 13 AIX-EN-PROVENCE State FRANCE

Representing

Make of Car VW License No. MXK603 State N. Jersey

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-16-67	1	102	12	66	1266	1266

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTOR

Name Mrs. Miss. Geoff. Hendra

Address [redacted]

City Medley, Alta.

Representing

Make of Car Licence No.

Date	No. in Parade	Engine No.	Fee	Tax	
12/16/61	2	117	15	83	1583

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City [redacted]

Representing

Make of Car Pontiac Lic. No. 217403

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount
12-16-67	2	211	14	77	1477
			(1405)		

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL Hedgeville

Name Mr. & Mrs. Chris Hargreaves

Addre[redacted]

City Cartier-on-Hudson

Repres[illegible]

Make of Car Volvo Licence No. 40 7475

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	
18-6-67	2	202	14	77	1411
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL ROYAL

Name [redacted]

Place [redacted]

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL HOTEL

Name Gilbert F Nicholson

Address [redacted]

City Lac Mégantic

Representing

Make of Car Pontiac Plate # K78537

Date	No. in Party	Page	Room	
12-16-67	2	225	15	53 - 55
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REGISTER

Name

Address [redacted]

City

Representing

Make of Car

Date				
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name JESSE M. WHITTEAL

Address [redacted]

City GRENADA

Make of Car CHEVY

REGISTER PROVISIONAL ROLL

Name J. Levine

Address [redacted]

City Chicago, Ill.

Representing

Make of Car Peerless 7 Pass 1

Date	Trip No.	Round Trip No.	Fare	Remarks
12-16-67	2	218	15	$5.00
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name [redacted]

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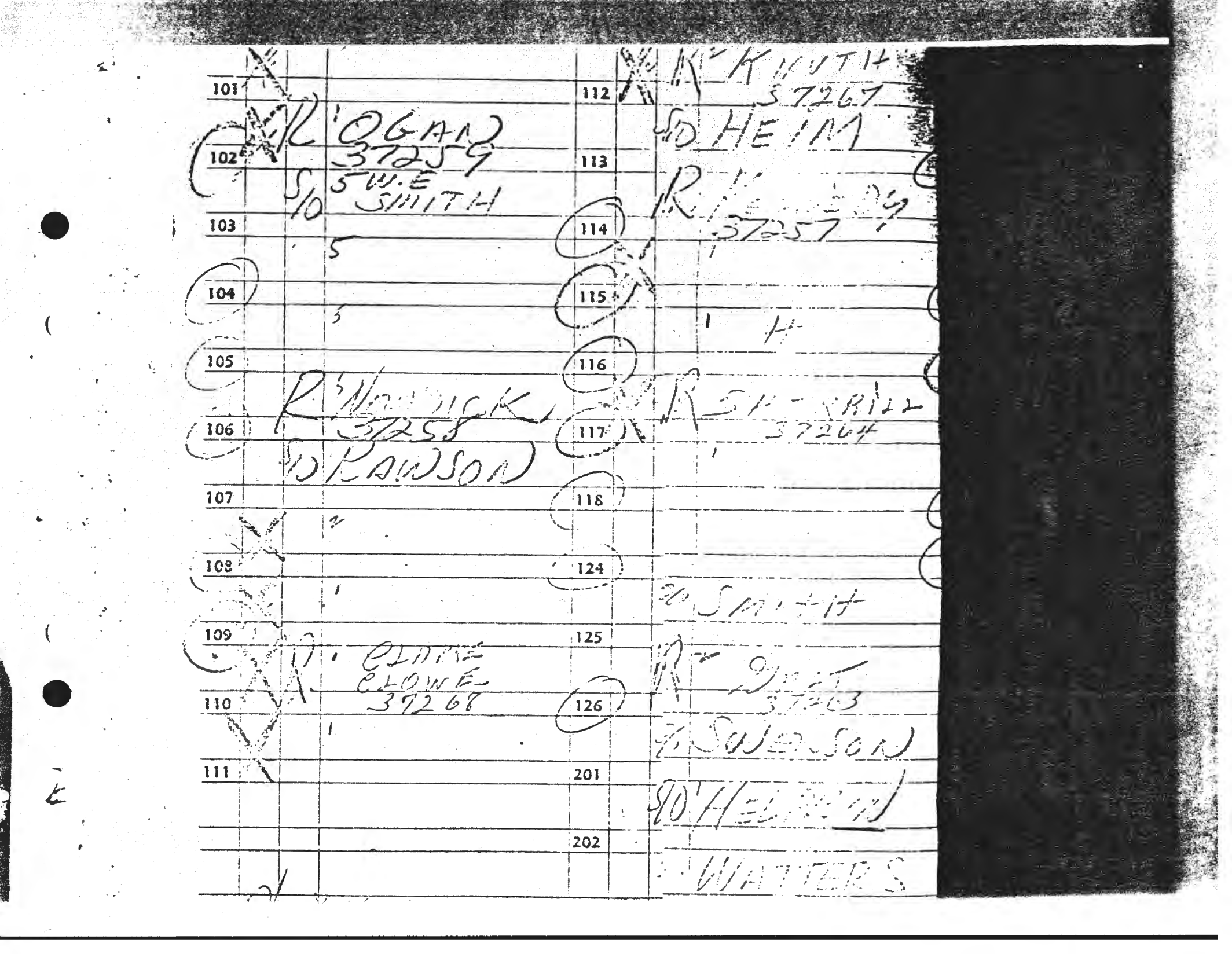
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Representing

Make of Car Buick License No.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax
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REGISTER . PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name [illegible]

Address [redacted]

City [illegible]

Representing [illegible]

Make of Car [illegible] License No. [illegible]

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount
12-17-67	2	102	14	77	1477
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL Newwick

Name Newwick Frederick L

Address

City Mt Arthur

Representing State Ont.

Make of Car Dodge License No. T-911-12 State Ont.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount
12-17-67	2	106	16	81	16 81
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL W H Clarke

Name W H Clarke

Address [redacted]

City Jackson State Miss

Representing

Make of Car License No.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount
12-17-64	2	110	15.00	.83	15.83

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs. E.S. Smith

Address [redacted]

City Duluth, Minnesota State Minn.

Representing Self

Make of Car Ford License No. State Minn.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount
12-17-51	2	112	15.00	.83	15.83
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Kennedy

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mrs Dale Kennedy

Address [redacted]

City K. C. Mo. State Mo

Representing Work

Make of Car ..... License No 7274 State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-1167	2	114	15	83	1583	1572
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. Henry D. Skerrett

Address [redacted]

City Prince ... State ON

Representing ...

Make of Car Ford ... License No. ... State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	
12-17-67	2	117	15.00	.83	15.83	15.83

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL NOTE

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City [redacted]

Representative

Make of Car

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12-17-17	1	2044	12-00	6-0	12 00

REGISTER

Name ALBERT C. CHANG

Address [redacted]

City GREAT NECK

Representative

Make of Car DODGE

Date	No. in Reg.	Page No.	Date		
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REGISTER PROVINCETOWN

Name Judge Robert A. Cornish & family

Address [redacted]

City Rockport, Texas State

Representing

Make of Car Buick Model 32 67 Color Blue

Date	No. in Party	Page No.	Loss	Gas	Oil	Tires
8-17-07	3	212	1800	99	1800	2500

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Lt + Mrs Herbert L Ended

Address [illegible]

City Key West State Fla

Representing [illegible]

Make of Car Ford Co. License No. 370824 State La.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL YACHTS

Name [redacted]

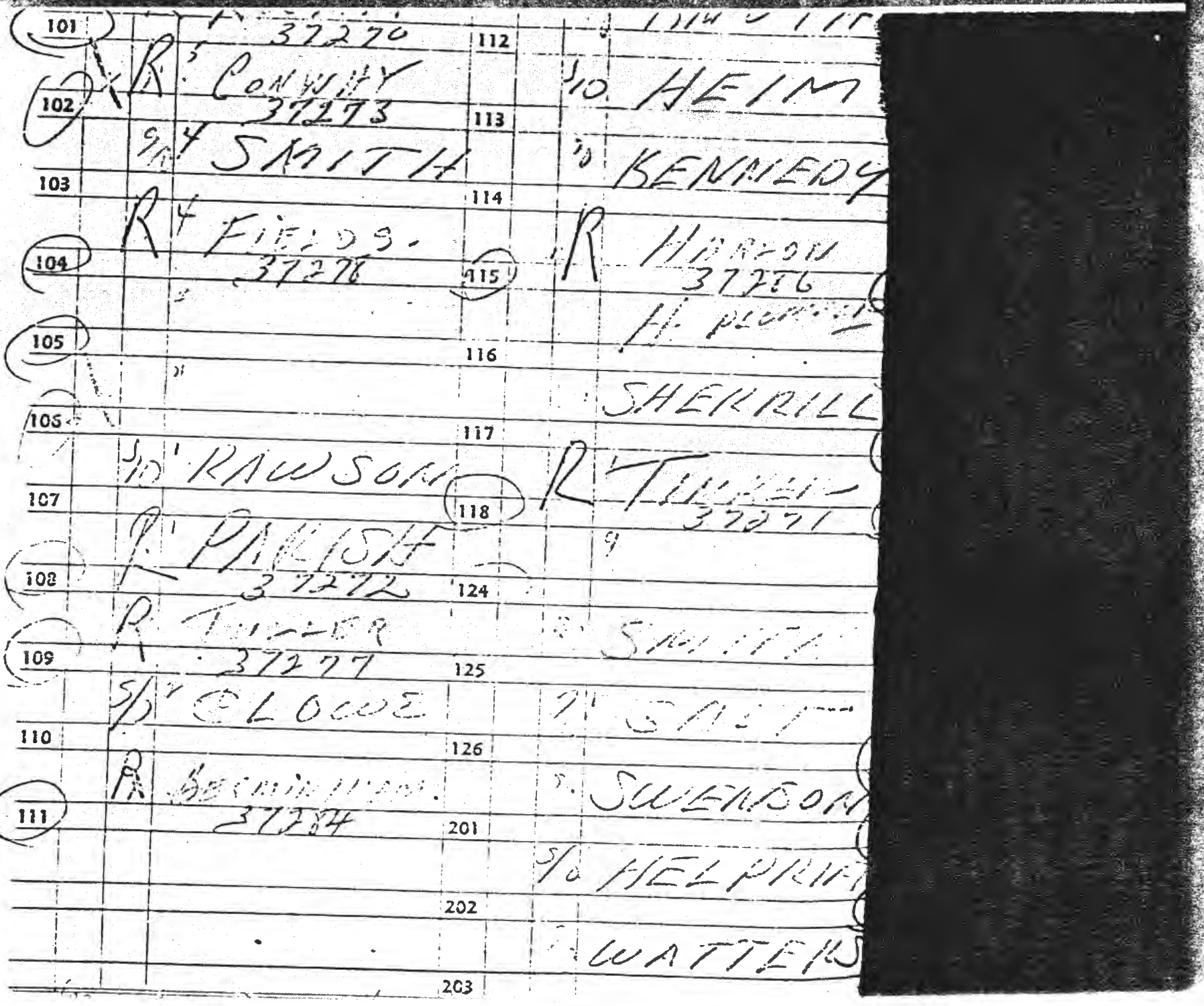
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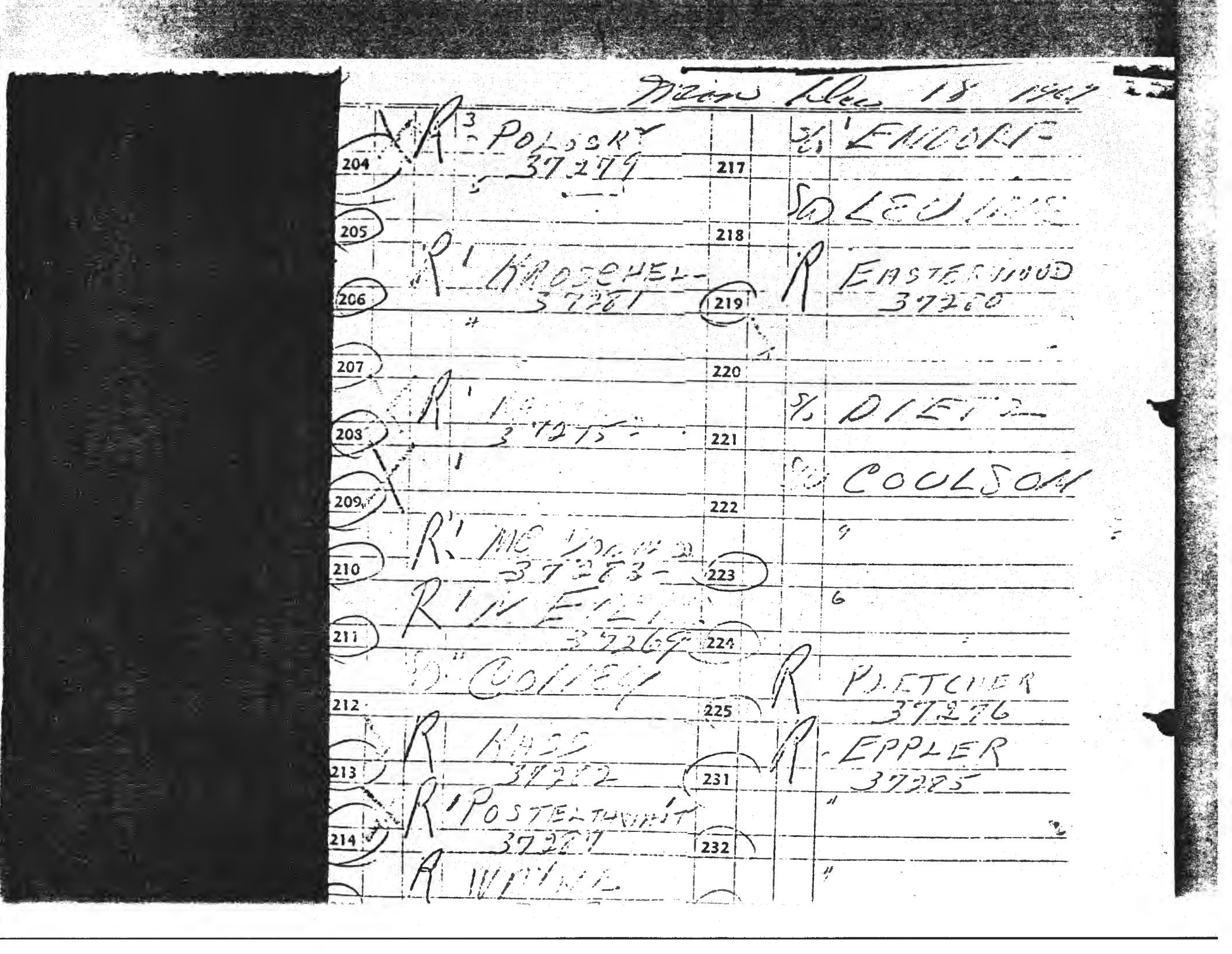
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Date	No. in Party	R. T. No.	Fare	Amount	Paid In
12-17-67	2	222	17	34	1794


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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL ROSNER'S

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City [redacted] State [redacted]

Registration [redacted]

Make of Car [redacted] Licence No. [redacted] State [redacted]

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	$	Amount	
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Austin L Conway

Address [redacted]

City Pin 37 State Pa

Representing Electric Mfg

Make of Car None License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-18-67	1	107	12.00	.66	12.66	

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Floyd L. Fields & Jam

Address [redacted]

City New Castle, State Indiana

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No. 315772 State Ind

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-18-7	3	10F	2.00	.10	2.10	—

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Jack Daniels

Address

City Bella Coola State BC

Representing

Make of Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In
12/15/67	1	103	16.00	55	16.55	16.55
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Steve TULLER

Address [redacted]

City SAN DIEGO State CALIF.

Representing

Make of Car VW License No. VOD 912 State CALIF

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-18-67	2	109	15.00	.83	15.83	16.85

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mary [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City Long Beach State Calif.

Representing

Make of Car Ford License No. State CA-

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12	2	111	15.00	83	15.83	20.00
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Dr. C. L. Harlan and family

Address [redacted]

City Seaside State Calif.

Representing

Make of Car FORD License No. 3500106 State LA

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-18-07	3	185	17.00	.94	17.94	17.94
			Ex 12-26 Dec			

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. Mrs. W. D. Rumbaugh

Address [redacted]

City Saginaw State Mich.

Representing

Make of Car Olds License No. LP 5967 State Mich

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12/15/67	2	115	17	94	17.94	

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Glenn Robertson

Address [redacted]

City Kenora, Ont. State

Representing Woodhouse Drilling

Make of Car None License No. State

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-16-67	1	204	12.00	60	12.60	—
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REGISTER — PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name [illegible]
Address [redacted]
City [illegible] Sask.
Representing [illegible]
Make of Car [illegible] 213 Licence No. State

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid Advance
12-18-67	1	206	12.00	.60	12.60	—
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REGISTER

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City [redacted]

Phone [redacted]

Make of Car [redacted]

Date [redacted]

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mrs. R. McDONALD

Address [redacted]

City Randwick State New South Wales

Representing

Make of Car Mont License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-18-07	2	210	16.00	88	1688	1688
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Emil F MEIER

Address [redacted]

City EVANSTON State Ill.

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No. BX 1449 State Ill

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12/18/67	2	211	16.	88	16 88	

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. and Mrs. Robert [illegible]

Address [redacted]

City San Antonio State Texas

Representing

Make of Car Olds License No. 6J1024 State Texas

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-18-47	2	13	15.00	.83	15.83	31.65
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name G.L. POSTLETHWAIT

Address GENERAL DELIVERY

City DAYTONA BEACH State FLA

Representing

Make of Car DODGE License No. VRC451 State CAL

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-18-47	2	214	15.00	.83	15.83	—
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PROVINCIAL NOTE

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City [redacted] Sask.

Re [redacted]

Phone [redacted] Date 12-6

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12-12-82	215	1500	83	1563	15,60

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REGISTER — PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City [redacted] State [redacted]

Registration [redacted]

Make of Car [redacted] Licence No. [redacted] State [redacted]

Date	Day Letter	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name MR. & MRS Wallace Pletsch

Address [redacted]

City Interlochen State

Plate Make Chev Year 1966 State MD

Date	Room No.	No. Persons	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-18-67	2	2	16.00	.88	16.88	—

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs. Mike Earley

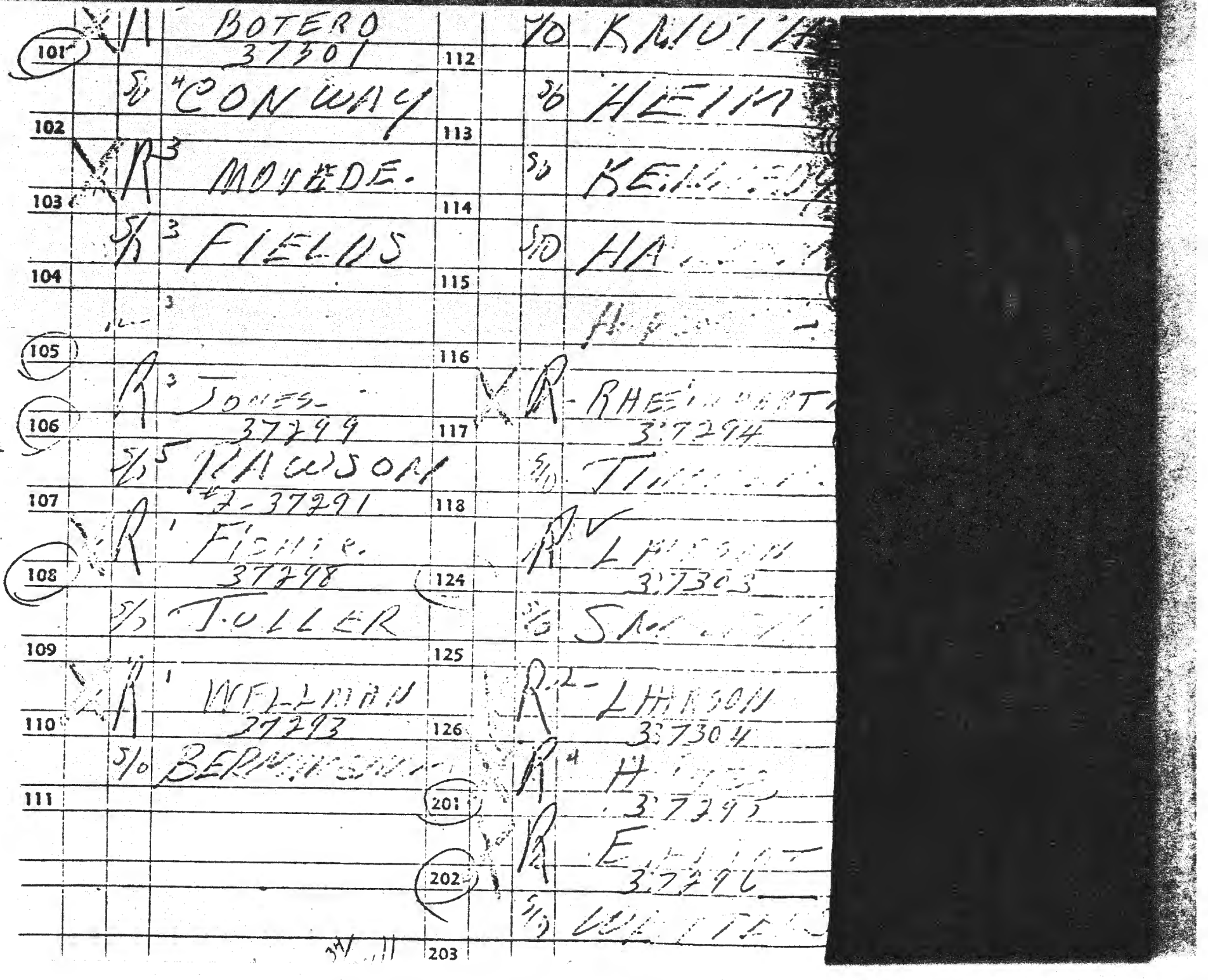
Address [redacted]

City Dallas State OKLA.

Representing

Make of Car Olds License No. 205762 State OKLA.

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12-18-67	2	231	1700	.99	1899	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Maria Mercedes Batres

Address [redacted]

City Medellin State Colombia

Remarks

Make of Car Ford

License No.

Date	Room No.	No. in Party	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-14-67	3	101	2.00	.10	2.10	
			XFR -			

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name María Inés Mora de Cano

Address [redacted]

City Medellín State Colombia

Representing

Make of Car Ford

License No. State

Date	Cabin	Room	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-17-47	2	103	1800	99	1899	—
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mrs. W. Jones JR

Address [redacted]

City Hereford State Tex

Repres. by National Pipe

Date of Car License No. 7M93249 State TEX

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-17-61	2	106	18.00	.99	18.99	—
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Lt.Col William P. FISHER

Address [redacted]

City MAXWELL AFB State ALA

Representing

Make of Car Pontiac License No. 33541D State ALA

Date	No. in Party	Room	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-17-67	2	108	16.00	.88	16.88	—
			XWED			

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name GORDON MELLMAN

Address [redacted]

City [illegible] Pa

Representing Westinghouse State

Make of Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-19-07	1	110	1500	83	1583	
			XWED-			

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name [illegible] RHEINHART -

Address [redacted]

City [illegible] State Pa

Representing [illegible]

Make of Car ..... Licence No. ..... State .....

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-19-67	1	117	14.00	.77	14.77	—
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr & Mrs [redacted] & Laura

Address [redacted]

City La Jolla State Calif 92037

Represented by

Make of Car TAXI License No. State

Date	No. in Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-19-67	2	124	1800	99	1899	33.78
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Miss Louise Lawson

Address [redacted]

City Los Altos State Calif 92037

Represent ng

Make of Car Olds License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-19-67	1	126	1200	66	1266	—
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. C Howe

Address [redacted]

City Atlanta State GA

Representing Westinghouse

Make of Car ..... License No. ..... State .....

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-1967	1	201	12.00	.66	12.66	
			XWED			

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name E. E. Elliott

Address [redacted]

City Atlanta State Ga.

Representing Westinghouse

Make of Car Ford License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-19-67	1	202	12 00	66	12 66	—
			X WED			

CASBARIAN

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name A. A. CASBARIAN JR & Wife

Address [redacted]

City NEW ORLEANS, LA State

Representing

Make of Car STACOM License No. 29 15 986 State LA

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-19-61	2	205	18.00	99	18.99	18.99
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs. Victor L. Ostrander

Address [redacted]

City Buffalo 14223 State NY

Representing

Make of Car CAD License No TP3035 State N-Y

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-19-67	2	207	18.00	.99	18.99	—
			XMED-			

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. Mrs. Clayton L. Key & Son

Address [redacted]

City Saginaw State Mich

Representing

Make of Car Pontiac License No. LP1948 State Mich

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12/19/67	3	209	18-	99	18.99	18.99
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GARDNER

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Capt & Mrs Dr. & Gardner.

Address [redacted]

City Largo Fla. State

Representing

Make of Car Ns B License No. 4-70 State Fla

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12/19/67	2	211	16	88	16 88	
			(X Thru)			

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr + Mrs R C Mathews Jr

Address [redacted]

City Atlanta State Ga

Representing Sound Co of Ga

Make of Car Pontiac License No 2J 11476 State Ga

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-19-67	2	214	15.00	.83	15.83	16.88
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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name J.A. KELCH

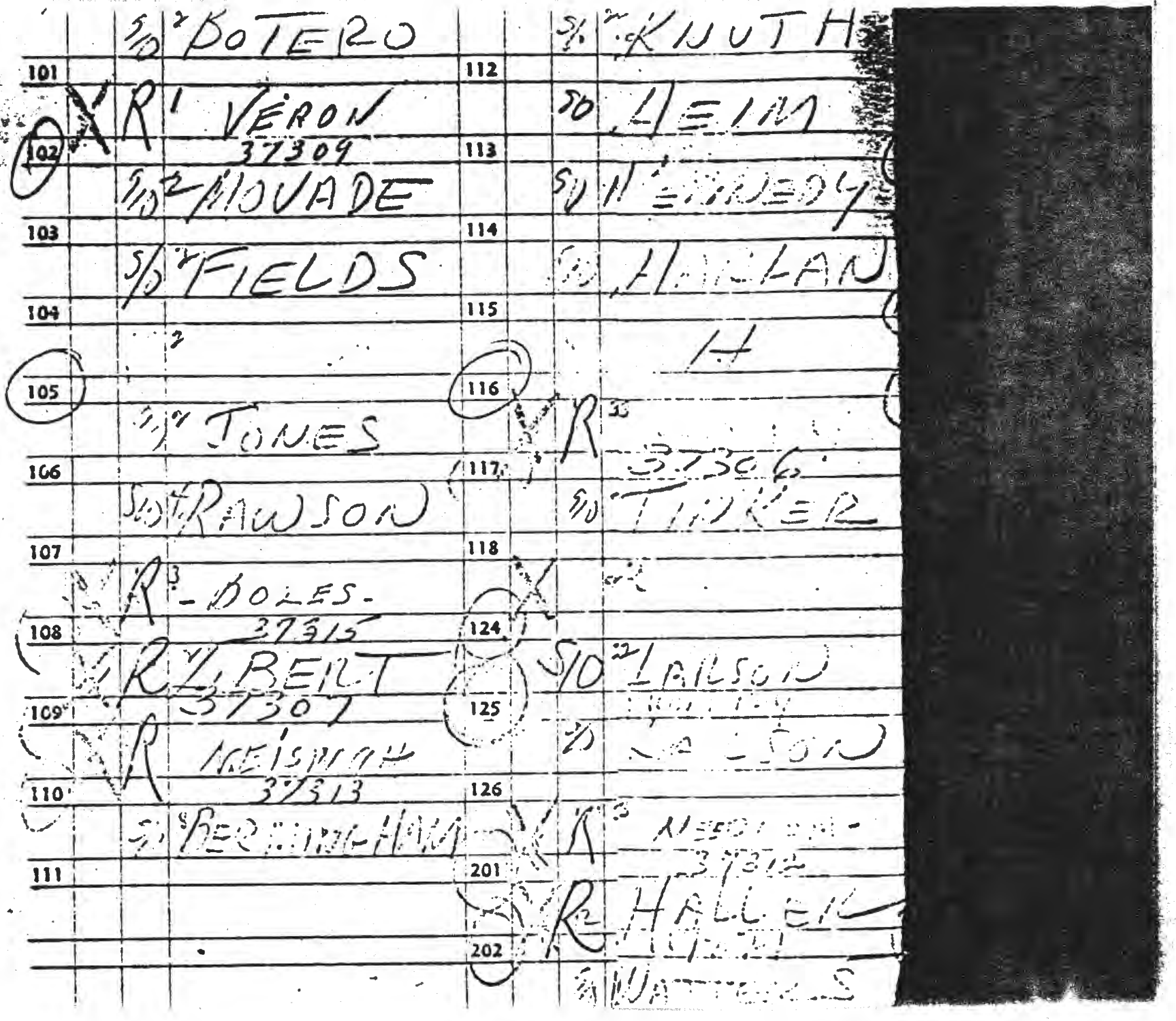
Address [redacted]

City So. DUXBURY, MASS State

Representing

Make of Car YW License No. 6C7329 State HAWAII

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-19-67	1	224	17.00	.74	17.44	25.00
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R MEISMAN
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MATHEWS		2
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R BUSHNELL 37314		2
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name L. R. Verón

Address [redacted]

City St. Louis State Mo

Representing Svendrup & Parcal

Make of Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-2-07	1	102	12.00	66	12-66	—
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Jan Boles

Address [redacted]

City Hartford, Ala State Ala

Representing

Make of Car Chevy License No. 34-9371 State Ala

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-20-67	2	101	1600	88	1688	—
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LIBERT

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr & Mrs Monty N. Libert

Address [redacted]

City Miami State Fla

Representing

Make of Car Chev. License No. 1-9322 State Fla.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-20-67	2	105	15	83	1583	
12-22-67	2	218				
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REGISTER . . . PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name MR. and MRS Douwe Neisingh

Address [redacted]

City Kalamazoo State mich.

Representing —

Make of Car Corvair License No. PF 7205 State Michigan

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-20-67	2	110	1500	.83	15.83	15.83
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL Crosby

Name John H. Crosby

Address [redacted]

City Memphis State Tennessee

Representing

Make of Car 1967 Chevy II License No. BW 8624 State Tenn.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-2067	2	117	15	83	1583	
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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name M. J. Needham

Address [redacted]

City PORTLAND State OREGON

Representing

Make of Car PONTIAC License No. 357000 State LA.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-20-64	1	201	12.00	66	12.66	12.66
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HOLLER

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Robert L. Holler - Mrs M. Holler

Address [redacted]

City Houston State Texas

Representing

Make of Car Olds License No. NCK 355 State Texas

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-2067	1	202	12	66	1266	
	2	221	15	83	1583	
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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name Mr. & Mrs. S.R. Sterlman

Address [redacted]

City Mobile, Ala. State

Representing

Make of Car Olds License No. 48513 State Ala.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-20-67	03	205	21.00	1.10	21.10	
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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shadi

Address [redacted]

City Oklahoma City State Okla.

Representing

Make of Car Pontiac License No XB8915 State Okla.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-20-67	2	207	18.00	.99	18.99	—
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

12/20/67

Name Mr & Mrs [illegible] / Mrs F. W. Sibley

Address [redacted]

City Birmingham State Mich.

Representing

Make of Car Chev License No. H07121 State Mich.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-20-67	2	208	18.00	99	1899	—
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name CAPT GEORGE E BUXTNER

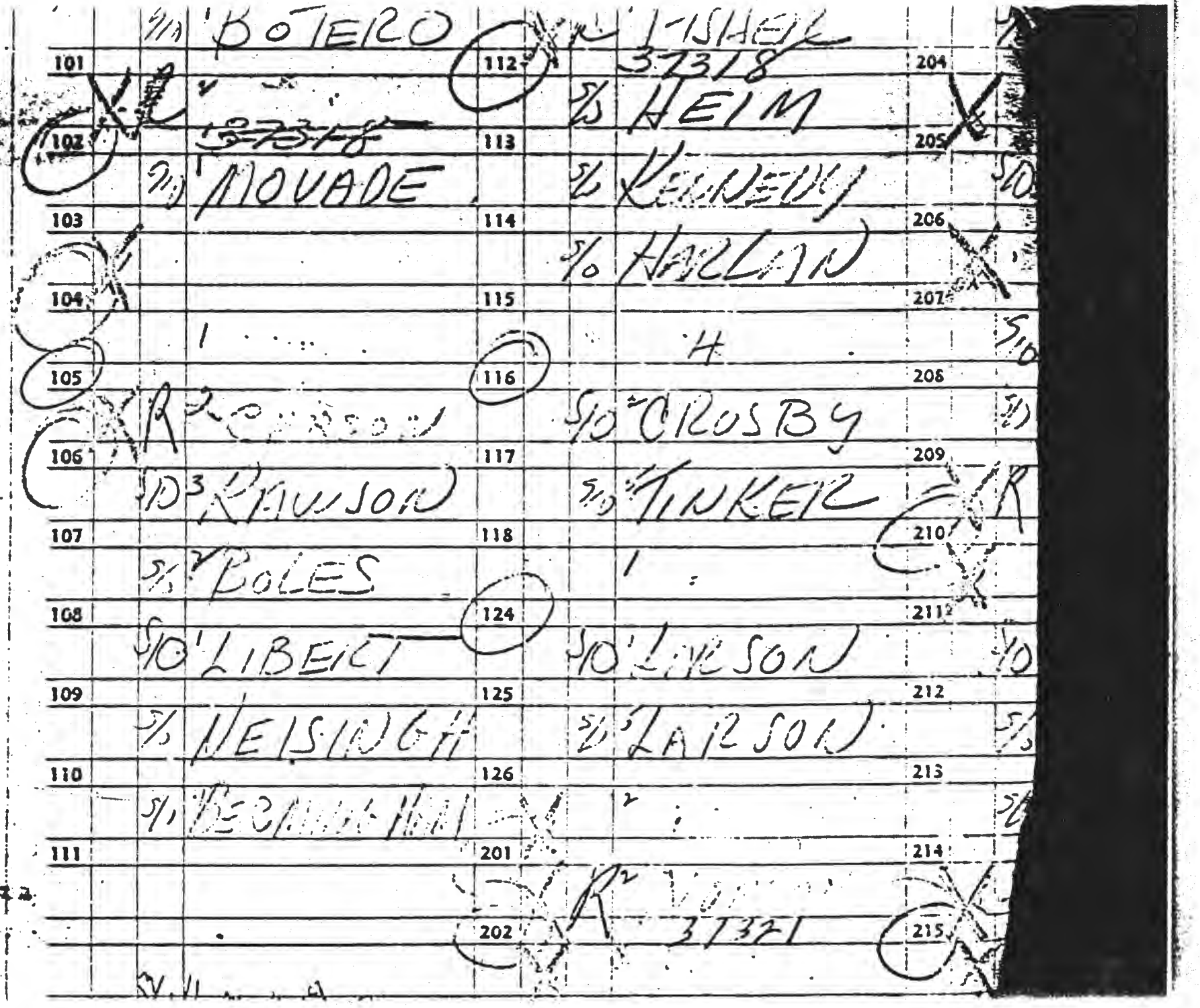
Address [redacted]

City SELMA, ALA State

Representing USAF

Make of Car JEEP '68 License No. 106409 State MICH

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-20-67	2	215	15.00	.83	15.83	—
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Jim Carson

Address [redacted]

City Memphis State Tenn

Representing

Make of Car G.S.C. T.O. License No. BF 1436 State TENN

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-2167	2	106	21	10	31/10	
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REGISTER — PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. Mrs. C.C. Morton

Address [redacted]

City Grosse Pointe Woods, State Michigan

Representing

Make of Car Taxi License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-21-67	2	202	14.00	.77	14.77	10.00
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Donald L Straub & Robert Hentz

Address [redacted]

City Martinsville, Indiana 46151 State

Representing

Make of Car Merc — License No. 6011541 State Ind.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-21-67	2	210	1600	.88	1688	—
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr Elkes (Wm C Farrow)

Address [redacted]

City Royal Oak State Mich

Representing

Make of Car Ford License No GF State Mich

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-21-47	2	221	1500	83	1583	1583

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DANA

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr. & Mrs. Donald P. Dana

Address [redacted]

City Danbury Conn. State Conn.

Representing

Make of Car Corvair License No. 357-172 State Conn

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-2-67	2	225	16	88	1688	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr and Mrs W. A Brewer

Address [redacted]

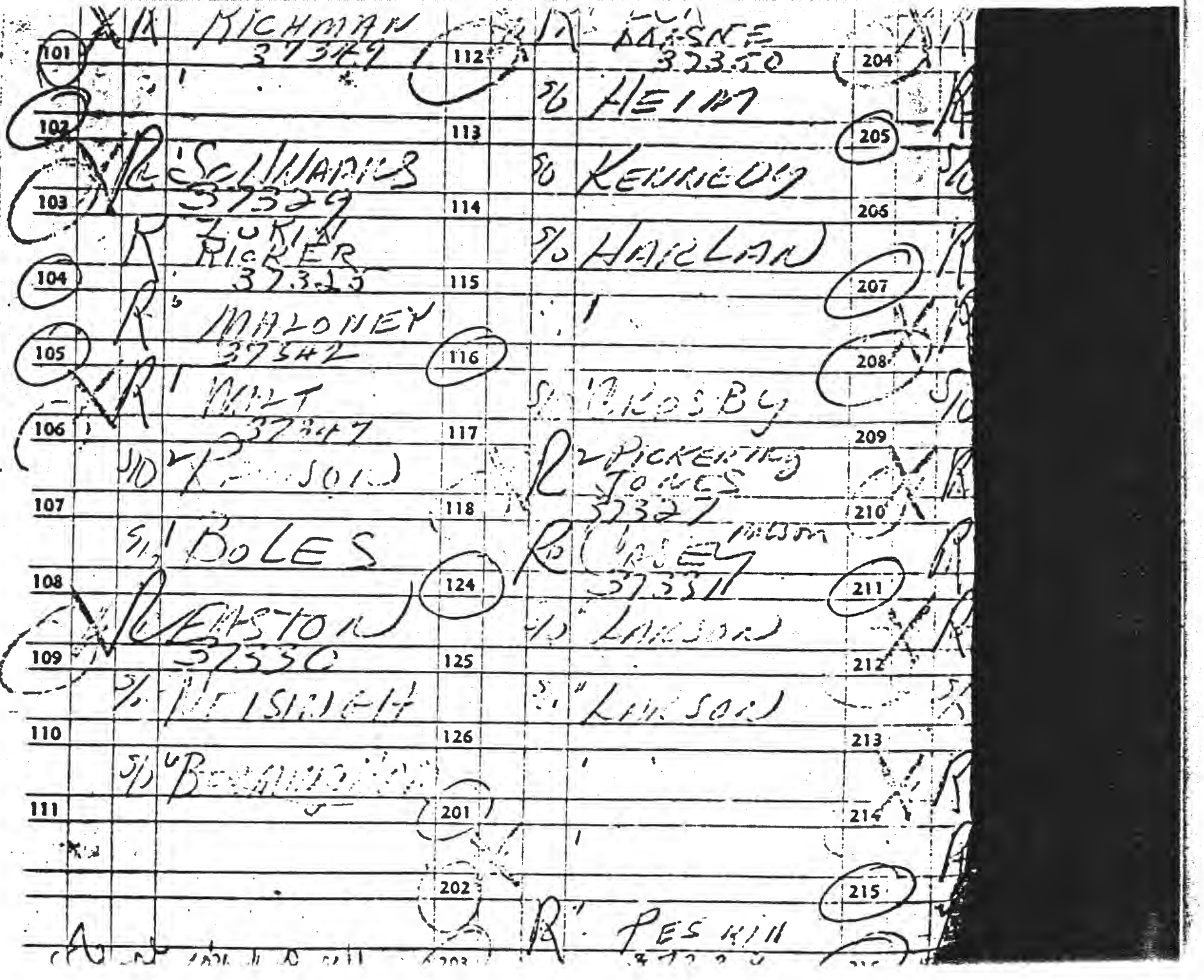
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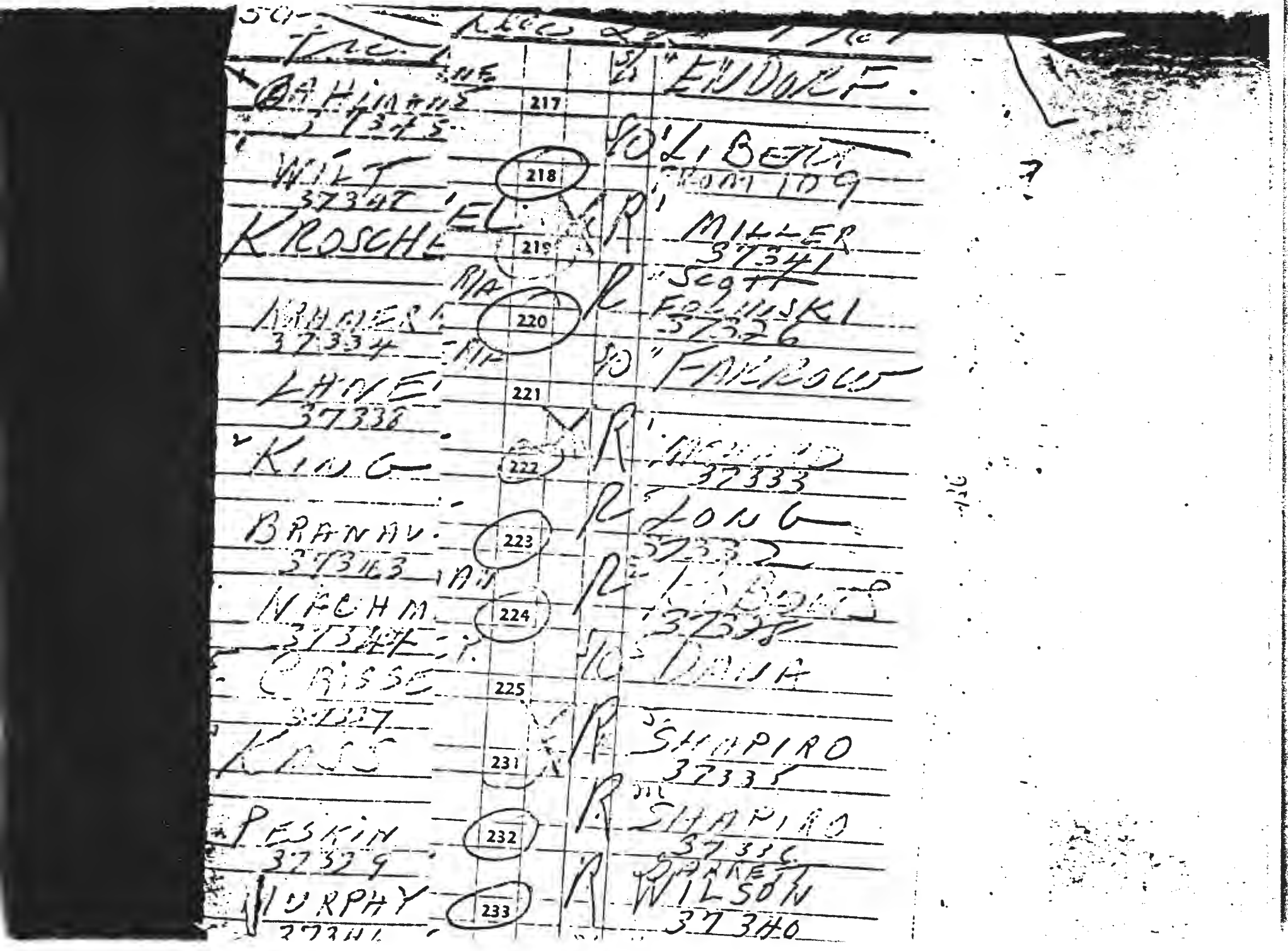
Representing

Make of Car Mercedes License No. 298 203 State Ala

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-21-67	2	231	18.00	99	18.99	—
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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr & Mrs Wm. Fichman

Address [redacted]

City Phila. State Pa

Representing

Make of Car Pontiac License No. R 1637 State Pa 1938

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-20-37	2	101	18.00	.99	18.99	18.99

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SCHWABS

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr & Mrs. Albert Schwabs

Address [redacted]

City Naples State Fla.

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No. NS State N.S.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12.22 67	2	103	18	99	1899	1899

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Stanley Zukin

Name THOMAS RICKER

Address [redacted]

City FARMINGTON State MICHIGAN

Representing

Make of Car PONTIAC License No. GL 7069 State MICHIGAN

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	104	18.00	99	18.99	20.00
			(18.99)		PAID	

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PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name [redacted]

Address [redacted]

City Phoenix State Ariz

Representing LANAZARS INC

Make of Car Chevrolet License No. 538 144 State Ariz

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-29-47	2	105	18.00	.99	18.99	18.99
			X 28 Dec			

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name V. K. Ludt

Address [redacted]

City Los Angeles Calif. State

Representing Wet Enterprises

Make of Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-21-07	3	106	20.00	1.10	21.10	—
			XMAS			

EASTON

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr + Mrs David Easton + daughter

Address [redacted]

City Larchmont State NY

Representing Grand Electronics

Make of Car Plymouth License No. 388 B68 V State La

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12 27 67	3	109	17	94	17 94	226.00
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			LOT 30)			

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL STEVE MAINE

Name Robert P. Eck

Address [redacted]

City Wilcox State Nebr.

Representing

Make of Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-22-47	2	112	15.00	83	15.83	14.00
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JONES

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name RONALD B. JONES

Address [redacted]

City COLUMBUS State OHIO

Representing UPPER ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Make of Car FORD License No. G10568 State OHIO

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	118	17	49	17.66	

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Burtrum Hall Hotel Star

REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Rev. Edwin Casey

Addr. [redacted]

City Pompton Turnpike State N.J.

Representing

Make of Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	124	18	99	18.99	
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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name MR+ MRS G.W. PESKIN + FAMILY

Address [redacted]

City WILMETTE, ILL 60091 State ILL.

Representing

Make of Car CHEVY License No. KV— State ILL.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	203	2	14.00	.77	14.77	
12-22-67	214	3	17.00	.94	17.94	
					32.71	
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name David Baltimore

Address [redacted]

City NYC State

Representing

Make of Car MG Mid License No. FO76611 State Calif

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	204	14.00	.77	14.77	-
			X 5 PT			

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name V K Wild

Address [redacted]

City Los Angeles State Calif

Representing Wild Enterprises

Make of Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-61	2	205	18.00	99	18.99	
			X SHT			

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REGISTER . PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name W. W. KRAMER

Address [redacted]

City Carrollton State Ohio

Representing

Make of Car Cadillac License No. PK 11 State Ohio

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12/26/67	4	207	21.00	1.10	21.10	
		R4	30.0'	.17	3.17	
					24.27	31.06
			[illegible]		TUE	

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr John G Lane & family

Address [redacted]

City Huntsville State Ala

Representing self

Make of car Chev License No. 4786 State Ala

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-47	4	206	18.00	99	18.99	22-16
		RA	3.00	17	3.17	
					22-16	
			XTVE-			

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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name Alfred Brown

Address [redacted]

City Chapel Hill, N.C. State

Representing

Make of Car Rambler License No. F N 2387 State N.C.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
Dec 22	2	210	1600	88	1688	33-76
			XTVE			

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REGISTER : PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Ludwig E. NACHMAN & wife

Address [redacted]

City Philadelphia, Pa. State Penna.

Representing myself

Make of Car Buick 410 License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12220T	2	211	1600	88	1688	—
			X TUE.			

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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name L. R. Mosley

Address [redacted]

City Beaumont Tex State

Representing

Make of Car Ford License No. HCM601 State Texas

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-47	2	215	15.00	.83	15.83	
12-22-47	3	216	17.00	.94	17.94	
					33.77	33.77
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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr + Mrs Nick Mickey + Daughter

Address [redacted]

City Adrian MI State Mich

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No. YB 8122 State Mich

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid in Advance
12-22-67	2A 1C	214	17.00	.94	17.94	
	Family Plan					

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name M. Susan Scott P. Filinski

Address [redacted]

City Venice Calif. State

Representing

Make of Car Mustang License No. State Calif.

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	3	220	17	99	1799	
			(SUN)			

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McHard

REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr & Mrs James A McHard

Address [redacted]

City Midland Mich State

Representing

Make of Car Buick License No VB 0916 State Mich

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12 22 67	2	202	17	94	1794	1794
			(SAT.)			

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL Long

Name Dora & Millie Ann Long

Address [redacted]

City Okla City State Okla

Representing

Make of Car Che License No. XZ 418 State Okla

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-2-67	2	223	21	10	21.10	42.20
			(Sun)			

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REGISTER PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Roberts

Name Mr & Mrs Gary D. Robert

Address [redacted]

City Decorah State Iowa 52101

Representing

Make of Car License No TAX 1 State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	224	17	99	1799	
			(SAT)			

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REGISTER

PROVINCIAL MOTEL

Name Mr & Mrs J Thayer

Address [redacted]

City Omaha State Nebr

Representing

Make of Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-26-61	2	231	18.00	.99	18.99	-
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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name Mr & Mrs M. M. Shapiro

Address [redacted]

City Columbus, Ga. State Ga

Representing

Make of Car License No. State

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	232	18.00	.99	18.99	—
			YSVW			

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REGISTER **PROVINCIAL MOTEL**

Name ANGUS WILSON / AC GARRETT

Address [redacted] ENGLAND

City _____ State _____

Representing _____

Make of Car CHEV. License No. 389 B 620 State WA

Date	No. In Party	Room No.	Rate	Tax	Amount	Paid In Advance
12-22-67	2	233	18.00	.99	18.99	20.00
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Date 11/21/68

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Date 11/21/68

Mr. BENJAMIN C. DUKE, Desk Clerk, Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, residence 2713 Aberdeen, Kenner, Louisiana, examined the motel work sheet for December 17, 1967, when GALT registered, and observed it is his handwriting of GALT on the work sheet meaning he registered GALT when he came in the motel. The "2" near "GALT" means the room was available for 2 days. Somebody must have had a reservation for the third day.

Mr. DUKE stated from the work sheet it would appear GALT did not specifically ask for Room 126 but was given that room because it was available as a single. Also this was the lowest priced ($12.00) room available. It is not known, Mr. DUKE stated, but it might be GALT as many singles do ask for the lowest priced room.

Mr. DUKE looked at photos of JAMES EARL RAY also known as ERIC S. GALT without recognition. He stated he could recall absolutely nothing about GALT.

Mr. DUKE stated he had no knowledge of anyone named RAOUL.

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Date 11/22/68

Mr. CHEW WING LEE, owner and operator of Wing Lee Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 830 Chartres Street, French Quarter, New Orleans, Louisiana, looked at photos of JAMES EARL RAY and recognized him as having seen his pictures in newspapers. Mr. LEE advised he recalled reading in the papers that RAY had stayed at one time in the Provincial Motel which is about two blocks down the street. He stated other than that he knows nothing about RAY.

Mr. LEE advised he does laundry and dry cleaning for the Provincial Motel. He stated he does the work according to room number and not by name. He stated he keeps no record of the individual rooms because he gives this record to the motel when he returns the laundry and dry cleaning. At this time he cannot say whether or not he did any work for RAY while RAY was at the Provincial Motel December 17-19, 1967.

If RAY had personally brought any work in to be done, RAY would have been asked what laundry mark he wanted. If no specific request was made by RAY the clothing would be marked in black indelible ink by number such as "123" or "545" or something like that. This would be written directly on any garment except a suit coat on which a tag would be placed.

If the bell boy from Provincial Motel would have brought in anything from RAY in Room 126, it would have been marked "RM 126".

Mr. LEE stated December, 1967, is a long time ago and he would not know whether or not he ever did any work for RAY under the name RAY or any other name.

Mr. LEE stated he never heard of the name RAOUL.

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ReBuairtel, 11/14/68, and Birmingham teletype 11/20/68.

Attached for information of the Bureau are four copies of FD-302 reflecting location of guest registration card for JOHN L. RAYNS at Granada Hotel, Birmingham, on date 8/26/67. Five copies of this FD-302 are forwarded to Memphis, and one each to interested offices.

Two copies of an insert are attached for the Bureau and five copies for Memphis regarding a previous search of the records at the Granada Hotel for the period 10/23-31/67, inclusive, which resulted negatively and was based upon Bureau telephone call, 11/9/68.

Two copies of legible handwritten list of registration cards at the Granada Hotel are being furnished Memphis in response to reBuairtel, 11/14/68, in order that the names thereon may be compared with lists submitted by the Mobile, New Orleans and, possibly, San Antonio Divisions.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date November 22, 1968

Mr. CHARLIE TRONCALE, owner-manager, Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, made available the guest registration cards for his hotel during the period August 22 - 28, 1967, inclusive. A review of these cards resulted in the location of guest registration No. 9022 for one JOHN L. RAYNS, residence 1825 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Mo., who checked in at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 1967, and was assigned to Room 210 by Desk Clerk ADRIAN M. KOONCE at a rate of $4.50. No record was maintained as to the time of checkout or method of travel. The card reflected the guest had luggage. The original of this card has been forwarded to the FBI Laboratory at Washington, D. C., for appropriate handwriting comparison.

A record was obtained of the names and addresses (where recorded) of the approximately 150 guests, other than permanent residents, during the period for which the cards were reviewed and two copies of the list are being transmitted to the Memphis FBI Office. No guest card was observed for any "RAOUL" or similar name during the period involved.

Upon observing the guest registration card of RAYNS, Mr. ADRIAN M. KOONCE identified his initials as having roomed RAYNS, but stated that due to the elapsed time he had no independent recollection of him. He stated he had previously been exhibited a photograph of JAMES EARL RAY and was unable to identify that individual.

No further information was obtainable from Mr. KOONCE or other personnel of the Granada Hotel.

On 11/20-21/68 at Birmingham, Alabama File # BH 44-1740
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by SA HENRY A. SNOW:mfl Date dictated 11/22/68

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on November 9, 1968:

At the request of the Bureau, a personal examination was conducted of the guest registration entry book of the Granada Hotel, 2230 Fourth Avenue, North, Birmingham, Alabama, from October 23 - October 31, 1967, for the name JOHN L. RAYNES, JAMES EARL RAY, and all other known aliases of subject RAY, with negative results.

The following employees were displayed photographs of subject and were interviewed regarding his possible visit on October 25, 1967, with negative results:

FRANK L. PHILLIP
Night Desk Clerk
[redacted]

A. M. KOONCE
Relief Day Desk Clerk, resides at hotel

On November 12, 1968, the following individuals were likewise interviewed:

Mr. CHARLIE TRONCALE
Manager and owner
[redacted]

O. C. SMITH
Regular Day Desk Clerk
[redacted]

Mrs. CATHERINE MONTGOMERY
Hotel Maid
[redacted]

ELMORE STUDAMIRE
Hotel Bellhop
[redacted]

It is noted, per Mr. TRONCALE, that these are the only employees of the hotel who were employed there during the pertinent period.

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Date: 11/22/68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

There are enclosed original and one copy of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

C. C. - Bishop

3 BUREAU (Enc. 6) (AM)
1 MEMPHIS

RGJ:BN
(4)

ENCLOSURE

EX-102

REC 39

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Foreman Pays Visit To Ray

No Light Shed On Possible Memphis Member Of Defense Team

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

Percy Foreman, Texas attorney who has taken over the defense of James Earl Ray, conferred yesterday with his client in the Shelby County Jail but delayed announcing what Memphis attorney he would ask to aid him in the case.

Mr. Foreman came here after a five-hour conference in Birmingham with Arthur J. Hanes Sr. and his son, Arthur Jr., whom Mr. Foreman succeeded 10 days ago as Ray's counsel.

To give Mr. Foreman time to acquaint himself with the case of Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Judge W. Preston Battle set the case forward at least till March 3.

In Birmingham Mr. Hanes said he and his son conferred with Mr. Foreman from 4 to 9 p.m. Monday. "We gave him the benefit of all our research and evidence," Mr. Hanes said.

Before counsel was changed, it was learned that defense plans called for an examination of Ray's blood to see if it would show a combination of chromosomes which some scientists say dispose a person to criminality. It is not known whether such a possible line of defense will be followed by Mr. Foreman.

Meanwhile it appeared unlikely that Judge Battle would agree to give a larger number of newsmen access to the trial through closed circuit television.

"I don't think we can do it," Judge Battle said when asked whether he would consider the use of closed circuit TV to carry the trial to a nearby assembly room for probably more than 150 news media representatives who will not get seats in the courtroom.

The court has assigned 38 regular and 4 rotating seats to newsmen.

In Los Angeles the judge who will conduct the trial of Sirhan Sirhan, charged with killing Senator Robert F. Kennedy, says he favors the use of closed circuit television to carry the trial to newsmen who cannot be seated in his courtroom. Thirty-five seats are provided for newsmen there.

Whether the plan is carried through there will depend, it is understood, on the reaction of the prosecuting and defending attorneys.

Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale said, "I'm against it" when asked his reaction to the California proposal. Mr. Foreman has not given his reaction.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

PAGE 1

COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 11-21-68

Edition:

Author: FRANK B. ALDER

Editor: ALDER

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

[ ] Being Investigated

5731

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Judge Denies 2 Reporters Hearing in Contempt Case

Judge Mark Walker of the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals today refused to grant a hearing to two Memphis newsmen who were cited for contempt for writing stories about the James Earl Ray case.

The Covington judge denied a petition for certiorari asking the court to review the matter and reverse Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle.

Judge Walker ruled he could not assume jurisdiction because the lower court had not passed sentence and thus its action was not final.

The two reporters, Roy B. Hamilton of The Press-Scimitar and Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal, were held in contempt Sept. 30 on charges they violated Judge Battle's orders against pretrial publicity.

Ray's trial in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King was continued last week to March 3 after he switched attorneys.

Armistead Clay, attorney for the newsmen, said Judge Walker's decision paves the way for an appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court.

The state Supreme Court last week refused to consider the case until application had been made to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

PAGE 1

MEMPHIS PRESS SCIMITAR

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 11-1968

Edition:

Author:

Editor: CHAS. H. SCHNEIDER

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

☐ Being Investigated

ENCLOSU[illegible]

FD-350 (Rev. 7-16-63)

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Newsmen's Appeal Ruled Premature

Sentence For Contempt Is Due First, Judge Says

A conviction for contempt of court cannot be appealed unless sentence has been pronounced, Criminal Appeals Judge Mark Walker of Covington ruled yesterday.

Judge Walker announced his ruling in the case of two Memphis newspaper reporters held in contempt in the James Earl Ray case by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle. [illegible] Judge Walker held, [illegible] Judge Battle's contempt convictions of Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal and Roy Hamilton of the Memphis Press-Scimitar, will not be grounds itself and subject to appeal until Judge Battle pro[illegible] a sentence. [illegible] Judge Battle held the [illegible] Arthur J. Hanes Jr. [illegible] Memphis and [illegible] Hayes of [illegible] contempt Sept. 28. He held them in violation of a pretrial publicity order in the case of Ray, charged with the April 4 murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Armistead Clay, attorney for the reporters and for Memphis Publishing Co., said Judge Walker's ruling opens the way for an appeal to the Tennessee Supreme Court. The Supreme Court earlier held that petitions of certiorari and supersedeas should be taken first to the Court of Criminal Appeals.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

PAGE 23

COMMERCIAL APPEAL

MEMPHIS, TENN.

Date: 11-20-68

Edition:

Author: FRANK R. AHLGREN

Editor:

Title:

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: MEMPHIS

☐ Being Investigated

ENCLOSURE

62-3881-5701

FBI

Date: November 29, 1968

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM LEGAT, OTTAWA (44-4)

SUBJECT MURKIN
OO: MEMPHIS

Rebutel, 11/26/68.

Enclosed are three copies each of RCMP "C" and "O" Division reports dated 11/22, 11/20 and 11/14/68.

With reference to Paragraphs 13 and 14 of Montreal report of 11/22/68, RCMP Headquarters this date sent Telex to Montreal instructing that office that exhaustive all-out efforts must be made to determine if, in fact, reporters of the "Montreal Star" exhibited photo of individual identified as "RAOUL" and Bureau will be immediately advised results of further investigation.

5 - Bureau (Encs.-9)
1 Liaison Direct (44-1987)
1 Memphis
1 - Ottawa

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EX-102

REC 58 44-38861-5402

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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

12-4-68

1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861) REC 58 - 5402

MURKIN

Re Legat Ottawa airtel to Bureau dated 11/29/68.

Enclosed for the information of Memphis is a copy of a referenced communication and one copy each of three separate Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) reports regarding their efforts to identify "Raoul."

The RCMP reports as well as the referenced communication are for your information only and should not be disseminated to anyone at this time.

Separate communication directed to Legat Ottawa to determine if these RCMP "confidential" reports may be disseminated. You will be advised accordingly.
Enclosures (4)

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TELETYPE UNIT

11-25-68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Springfield (44-561)
SAC, Chicago (44-1114)

From: Director, FBI 44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11-19-68.

You should insure that all known names that Ray used are checked through Illinois Motor Vehicle Bureau to determine if Ray purchased a vehicle.

For your information records of a motel in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada where Ray was registered as a guest on August 18, 1967, indicates he was driving a Plymouth, license No. LM 5942 (no further description given) and gives an address of 507 Chestnut Street, Chicago, Illinois.

It is noted that 507 Chestnut Street, Winnetka, Illinois, is the address of Indian Trail Restaurant where Ray was employed after his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

Chicago will determine if 507 Chestnut Street exists, and if so, conduct appropriate inquiry.

Expedite your investigation.

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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO. . .

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56 DEC 4 1968 UNIT

NOTE:

William Bradford Huie in his article which appeared in the November 12, 1968 issue of "Look" magazine alleges that Ray purchased a 1962 Plymouth in East St. Louis, Illinois in 1967. We are trying to learn of all details regarding this alleged purchase. Springfield unable to locate the purchase thus far.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 11-19-68

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

Legat, Ottawa, has forwarded to the Bureau the results of investigation conducted by the RCMP along with photocopies of a registration card of the "Town'n Country Motel," Ottawa, Ontario. This card indicates the registration of Eric Galt at the above motel on August 18, 1967.

A comparison of the handwriting appearing on the above-mentioned motel registration card with the known handwriting of the subject of this matter, JAMES EARL RAY, discloses that the registration card in question was in fact prepared by subject RAY.

Copies of the investigation conducted by the RCMP and the registration card of the "Town'n Country Motel" are attached hereto.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

44-38861

1 - Mr. Mohr
1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Foreign Liaison
1 - Lab File

JJTM:aw
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ADDENDUM: Results set forth in this memorandum and RCMP report have been furnished separately to Memphis with the admonition that, as yet, no clearance has been received from RCMP for dissemination outside the Bureau.

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2 ENCLOSURE

25 NOV 26 1968

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FBI

Date: 11/18/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Bureau routing slip 11/12/68.

REPORT FOR OCTOBER, 1968

Man Hours - Special Agents assigned London

Regular	8 hours
Overtime	7 hours.

Mileage - Personally owned automobiles

64 miles @ 10¢ = $6.40

Contact Costs = $10.00

Number of SAs Working on Case

Assigned London 1

2 - Bureau
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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FBI

Date: 11-21-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) P

RE: MURKIN
CR
OO:ME

Re Birmingham tel to Bureau, Memphis, and SL, 11-20-68, concerning registration card 9022 located at Granada Hotel for JOHN L. RAYNES for 8-26-67, giving home address of 1825 Lafayette St., SLMO.

Enclosed to Memphis are 15 copies of FD-302 of interview with SARAH M. HALE, 1825 Lafayette, SLMO, 11-21-68.

Review of SL file failed to identify 1825 Lafayette with any known activities of RAY.

It was noted, however, JOHN EUGENE GAWRON stated 4-29 and 5-1-68, he and RAY frequented a bar, believed to be Ruby's Bar, later known as The Haven Bar, on Lafayette just west of 18th St. during 1959. (See SL report of SA HAROLD R. DOBSON, 5-10-68, cover pages R & S.) GAWRON subsequently advised on 5-14-68, the correct name of the bar was Opal's Bar, later known as The Haven Bar. (See SL report of SA DOBSON, 6-25-68, cover page Y).

OPAL HIGHLY advised on 5-15-68, she had operated Opal's Bar at 1805 Lafayette from 1947 to 1961. She was unable to recall RAY as having been a patron but recalled JACK (LNU), whose description fitted GAWRON, as a frequent customer. (See 6-25-68 SL report, page 84)

REC-57 5405

2 NOV 26 1968

O. C. Bishop

2 - Bureau
1 - Birmingham (44-1740)(Info)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. 15)
2 - St. Louis
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From the foregoing it would appear RAY was probably generally familiar with the 18th and Lafayette area in SL.

The current SL City Directory lists SARAH M. HALE as the resident at 1825 Lafayette, SLMO.

This address was observed by SA DOBSON on 11-21-68, to be a two-story single-family brick dwelling. Mrs. HALE advised him on the same date she had resided there for the past 22 years. She has never rented any portion of the premises to other persons during this period. She was unable to identify the names utilized by RAY or photographs of him as pertaining to any person she has ever known. She was likewise unable to recall ever having been acquainted with any member of RAY's family.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861)

DATE: 11/20/68

FROM : Legat, Bern (88-21) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN - COST DATA

Re Bureau routing slip 11/12/68 and BERlet dated 8/2/68.

No work has been performed in this office in captioned case from July through October, 1968 inclusive.

(3)- Bureau
(1 - Liaison)
1 - Bern
HDG:rn
(4)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 11/22/68

FROM : LEGAT, MANILA (44-2)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
COST DATA

Re Bureau R/S, 11/12/68.

No time was expended or expenses incurred by the Manila Office in connection with this matter during the month of October, 1968.

3 Bureau
(1-Liaison Section)
1-Manila

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54 DEC 5 - 1968

FBI

Date: 11/21/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)(ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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[redacted] Pasadena, California, advised that his wife is employed at the Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. On 11/12/68 [redacted] observed a cardboard box in the rear parking area of the bank. This box bore penciled handwriting as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY
112 Tucker Street
Leland, Mississippi"

"JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR."

"JOHN WESLEY TUCKER"

The above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "JONOUR", which appeared to have been written by a different person.

[redacted] retained the box, which was furnished to SA [redacted] Pasadena Resident Agency, by her husband. [redacted] stated that neither he nor his wife has any additional information regarding the box, who placed it in the parking lot,

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

4 - Bureau (Encs. - 4)(AM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Encs. - 2)(AM)
2 - Jackson (Encs. - 2)(AM)
2 - Los Angeles
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C. C. - Bishop

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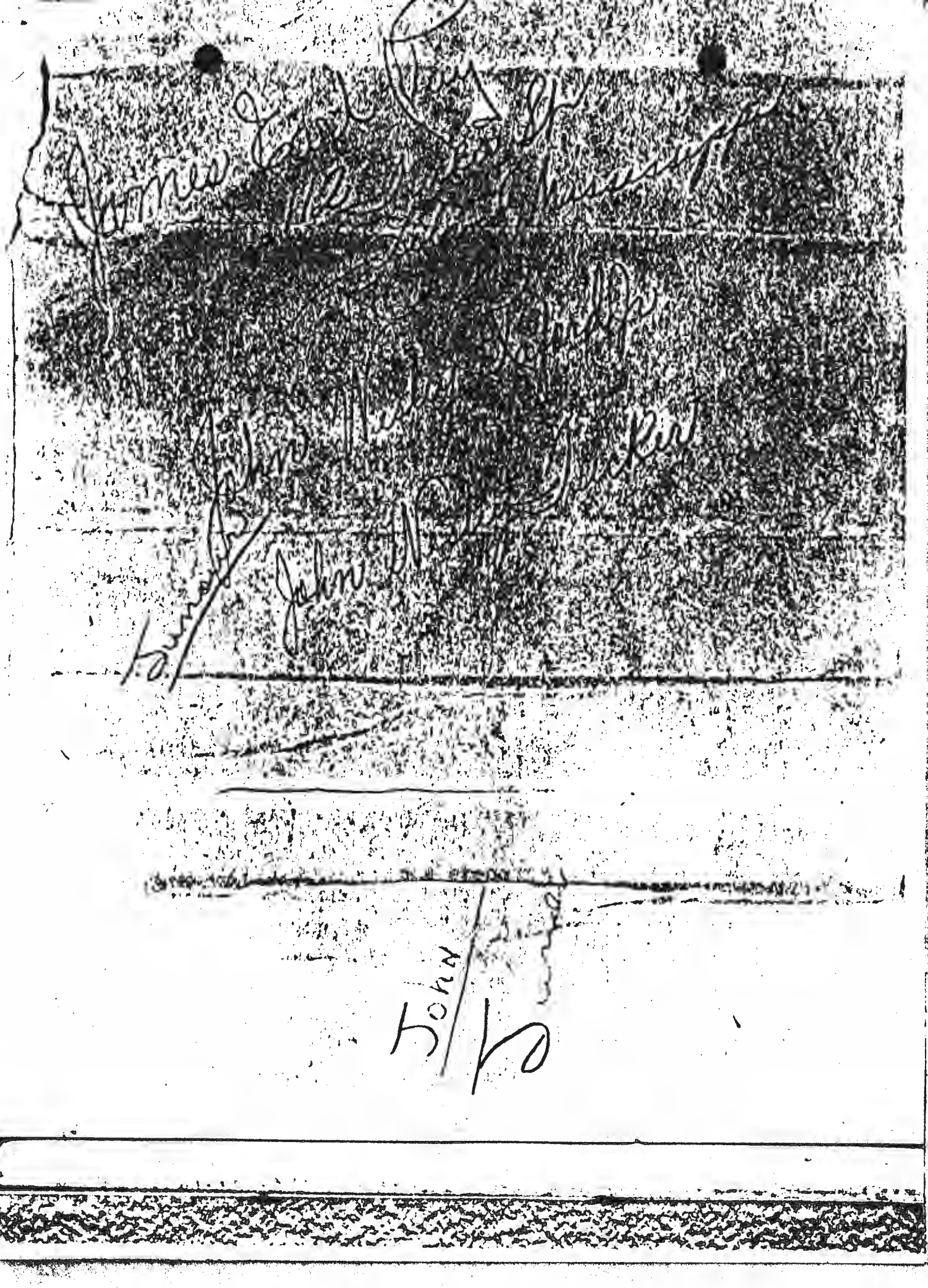
59 DEC 3 Special Agent in Charge

when it was placed there or how long it had been there.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no reference to JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., or JOHN WESLEY TUCKER.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the original portion of the box, as furnished to SA [redacted] for comparative examination with other samples of handwriting submitted in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a photograph of the handwriting. Two photographs of the above-described handwriting are enclosed for Jackson and Memphis.



11-26-68

PLAINTEXT

1 - Mr. Long

TELETYPE URGENT

TO: LEGAT, OTTAWA

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

MURKIN

RE BUREAU AIRTEL OF NEVEMBER SEVEN LAST.

BY RETURN COMMUNICATION ADVISE BUREAU STATUS OF INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP) IN REGARD TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY JAMES SQUIRES AND RCMP EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY "RAOUL" IN CANADA.

REC-19 44-38861-5407

1 - FOREIGN LIAISON (Cleared with SA [redacted]

EX-113

REL: jms (4)

19 NOV 26 [illegible]

NOTE: Based upon articles in "Look" magazine by William Bradford Huie, we have requested the RCMP, through our Legat, Ottawa, in Ottawa, to make appropriate investigation. James Squires, an editor of a newspaper in Tennessee, likewise, furnished us information as a result of a telephone call he received from an individual in Canada furnishing him information relative to James Earl Ray. We also requested the RCMP to make inquiry concerning this.

We are asking Legat, Ottawa, to advise status of investigation of RCMP concerning these items.

VIA TELETYPE
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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

FBI

Date: 11-21-68

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AIRTEL AM
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Attorney DON G. OWENS, Memphis, Tennessee, one of a group of advisors to Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, advised this date that Latent Fingerprint Examiner GEORGE J. BONEBRAKE's appearance before Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE at Memphis, Tennessee, has been reset for April 11, 1969.

3 BUREAU
1 MEMPHIS

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(4)

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EX-113

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16 NOV 22 1968

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54 DEC 4 1968

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 11/18/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

ReBuAirtel 11-12-68 regarding appearance by Latent Fingerprint Section Examiner GEORGE J. BONEBRAKE in Criminal Court, Shelby County, Tennessee, 12-6-68.

On 11-18-68, Attorney DON G. OWENS, Memphis, Tennessee, one of a group of advisors to Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, advised that he is certain Judge BATTLE does not desire BONEBRAKE to appear on 12-6-68 and that BONEBRAKE's appearance will be postponed until after subject's forthcoming trial. Mr. OWENS said some official notification should be forthcoming within the next few days. Mr. OWENS will advise the Memphis Office, who will in turn advise the Bureau.

New date for Bonebrake hearing 4/11/68 per SAC Memphis

3 BUREAU
1 MEMPHIS

JCH:BN
(4)

EX 110

REC 36

1 - 5409

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

59 DEC 4 - 1968

FBI

Date: 12/3/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies each of San Diego airtel to Memphis 9/10/68 and of an FD-302 reflecting an interview with [redacted] San Diego, California, on 9/9/68.

The Bureau will note that in [redacted] interview she mentions a gun shop near the scene of instant crime, and she mentions a [redacted] as being the landlady at the rooming house where the subject RAY stayed in Memphis. She also states that [redacted] is being "hidden out" by the Memphis police.

Since there is no gun shop near the Lorraine Motel; since the landlady where RAY had a room was Mrs. BREWER rather than [redacted] and since neither Mrs. BREWER nor [redacted] are in police custody, it is obvious that [redacted] has no information of value and that the information furnished by her warrants no further action.

This is being furnished the Bureau only because it was initiated by a telephone call from the Bureau.

C. C. - Bishop

3 - Bureau (Enc-4)
2 - Memphis

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REC 11 54-10

16 DEC 4 1968

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI

Date: 9/10/68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re telephone call of Supervisor [redacted] Division Six, SOG, who contacted San Diego Office, 8/28/68.

By re telephone call Supervisor LONG advised that [redacted] had been in Washington and was on her way back to San Diego. While in Washington, [redacted] furnished information concerning the MURKIN Case to the effect that she was visiting in Memphis with relatives at the time of KING's murder and that she heard from a third party that JAMES EARL RAY did not kill KING, but that an unknown individual who owned a Sporting Goods Store near the place of the murder killed KING. Supervisor [redacted] instructed the San Diego Office to interview [redacted] in detail upon her return to San Diego.

On 9/6/68, [redacted] was interviewed at San Diego, and enclosed for the Memphis Division are ten copies of an FD 302 reflecting her interview.

(2)- Memphis (Encls 10)
2- San Diego

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(4)

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1

Date 9/10/68

[redacted], San Diego, California, advised that she was in Memphis in April on a visit to her relatives. She stated that she was in Memphis at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] address unknown, of Memphis, Tennessee, told her that there is a man who owns a gun shop near the scene of the assassination who is said to have killed KING and thrown the gun out of the gun shop window. [redacted] stated that the only reason that JAMES EARL RAY was in the room with a rifle was to shoot KING in case the actual killer missed his shot.

[redacted] according to [redacted] knows many police officers in the Memphis area, and has stated that she has been told that [redacted] landlady at the rooming house where RAY stayed, had been given two thousand dollars and that she will not remember JAMES EARL RAY for identification purposes at the time of the trial. According to [redacted] is being "hidden out" by the police department at this time.

[redacted] stated that her brother, [redacted] who lives near Merced, Tennessee, is acquainted with a county farm bureau employee who visited him at home while [redacted] was visiting her brother. This individual is reported to have told her brother that KING, according to plans, should have been assassinated the day previous, but that plans did not work out according to previous arrangements. This individual, according to [redacted] who saw him sitting in a Chevrolet two-door Sedan, is a white male, approximately thirty-seven years of age, with blond hair, light complexion. He apparently works for the Farm Bureau at Jackson, Tennessee.

[redacted] could furnish no further information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

On 9/9/68 at San Diego, California File # SD 44-387

by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] Date dictated 9/9/68

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

ENCLOSURE

December 5, 1968

1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

TO: SACs, Springfield (44-561)
Chicago (44-1114)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReSlairtel to Bureau dated 11/29/68.

The LHM enclosed to referenced communication states that 1967 Illinois license LM 5942 was issued on June 5, 1967, to John Larry Rayns, 307 Chestnut, Box 293, Winnetka, Illionis, for a 1959 Chrysler, two-door, VIN M531108240, which was purchased used on June 5, 1967, from George Seymour Heller, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1178475 was issued on June 6, 1967, to Rayns for his vehicle with no lion.

According to your LHM, the Illinois license LM 5942 was transferred to Rayns on August 8, 1967, for a 1962 Plymouth, this Plymouth purchased from Bundy Oldsmobile, East St. Louis, Illinois, on July 14, 1967. The application for transfer of license plates indicates that the 1959 Chrysler to be sold at a later date.

Springfield should search the title of the above-mentioned ~~1959~~ Chrysler to determine the ultimate disposition of this vehicle, and if applicable have the person who purchased the vehicle from Ray (used name of Rayns) interviewed for full details.

Chicago, if not already done, will interview George Seymour Heller regarding his selling of the 1959 Chrysler to Ray as Rayns.

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1 - Memphis

REC 58 44-38861-5341

19 DEC 5 1968

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOTE:

According to "Look" magazine article regarding James Earl Ray, Ray was seen in a 1962 Plymouth in Canada. We have determined that the 1962 Plymouth bore Illinois license and have subsequently determined through Illinois Bureau of Motor Vehicle records that the Plymouth was purchased in East St. Louis, Illinois, and later sold by Ray to relatives in August and October, 1967. We are making extensive inquiry regarding the purchase of this 1962 Plymouth and we are setting forth instructions to Springfield and Chicago to resolve the purchase and selling of the 1959 Chrysler by Ray.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-3886) DATE: 11/25/68

FROM : LEGAT, SANTO DOMINGO (44-2) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBucab July 2, last and SAN airtel 7/12/68.

Legat has had no expenses or expenditures involving this case since date of re airtel.

3 - Bureau
(1 - Liaison Section)
1 - Santo Domingo

RTN:hc
(4)

NOT RECORDED
14 NOV 29 1968

54 DEC 5 - 1968

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

12-4-68

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Foreign Liaison
(Cleared with SA
Graham Day)

AIRTEL

TO: Legat Ottawa (44-4)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Legat Ottawa airtel to Bureau dated 11/29/68.

Referenced communication enclosed copies of Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) reports regarding their negative efforts to identify "Raoul." In the RCMP report itself a statement is set forth placing the reports in a "Confidential" classification.

You should make inquiry with the appropriate officials to determine if these reports can be disseminated to the Department of Justice and to the prosecuting authorities in Memphis, Tennessee. The reports will be held in abeyance pending your inquiry.

You should continue to follow with the RCMP regarding their continued efforts to identify "Raoul," as this matter should be thoroughly resolved.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)

44-38861-5412

REC-42

REL:mcw
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19 DEC 6 1968

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NOTE:

Legat Ottawa transmitted three separate RCMP reports to us; however, they place these in a confidential classification. We are instructing Legat Ottawa to make inquiry with appropriate RCMP officials to determine if these reports can be disseminated to the Department as well as Memphis' prosecuting authorities as they contain results of negative efforts to identify an individual by the name of "Raoul."

Articles appeared in "Look" magazine as written by William Bradford Huie regarding James Earl Ray associating with an individual only known as "Raoul." We have been endeavoring to identify "Raoul" and have requested the assistance of the RCMP as it was also alleged by Huie that Ray knew "Raoul" in Canada. Efforts thus far by the RCMP have been negative and they are continuing the efforts to identify "Raoul."

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Date: 11/29/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) -P-

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1cc of Airtel + LHM given to OPR 9/9/76. FTA/lmc

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum regarding automobile transactions and title transfers by JAMES EARL RAY, also known as, during the Summer and Fall of 1967. Also enclosed for Chicago and Memphis are two copies each of this letterhead memorandum.

Also enclosed herewith for Chicago are 14 photostats of registration and title records for 1959 Chrysler and 1962 Plymouth mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum. It should be noted that some of these photostats are not legible.

JERRY W. RYAN, [redacted] Northbrook, Illinois, mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum, appears identical to JERRY WILLIAM RAY, aka Ryan, brother of subject JAMES EARL RAY.

Chicago conduct appropriate investigation regarding JERRY W. RYAN, [redacted] Northbrook, Illinois, and [redacted] Lake Forest, Illinois, and GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY, [redacted] Deerfield, Illinois, and consider interviewing each concerning the transactions mentioned in enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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1cc to Dept Task Force 6/8/76 (LHM only) Per Petersen

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Springfield, Illinois
November 29, 1968

JAMES EARL RAY

On November 26, 1968, Mr. JOHN L. WEST, Salesman, Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., 8th and Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, advised that records of his company indicate that JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, purchased a 1962 Plymouth, four-door, Sedan, VIN 2921165934, on July 14, 1967, as per invoice #6852. Mr. WEST advised that this invoice indicates that the price of the above car was $200. In addition, there was sales tax in the amount of $9.50 and a notary fee in the amount of 50 cents, bringing total price of the automobile to $210. Mr. WEST further advised that his records indicate that RAYNS made a cash deposit of $20, as per receipt #38466 dated July 14, 1967, and apparently returned shortly thereafter with the balance of $190, as the records indicate receipt #38469 dated July 14, 1967, indicate RAYNS paid this amount. WEST pointed out that although he could not be specific as to the time element involved between the period of time that the $20 cash deposit was paid and the balance of $190 was paid, it was apparently only a metter of a few minutes to an hour, since there were only two receipts issued between deposit receipt and balance receipt given to RAYNS.

Mr. WEST pointed out that there was no trade-in involved in the transaction. He also advised his file on RAYNS indicates Illinois sales tax form #1978804, which was dated July 14, 1967, was completed on that date and this along with the license information was mailed to the Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, on July 31, 1967. Mr. WEST stated that from his records he had to assume RAYNS transferred his license from a previously owned automobile to the 1962 Plymouth, inasmuch as he was able to find a receipt #463, in the amount of $3.00, which is the fee normally paid for transfer of title. Mr. WEST stated if an individual purchases an automobile and applies for a new license, he would be charged a minimum of $7.00.

Mr. WEST advised he recalled that the 1962 Plymouth was taken into Bundy Oldsmobile as the trade-in from an unrecalled Negro male who had purchased a new Cutlass, about a month prior to the transaction with RAYNS. WEST stated that the salesman who sold the car to RAYNS was GOBEL BIGGS.

Mr. WEST stated he could not specifically recall the sale of the automobile to RAYNS. He stated photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were unfamiliar to him. He likewise showed photograph to other sales personnel at Bundy Oldsmobile and they, too, stated that they could not recall RAY as ever having been in Bundy Oldsmobile. WEST did point out, however, that his business is primarily the sale of new cars and used cars of a higher quality than the automobile sold to RAYNS. Therefore, the transaction was somewhat insignificant and he was unable to recall any further specific details and was only able to furnish the above information as direct result of review of the receipts, invoices and orders set forth above.

Mr. GOBEL BIGGS, Salesman, Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., East St. Louis, Illinois, after reviewing the invoice orders and other receipts pertaining to the sale of 1962 Plymouth, four-door, Sedan, VIN 2921165934, which he sold to JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, stated he could not recall this individual or anything of the transaction. Mr. BIGGS advised the transaction was rather insignificant and it involved the sale of a "junker" with $200, and he could have possibly remembered more about the man had he sold the individual a new car or a used car in better condition. Mr. BIGGS did state, however, that he still has in his possession a "follow-up information card" for JOHN L. RAYNS with the address of 507 Chestnut, Post Office Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, and he indicates on this card that RAYNS purchased a 1962 Plymouth on July 14, 1967. Mr. BIGGS stated it is the policy at Bundy Oldsmobile for all salesmen to send new car literature to individuals to whom they have sold automobiles in the past; and, based on this information card, he is relatively certain that he has sent such literature to RAYNS at the above address on at least seven or eight occasions, since the initial purchase of the 1962 Plymouth. He stated he has no way of knowing whether this literature was received by RAYNS at this address or whether it was returned by the Post Office. He stated if such literature would have been returned by the Post Office to Bundy Oldsmobile, it would have just been destroyed; therefore, he would have no way of knowing

whether or not it was actually received. BIGGS, upon viewing photograph of JAMES EARL RAY, stated he could not associate this individual with being identical with RAYNS and was unable to furnish any other details as to the transaction, including the manner of payment, although he was certain from the invoice and receipts that this automobile was paid for in cash.

[redacted], Auto Registration Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield, Illinois, advised on November 27, 1968, that a check of records reflect that 1967 Illinois license LM-5942 was issued June 5, 1967, to JOHN LARRY RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Box 293, Winnetka, Illinois, for a 1959 Chrysler, two-door, VIN M531108240, which was purchased used June 5, 1967, from GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1178475 issued June 6, 1967, to RAYNS for this vehicle with no lien. On August 8, 1967, above-mentioned 1967 Illinois license transferred to RAYNS for a 1962 Plymouth, four-door, VIN 2921165934, which was purchased used July 14, 1967, from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., 711 Illinois Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. The application for this transfer reflects that above-mentioned 1959 Chrysler to be sold later. Certificate of Title #B1604563 issued August 8, 1967, to RAYNS for instant Plymouth with no lien.

[redacted] also advised that 1967 Illinois license RT-5302 was issued 8/28/67 to JERRY W. RYAN, [redacted] Northbrook, Illinois, for instant Plymouth, purchased used August 25, 1967, from JOHN L. RAYNS, 507 Chestnut, Winnetka, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B1777474 issued September 7, 1967, to RYAN for this Plymouth with no lien.

Mr. TABOR also advised that 1967 Illinois license SC-7905 was issued October 25, 1967, to GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY, [redacted] Deerfield, Illinois, for instant 1962 Plymouth, purchased used October 20, 1967, from JERRY W. RYAN, [redacted] Northbrook, Illinois. Certificate of Title #B2105425 issued November 6, 1967, to RAY for this Plymouth with no lien and has not been surrendered to date.

On November 29, 1968, [redacted] Driver's License Section, Secretary of State's Office, Springfield Illinois, advised she could find nothing in her files identifiable

with GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY. Concerning JERRY W. RYAN she furnished the following:

Address:	[redacted] Lake Forest, Illinois
Date of Birth:	July 16, 1935
Height:	5'9"
Weight:	178 pounds
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Driver's License Number:	R500-4393-5202, which expires July 16, 1971

RYAN obtained this driver's license after taking an examination on May 20, 1968, while driving a 1960 DeSoto.

On April 19, 1968, [redacted] Illinois State Board of Probation and Parole, Springfield, Illinois, advised that one JERRY WILLIAM RAY, also known as JERRY WILLIAM RYAN, white male, date of birth July 16, 1935, at Quincy, Illinois, 5'10", 170 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes, was the brother of JAMES EARL RAY.

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Date: December 4, 1968

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to SI 11/21/68.

ANDE YAKSTIS, Reporter "Alton Evening Telegraph", Alton, Illinois, advised that that newspaper, which is a daily evening newspaper published at Alton, Illinois, has attempted to interview HENRY STUMM, who resides with his brother GUSTAV STUMM at [redacted] Alton, Illinois.

YAKSTIS stated that STUMM was congenial and cooperative when interviewed as long as the conversation was in generalities. He stated that when JAMES EARL RAY was brought into the conversation STUMM refused to discuss the matter and refused to acknowledge that he ever knew JAMES EARL RAY. He stated that STUMM appeared to be highly nervous when JAMES EARL RAY's name was mentioned and he had subsequently learned that several reporters and writers had attempted to talk with him concerning JAMES EARL RAY and that STUMM had provided no information whatsoever concerning him.

YAKSTIS stated that HENRY STUMM is now retired and can be reached at [redacted] in Alton.

UACB STUMM will be interviewed at [redacted] Alton, to determine if he will cooperate in furnishing any information available to him concerning

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JAMES EARL RAY and his activities in the Alton, Illinois area circa 1943-45. The interview will be conducted by a mature agent and the Bureau will be promptly advised of results of the interview.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Springfield (44-561)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Enclosed for Springfield is a copy of an article which appeared in the magazine section of the "Washington Post" on Sunday, November 17, 1968. The article, in part, states that James Earl Ray "was seen frequently in his home town of Alton, Illinois, in the company of a wizened old Nazi sympathizer named Henry Stumm. Presumably Stumm instructed Ray from the Nazi literature that the old man continues to receive."

Springfield should submit background data concerning Stumm together with recommendations as to whether he should be interviewed.

Bureau records indicate that in 1942, one [redacted] Alton, Illinois, claimed that Henry Stumm, Sr. and Jr., who resided in Alton, Illinois, were sympathetic toward Germany, although they kept quiet about it after entry of U. S. into World War II.

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America's Legacy of Hate—

Assassins on the Loose

by Jack Anderson

If President Kennedy had escaped those fatal bullets in Dallas five years ago next Friday, if his brother Robert had left the teeming, tumultuous Los Angeles ballroom by another route, if Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. hadn't stepped onto that fateful balcony in Memphis, the chances are that other assassins would have tried to gun them down anyway. For Federal investigators have uncovered a number of plots on the lives of all three slain leaders.

They had been marked for assassination by volatile Cuban fanatics, hate-crazed Klansmen, inflamed black militants, wild-eyed Minutemen. The only uncertainty was who would be the first to pull the triggers. Yet the plots were totally unrelated and uncoordinated, hatched by men who didn't know one another. They shared only a common burning hatred.

They were incited to violence by irresponsible fright peddlers who traffic in hate, fear and suspicion. The hate that springs from their bile overflows the gutters of America. The Radical Right spends a staggering $20 million a year on hate propaganda. The Ultra Left wages an even more vicious hate campaign, though the cost is harder to pin down.

Some extremists merely howl "Treason!" The more militant, carrying the logic another step, cry "Kill the traitors!" Still others, obsessed and overwrought, are driven to take action. Any talk of violence in these turbulent times is dangerously provocative. The wonder is that more tormented souls haven't tried to eliminate their imagined enemies.

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Following the 1961 Bay of Pigs fiasco, fiery-tongued Cubans in Miami and New Orleans talked of taking President Kennedy's life in retaliation. Black militants, declaring their allegiance to dictator Castro, also swore revenge. Minutemen and Klansmen, embittered over civil rights, conspired separately to kill President Kennedy, Senator Kennedy and Dr. King.

Here are excerpts, for example, from a telephone conversation which was monitored by a government intelligence unit in Miami on Nov. 1963. The two men on the phone, ose last names must be omitted, beged to the extremist Constitutional rty and had close ties to the Ku Klux an.

Joe: I think Kennedy is coming here on the 18th, or something like that, to make some kind of speech.

Bill: You can bet your bottom dollar e is going to have a lot to say about he Cubans, there are so many of hem here.

oe: Yeah, well he will have a thouand bodyguards, don't worry about hat.

ill: The more bodyguards he has, the ore easier it is to get him.

oe: Well how in the hell do you figre would be the best way to get him?

ill: From an office building with a gh-powered rifle. How many peole [room noise, tape not legible] oes he have going around who look st like him? Do you know about at?

e: No, I never heard that he had ybody.

ll: He has got them.

e: He has?

ll: He has about 15. Whenever he es any place, they [not legible]. knows he is a marked man.

e: They are really going to try to him?

l: Oh, yeah, it is in the working. — himself, B---- is just as likely get him as anybody. He hasn't said but he tried to get Martin Luther g.

: He did?

: Oh yes, he followed him for es and miles and couldn't get se enough to him. . . .

: Hitting this Kennedy is going to a hard proposition, I tell you, I eve, you may have figured out a to get him. You may have figured the office building and all that. I 't know how them Secret Service nts cover all them office buildings, or anywhere he is going, do you know whether they do that or not?

Bill: Well, if they have any suspicion, they do that of course. But without suspicion, chances are that they wouldn't. You take there in Washington, of course it is the wrong time of the year, but you take pleasant weather, he comes out on the veranda, and somebody could be in a hotel room across the way there, and pick him off just like [fades out]."

Only 13 days later, President Kennedy was struck down by slugs from a high-powered rifle fired from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository in downtown Dallas. Yet Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin, had absolutely no connection with the two men in Miami.

An FBI report in 1964 stated that a band of Klansmen was seeking to hire an ex-convict for $2000 to assassinate Dr. King. When the civil rights leader was shot to death in April 1968, the fingerprints on the murder rifle were traced to an ex-convict named James Earl Ray. Yet no link has been uncovered between Ray and this Klan squad.

On at least two earlier occasions, Klan terrorists plotted to kill King. They prepared to gun him down when he came to Monroe, La., in July 1964 to agitate for civil rights. The following February, they planned to assassinate him at his Atlanta headquarters. But both times, the FBI learned about the plots in time to throw a heavy guard around him.

Two weeks after King's ultimate martyrdom, the U.S. attorney's office in Kansas City learned that Robert DePugh, fugitive leader of the Minutemen, had given his storm troopers a list of prominent people to assassinate if he should be jailed. Two names on the assassination list were Dr. Martin Luther King and Sen. Robert Kennedy. Yet again, the accused slayers were in no way tied to the Minutemen.

In 1965, an all-points bulletin was issued to police in Colorado to be on the alert for a member of the Minutemen, armed and dangerous, who had threatened to kill Senator Kennedy. He reportedly had read hate pamphleteer Frank Capell's wild paperback, *The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe*, which accused Kennedy of arranging for the Communists to murder the movie queen to save himself from a scandal.

Plot against Fulbright

Other people of prominence, too, have been marked for murder by the extremists. At the 1966 trial of Robert DePugh, ex-Minuteman Jerry Brooks blurted from the witness stand: "Your Honor, I don't know if I would be out of order, but the defense attorney asked me if I was the one that promoted the idea of killing Senator William Fulbright of Arkansas . . . I could name the people involved if you want me to do that."

Brooks' testimony was shut off, but FBI files contain details of the plot. Three hoodlums, affiliated with the Minutemen, raised money in Kansas City to buy a getaway car and were in the midst of planning the assassination when the FBI started investigating.

Indeed, the FBI has compiled a list of more than 30 people whom the Minutemen intend to knock off in case of "a Communist take-over." Among the names on the list are Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Chief Justice Earl Warren, ex-U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg and Sen. Wayne Morse.

In March 1963, the Minutemen warned 20 congressmen who had voted against the House Un-American Activities Committee that "cross hairs are on the back of your necks." The chilling message declared: "See the old man at the corner where you buy your paper? He may have a silencer-equipped pistol under his coat. That extra fountain pen in the pocket of the insurance salesman that calls on you might be a cyanide-gas gun. What about your milkman? Arsenic works slow but sure. Your auto mechanic may stay up nights studying booby traps. These patriots are not going to let you take their freedom away from them. They have learned the silent knife, the strangler's cord, the target rifle that hits sparrows at 200 yards. Only their leaders restrain them."

The black militants, who are even more unrestrained in their murder cries, have fingered many of the same intended victims. An informant, reliable in the past, tipped off Chicago police that a group of militants agreed at a secret meeting on Aug. 1, 1968, to

"hit" Vice President Humphrey and Sen. Eugene McCarthy during the Democratic Convention. The murder assignments and weapons were handed out, according to the informant, at an Aug. 12 meeting. Puerto Rican police also reported that a group of militant students, carrying pistols equipped with silencers, were on their way to the Democratic Convention "to kill someone." This was one reason for the stringent security measures in Chicago.

The inflammatory literature, whether it comes from the far Right or far Left, preaches the same doctrine of hatred and violence.

Other hate literature is downright psychopathic, sometimes illustrated with grotesque drawings. "Scientists say the Negro still is in the ape stage," declares an illustrated Nazi pamphlet. "Mongrelization of the races would destroy white Christian civilization." The propaganda put out by the lunatic Left is equally fantastic. One tract accuses FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover of controlling "innumerable crematories and concentration camps throughout the world."

'Medals' for slayers

But cold print doesn't have the dramatic force of a hot harangue. After four little Negro girls were killed in the dynamiting of a Birmingham church, a rabble-rouser told a Ku Klux Klan rally in St. Augustine, Fla.: "If they can find those fellows, they ought to put medals on them. It wasn't no shame they was killed. Why? Because when I go out to kill rattlesnakes, I don't make no difference between little rattlesnakes and big rattlesnakes." Not long afterward, racial violence flared in St. Augustine.

Racial trouble was whipped up in Washington by H. Rap Brown, who told a black rally: "Black people have been looting. I say there should be more shooting than looting. So if you loot, shoot a gun store . . . the white man is your enemy. You got to destroy your enemy."

The extremist leaders usually take care not to carry out the violence they preach. They stir up suspicions, exacerbate tensions, then fade into the background when the action starts. Sometimes there is an immediate explosion. When the fiery-tongued Brown screamed at a Cambridge, Md., rally in 1967, "Burn this town down," hotheads promptly attempted to do it.

Both white and black racists have formed action groups. The white racists call themselves by such names as Breakthrough, Counterthrust, Paul Revere Associated Yeomen, Christian Youth Corps and Defenders of the American Constitution. The black racists have a penchant for long names, whose initials spell out such fighting words as COMBAT, FIGHT, FUSE, RAM, RAP and SCAR. Some of these groups on both sides are grimly preparing for a race war. The more radical call not only for assassinations but for outright guerrilla warfare.

"Prepare yourselves and your sons," urges a Paul Revere bulletin, "to fight in the streets, in the alleys, in the parks, in public buildings, around the waterworks, power plants, city hall, TV and radio stations, while your wife and daughters protect their lives and your home with gas masks, shotguns, rifles and pistols."

The Black Panther Party, whose "prime minister" is Stokely Carmichael, puts out a similar "mandate" to its members. "All members," declares Mandate No. 3, "must acquire the technical equipment to defend their homes and their dependents and shall do so. Any member of the party having such technical equipment who fails to defend his threshold shall be expelled from the party for life."

Black militants have called the past race riots "mere dress rehearsals for revolution." White militants take the same view that a violent showdown is coming. Yet, astonishingly, these avowed enemies have been known to work together. FBI reports claim that Minutemen and black militants actually joined in rifle practice in the New York area, that the Ku Klux Klan and Black Muslims in Georgia worked together for separation of the races. Several black militant leaders urged followers to vote for George Wallace, who was also the candidate of the white militants.

The close alliance between the opposite extremes is illustrated by the Black Muslim movement. Its prophet and panjandrum, Elijah Mohammad, was arrested during World War II on a sedition charge. Federal files indicate that his organization had the backing of Maj. Satakata Takatashi, who for ten years preceding Pearl Harbor directed Japanese intelligence in the U.S. Under the name of Gulan Bogan, Elijah Mohammad (whose real name is Elijah Poole) promised his Muslims before Pearl Harbor that they would be "liberated" by the Japanese after an attack on the U.S. in 194[illegible] however, he was never tried for sedition but was convicted of draft evasion.

An about-face

From pro-Axis, Mohammad has now executed a complete about-face and preaches the Marxist line. His chief disciple, Malcolm X, became an outspoken Marxist before his defection and murder in 1965. And Malcolm X's chief disciple was Stokely Carmichael, an open admirer of Communist heroes Che Guevara, Mao Tse-tung and Ho Chi Minh.

Another curious trait, which both Right-wing and Left-wing extremists have in common, is an anti-Semitic bias. The Nazi Party and Black Panther Party use almost identical, inflammatory language in attacking Jews. A black rally in Los Angeles was attended by Arab students who claimed to represent the Tri-Continental Students Association.

Extremist doctrine from Left and Right helped to incite the assassinations of the Kennedy brothers and Dr. King. The three martyred leaders were brought to a violent end by three human ciphers, who for dark reasons none but they could understand took history into their own hands. Yet there were other invisible fingers on the triggers.

The atmosphere in Dallas was charged with hatred when President Kennedy arrived for his date with death five years ago. "Wanted" handbills were handed out in the streets, showing front and side views of the President, with the words: "Wanted for Treason."

All the while, waiting for him with an Italian-made Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, was Lee Harvey Oswald. The permanent pout on Oswald's face was the only outward sign of the tortured thoughts that surged through his mind, a mind bursting with the violent, revolutionary doctrines of Karl Marx. Even after an unhappy experience in Russia, Oswald continued to read library books about communism, formed a Fair Play for Cuba Committee in New Orleans and tried to enlist in the Castro forces. Once, he took a shot in the night at Right-wing Gen. Edwin Walker. Another time, he threatened to kill the vice president (then Lyndon Johnson), but his wife locked him in the bathroom until he got over his violent mood.

James Earl Ray, who stands accused of killing Dr. King, likewise was nourished on suspicion and hatred. He was seen frequently in his home town of Alton, Ill., in the company of a wizened old Nazi sympathizer named Henry Stumm. Presumably, Stumm instructed Ray from the Nazi literature that the old man continues to receive.

An Alton resident familiar with Ray's background told PARADE: "Henry Stumm had been influencing Ray for years. You can't be sure how much of it rubbed off on Ray, but he got more and more arrogant as he grew older." Reached by telephone, Stumm acknowledged his name, listened in silence to questions about his relationship with Ray, then hung up without uttering another word. Others who knew Ray have described him as a Negro-hating racist.

Sirhan Sirhan, who pumped .22 slugs into Senator Kennedy, learned to hate before he came to this country. He was taught anti-Jewish hate propaganda in an Arab refugee school, financed largely by the U.S. through the United Nations. In an arithmetic class, for example, Sirhan and his classmates were asked: "If you have three Jews sitting on a fence and you kill two of them, how many Jews will you have left?"

Steeped in hate lore

Similar hate literature, which is distributed around the world by the Arab League, followed Sirhan to America. He became steeped in stories about Jewish injustice to the Arabs. Mahmoud Abdel Hadi, an Egyptian newsman who interviewed members of Sirhan's family, reported that the 24-year-old fanatic had become incensed when he saw Senator Kennedy on television don a Jewish yarmulke during a campaign visit to a Portland, Ore., synagogue.

"All these refugees are crusaders," Mahmoud Naguib of the Arab Information Center told PARADE. "That is why, perhaps, Sirhan decided to do this — to dramatize the plight of the Palestinians." Indeed, Sirhan is reported to be determined to turn his trial into an anti-Zionist forum.

More than 900 Arab refugees have come to this country from an environment similar to that which spawned Sirhan. They are insignificant in numbers, however, compared to the home-grown bigots, fanatics and malcontents who have been nurtured on hatred. Even as these words are being written, murder plots are festering in sick and inflamed minds.

Can the poisonous brew of propaganda, which incites these men to violence, be shut off? It is dangerous to tamper with freedom of the press or speech. Yet the law recognizes that a rabble rouser must not be allowed to incite an inflamed mob, causing them to kill and burn.

Tensions are so volatile in this country that the authorities should consider taking legal action against anyone whose outpourings might be likely to precipitate violence against individuals or races. Before Washington's ex-U.S. Attorney David Bress was appointed to the federal bench, he was studying scurrilous, inflammatory literature put out by hate groups to see whether it violated the criminal libel laws.

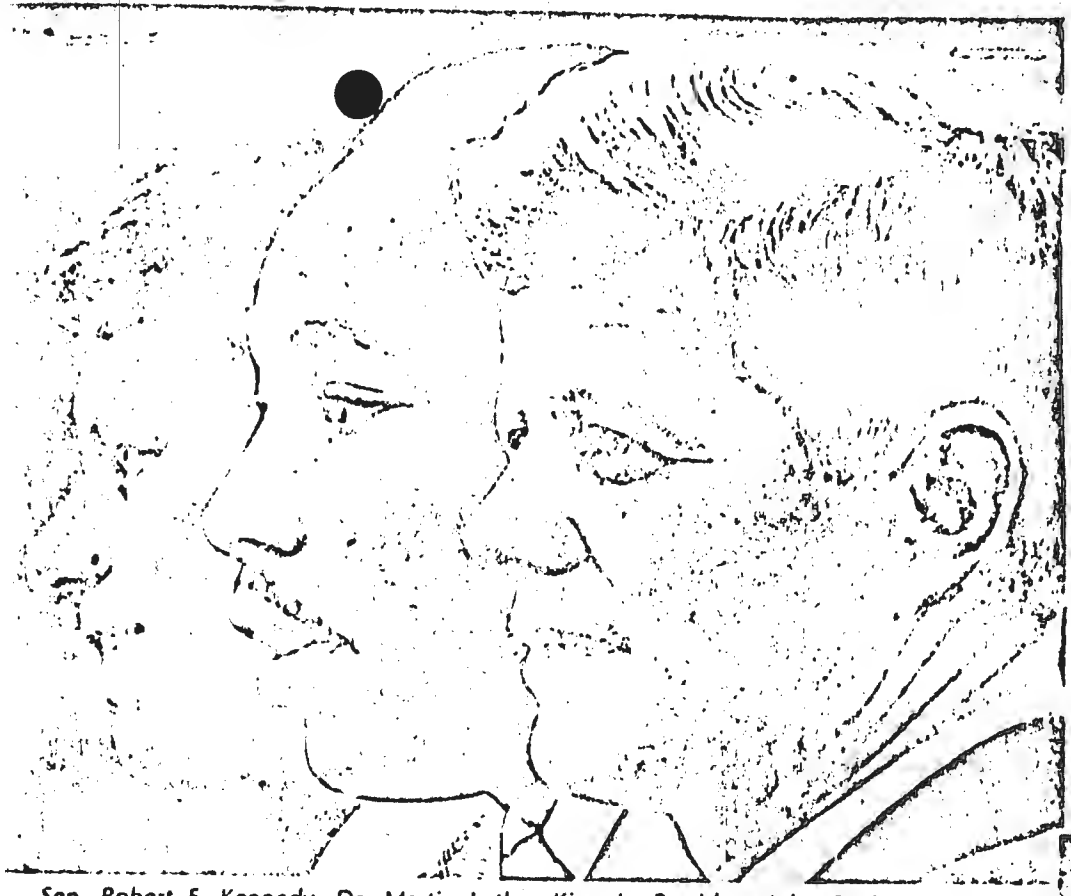
Never before has the public been more in need of protection from the hate mongers.



SIRHAN SIRHAN



JAMES EARL RAY



Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., President John F. Kennedy.



LEE HARVEY OSWALD

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : MR. MOHR

DATE: December 4, 1968

FROM : N. P. CALLAHAN

SUBJECT: COST OF AIRPLANE TO RETURN JAMES EARL RAY FROM LONDON, ENGLAND, TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

On October 2, 1968, a memorandum from the Director went forward to Mr. Leo M. Pellerzi, Assistant Attorney General for Administration in the Department, transmitting a voucher in the amount of $9,214.60 received from the Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, which covered the cost of the flight of the plane from the United States to England to pick up James Earl Ray and return him to the United States and that the Department could effect payment of this voucher which was erroneously directed to the Bureau. The Budget Officer of the Department at the time that this voucher was forwarded to the Department indicated that it would probably be paid from Department funds and that the State of Tennessee promised to reimburse the Department.

By way of background, when the arrangements were being effected for Ray's return to this country from London, England, by Fred Vinson, Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division in the Department, it was recommended that the Department should bear the expense and the Director indicated "Most certainly."

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Pellerzi of the Department telephonically contacted the writer on December 3rd and stated he wondered if the Bureau as a favor would consider paying the voucher received from the Air Force in the amount of $9,214.60 since the Department has endeavored to have both the State of Tennessee and the State of Missouri, where Ray escaped prison, reimburse it for this expense with negative results. Pellerzi stated that the Marshals' funds are practically exhausted and if there was any way the Bureau could pay this voucher it would be appreciated.

DEC 19

Inasmuch as the Director has previously concurred in the Department bearing this cost since they made all of the arrangements in connection therewith and further since this Bureau has itself expended over a million dollars in manpower and other expenses incidental to the King assassination case, it is not felt the Bureau should pay the voucher.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Pellerzi be informed that the Bureau cannot pay the voucher as requested by him.

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Rosen NPC:gt

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4:13 PM DEFERRED 11-26-68 WLB

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) & MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM JACKSON (157-9586)

MURKIN.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER TWENTY ONE, LAST.

RE LOS ANGELES AIRTEL SET OUT THAT MRS. W. PITMAN, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, ON NOVEMBER TWELVE, LAST, OBSERVED CARD BOARD BOX IN THE REAR PARKING AREA OF THE BANK WHERE SHE WAS EMPLOYED. THIS BOX BORE PENCILED HANDWRITING AS FOLLOWS "JAMES EARL RAY, ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET, LELAND, MISSISSIPPI, JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER. THE HANDWRITING APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY THE SAME PERSON. ON THE BOX WERE NAMES JOHN AND JONOUR. 44-1-3861-5416

JACKSON INDICES CONTAIN NO RECORD OF RAFORD AND TUCKER OR SIMILARITIES THEREOF OF JONOUR. 44-38861-5383

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CHIEF OF POLICE E. J. DEAN, LELAND, MISS., ADVISED NOV 27 1968

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cc Mr. Y

INSTANT, DATE THAT MRS. MARGARET BERRY, NEGRO, LIVES AT ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET, LELAND. ADVISED HE HAS NO ARREST RECORD FOR HER. CHIEF DEAN ADVISED THAT NAMES OF JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER AND JONOUR ARE UNKNOWN TO HIM. HE KNOWS OF NO ONE IN LELAND BY THE NAME OF JAMES EARL RAY AND OF NO ONE IN CALIFORNIA WHO MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LELAND ADDRESS ON THE BOX.

MRS. MARGARET BERRY, ONE ONE TWO TUCKER STREET, LELAND, MISS., ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT SHE HAS LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS SINCE JANUARY, FIFTY FOUR, WHEN SHE PURCHASED THE HOUSE. SHE LIVES AT THIS RESIDENCE WITH TWO YOUNG NIECES. SHE ADVISED THAT SHE HAS NO IDEA WHY A BOX SHOULD BE LOCATED IN CALIFORNIA WITH HER ADDRESS ON IT. THE NAMES JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., JOHN WESLEY TUCKER AND JONOUR ARE UNKNOWN TO HER. SHE ADVISED SHE HAS A NEPHEW EDDIE JONES AND A NIECE RUBY JONES AS OF FORTY SEVEN, IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. SHE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM THEM SINCE THAT TIME. SHE HAS NO RELATIVES OR FRIENDS IN CALIFORNIA.

END PAGE TWO

SHE KNOWS OF TWO BOYS FROM LELAND WHO ARE IN CALIFORNIA, CITIES UNKNOWN, BY THE NAMES OF FIRST NAME UNKNOWN WARREN AND JAMES LOVEY. THESE BOYS, WHILE IN LELAND, LIVED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN AND WERE NOT CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH HER.

.LOS ANGELES BEING ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.

~~CORRECTION THIRD LINE FROM END, WORD FIVE SHOWXXSHOULED BE TOWN NOT TOON.~~

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FBI WASH DC

FBI

Date: 12-6-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561)

RE: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtel to Director, 5-1-68, and Indianapolis airtel to Director, 10-17-68.

On December 5 and 6, 1968, [redacted] temporarily residing Room 224, Rogers Hotel, Bloomington, Illinois, an unsavory individual with alleged underworld connections, contacted a representative of the Springfield Office.

[redacted] advised that since casually meeting [redacted] in a bar he has associated with him constantly from November 26, 1968, to the present. He identified [redacted] as the owner of the [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, whose wife, [redacted] was currently confined to St. Joseph Hospital, Bloomington, Illinois, where she has given birth to a child.

As noted in referenced communications, [redacted] who apparently has a history of mental illness, has alleged he had information concerning the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING. [redacted] related the story as furnished him by [redacted] with events in the order as set forth in referenced airtels. [redacted] alleged to [redacted] that the FBI was fully familiar with his story; that he is well acquainted with numerous agents throughout the United States and that "federal agents" were protecting him and are constantly alert to his whereabouts. According to

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3 - Bureau
1 - Memphis (44-1987)(Info.)
1 - Indianapolis (44-563)(Info.)
1 - Chicago (44-1114)(Info.)
1 - Springfield
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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date:

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Via _____ _____
(Priority)

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[redacted] continually discusses the MARTIN LUTHER KING killing and has furnished so much alleged detail in this matter that he has [redacted] thoroughly confused. [redacted] allegedly is in the process of selling his story concerning the KING slaying to the "Chicago Daily News" for $2,500,000 and he has an appointment with JOHN LINDSTROM on December 7, 1968, at a motel in Lafayette, Indiana, concerning his story. [redacted] allegedly stated whoever will pay the most for his story will get it.

[redacted] advised he and [redacted] travelled to the office of [redacted] attorney, [redacted] Y, of the [redacted] Indianapolis, Indiana, where between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., December 5, 1968, [redacted] made four or five disk recordings utilizing both sides of the recording disks in which he related all of his alleged facts concerning the KING slaying. [redacted] then allegedly contacted or was to contact an agent of the Indianapolis Office.

Incidental to their trip to Indianapolis, Indiana, [redacted] and [redacted] travelled to the Veterans Administration Hospital, Danville, Illinois, where [redacted] is allegedly a patient on temporary leave due to report back on December 26, 1968. The purpose of the visit was to pick up checks mailed to [redacted] at the hospital but after entering the hospital [redacted] returned to [redacted] and stated the checks had not come.

In view of past information concerning [redacted] no action is recommended. Additional information furnished by [redacted] in this matter will be furnished the Bureau and interested offices upon its receipt.

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Special Agent in Charge

FBI

Date: 12/3/68

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Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

OO: ME

Re Bureau airtel dated 11/19/68.

RE: [redacted]

Memphis is not in possession of any information concerning [redacted] other than that contained in Birmingham airtel, 11/15/68, a copy of which was furnished to the Bureau.

[redacted] allegedly overheard a conversation between four Negro males during which the word or the name KING was used. Since we are certain that the victim KING was killed by subject RAY, a white male, and since we have no reason to suspect that he was aided by one or more Negro males, it does not appear that [redacted] information has any connection with this matter or that it warrants any further action.

Memphis does not feel that this interview with [redacted] is pertinent to this case but will, UACB, include his interview in the next report as previously instructed by the Bureau..

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See BUP airtel to Memphis 11/19/68

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Date: 12/6/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

MURKIN

(OO: Memphis)

Memphis Office is continuing to review the investigation relating to information contained in the "Look" Magazine articles prepared by WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE.

Investigation concerning his employment at the Indian Trail Restaurant (5/3/67-6/24/67) and his residence at 2731 North Sheffield, Chicago, Ill., is contained in the report of SA RENE J. DUMAINE dated 10/2/68 at Chicago. Note that this is his first employment following his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary on 4/23/68.

The Springfield Office has determined that the subject on 6/5/67, while still employed at the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Ill., purchased a 1959 Chrysler from one GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, [redacted] Chicago, Ill. It is not known what became of this Chrysler; however, the Illinois license for the Chrysler was transferred to a 1962 Plymouth which was purchased 7/14/67 from Bundy Oldsmobile, Inc., East St. Louis, Ill. Note that this Plymouth was purchased about three weeks after the subject left his employment at Winnetka, Ill., and four days after the purchase he signed a lease on 7/18/67 at the Harkay Apartments, Montreal, Canada.

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Via _____ _____
(Priority)

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Both the Chrysler and the Plymouth are mentioned by HUIE in the first of his "Look" articles, and this Plymouth is the car RAY had in his possession when he met the mysterious "RAOUL" in Canada. In the second of the "Look" articles, it is reported that on instructions from "RAOUL" this car was sold by RAY in Chicago on or about 8/22/67. Illinois Motor Vehicle records reflect that on 8/25/67 this Plymouth was purchased from the subject by JERRY W. RYAN, [redacted] Northbrook, Ill., and on 10/20/67 JERRY W. RYAN sold this car to GJERDIS DOROTHEA RAY, [redacted] Deerfield, Ill. It is believed that JERRY W. RYAN is the subject's brother and that GJERDIS RAY is JERRY RAY's former wife. Investigation is continuing in this regard.

The second of the "Look" articles states that when RAY met "RAOUL" at Windsor, Ontario, on 8/21/67, RAY made two trips in his automobile between Windsor and Detroit, each time bringing undeclared items through customs which items were turned over to "RAOUL" in Detroit. The "Look" article states that on the second of these trips RAY declared his television set and paid duty in the amount of $4.50. He declared the television set in hopes that this would prevent a thorough inspection of his automobile by customs officials. Neither Detroit nor Buffalo has been able to locate a record to verify that such a customs declaration was ever made.

This same "Look" article states that after leaving Windsor, Ontario, on 8/21/67, RAY spent the night of 8/21/67 in a motel about five miles east of Gary, Indiana. A canvass of motels in that area has failed to locate a registration for RAY on that date.

The "Look" article indicates that RAY was instructed by "RAOUL" to go to Birmingham, Alabama, from Canada. RAY went to Birmingham where he spent the night of 8/25/67, at the Granada Hotel. This article further states that on other occasions RAY stayed at the Provincial Motel in New Orleans; at the Flamingo Motel in Selma, Ala.;

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at the San Francisco Motel in Acapulco, Mexico; and at an unknown motel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Guest registrations from the Granada Hotel, the Provincial Motel and the Flamingo Motel have been obtained and are being compared in an effort to identify "RAOUL." The San Antonio Office has been unable to locate a registration for RAY in Nuevo Laredo. The Bureau has not instructed the Legat, Mexico, to conduct investigation at Acapulco.

LEADS:

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

Instruct Legat, Mexico, to conduct appropriate investigation to verify subject's stay at the San Francisco Motel, Acapulco, and to determine who his associates were during the approximately five days he spent in Acapulco. You will note the "Look" article states subject stayed one night at the San Francisco Motel and the next four nights at some other motel in Acapulco. Since we know he arrived in Puerto Vallarta on 10/19/67, he should have been in Acapulco approximately 10/14-18/67.

CHICAGO OFFICE:

Locate and interview all persons involved in the sale and/or transfer of instant 1959 Chrysler and instant 1962 Plymouth and determine who has possession of these cars at present.

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Special Agent in Charge

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FBI BIRMGHAM

223 PM URGENT 11-20-68 JGA

TO BUREAU 44-38861 MEMPHIS 44-1987 AND ST LOUIS

FROM BIRMINGHAM 44-1740

MURKIN

RE BUREAU AIRTEL NOVEMBER FOURTEEN LAST REQUESTING REGISTRATION RECORDS BE CHECKED AT GRANADA HOTEL FOR DATE AUGUST TWENTYFIVE SIXTYSEVEN AND NEARBY DATES RE SUBJECT RAY'S REGISTRATION AS ERIC S. GALT OR JOHN L. RAYNS IN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY "RAOUL" CONCERNING WHOM ARTICLE IN "LOOK" MAGAZINE NOVEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST ISSUE ALLEGES INVOLVEMENT WITH RAY.

REGISTRATION CARD NUMBER NINE ZERO TWO TWO, LOCATED GRANADA HOTEL TODAY FOR JOHN L. RAYNS, ONE EIGHT TWO FIVE LA FAYETTE STREET, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI WHO ARRIVED AT NINE ZERO FIVE AM SATURDAY, AUGUST TWENTYSIX SIXTYSEVEN, HAD LUGGAGE, AND WAS ASSIGNED ROOM TWO ONE ZERO AT RATE FOUR DOLLARS FIFTY CENTS WITH ONE IN PARTY WITH NO TELEPHONE CHARGES AND METHOD OF ARRIVAL UNKNOWN. BY REFERENCE TO PAGE SIXTYSIX OF REPORT SA HENRY A. SNOW, BIRMINGHAM, APRIL SEVEN-

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TEEN, SIXTYEIGHT, DATE OF ARRIVAL AT HOTEL WAS SAME DATE RAY, USING ALIAS GALT, RENTED ROOM FROM PETER CHERPES ON HIGHLAND AVENUE IN BIRMINGHAM.

REVIEW OF HOTEL RECORDS CONTINUING TO IDENTIFY "RAOUL" AND REGISTRATION CARD OF RAYNS WILL BE FORWARDED FBI LABORATORY.

ST. LOUIS AT ST. LOUIS IF NOT PREVIOUSLY DONE, IDENTIFY ADDRESS ONE EIGHT TWO FIVE LA FAYETTE STREET WITH ANY KNOWN ACTIVITIES OF SUBJECT.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO NEW ORLEANS, MOBILE, AND SAN ANTONIO.

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CALLED: 2:15
y 11:... Time 3:35 PM

cc- Mr. Conrad

FBI

Date: 11-14-68

Transmit the following in _____
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Via Airtel REGISTERED
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)(P)

Subject: MURKIN
(OO: ME)

Re Ottawa airtel 10-25-68, and Ottawa routing slip 11-8-68, forwarding results RCMP interview of Claire Keating.

On 11-12-68, Legat, discussed question of dissemination with Sergeant [redacted] Criminal Investigation Branch, RCMP Headquarters, who said that in view of recent publicity in Canada identifying Keating as the woman Ray contacted in Grey Rocks, Montreal and Ottawa, there would be no objection to disseminating information in RCMP letter dated 10-25-68, to Tennessee authorities.

The information in Ottawa "A" Division report dated 11-1-68, may be disseminated if the information is paraphrased to protect the identities of [redacted] and [redacted]

5 - Bureau
1 cc - Liaison Direct
1 cc - Memphis (44-1987)
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Date: 11/26/68

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: Memphis)

Re Bureau airtel to Birmingham, New Orleans, Memphis, Mobile, and San Antonio, dated 11/14/68.

Enclosed herewith for Memphis are 25 copies each, and for the Bureau one copy each, of FD-302's pertaining to investigation conducted at Selma, and Montgomery, Alabama, relative to captioned case. As noted, investigation conducted on 11/9/68, was conducted as a result of Bureau telephone conversation requesting contact at the Flamingo Motel to determine if ERIC S. GALT or JOHN L. RAYNS were at the motel during the period 3/21,22 or 23/68.

Investigation conducted by SA [redacted] at the Flamingo Motel on 11/25/68, was conducted as a result of referenced Bureau airtel.

The FD-302's are furnished to Memphis for incorporation in their next report and a copy of each is designated for the Bureau so that the Bureau might be apprised of the results of this investigation.

No further investigation being conducted at Mobile at this time and this case being considered RUC to Memphis.

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2 - Memphis (Encs 75)
1 - Mobile
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 11/25/68

FROM : J. P. Dunphy

SUBJECT: MURKIN

(U) This is the case involving the killing of Martin Luther King.

By my memorandum 11/15/68, the Director approved that the Exhibits Section prepare a three-dimensional trial exhibit which had been requested by Phil M. Canale, Jr., District Attorney General for Shelby County, Tennessee.

During period 11/19-23/68 necessary measurements were taken of the crime scene area. Accompanying me were Exhibits Specialists Brent H. Hughes and F. Thomas Peyton. We met with Mr. Canale and other members of his staff and after surveying the area and hearing from them the location of their various witnesses, I informed them it will be necessary to construct two and possibly three models to properly show the relationship of the various buildings and also the interior of the rooming house from which the shot was fired. They were informed we will attempt to have these exhibits completed by 2/15/69. The trial is now scheduled for 3/3/69.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

44-38861

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Bishop

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Date: 11-15-68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

In view of the postponement of trial until March 3, 1969, State Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE inquired today as to the possibility of exhibit being prepared by FBI in this case. He expressed the opinion that an exhibit prepared by the FBI would be of immeasurable assistance in the prosecution of this case. Mr. CANALE expressed a preference for a three-dimensional type exhibit.

Memphis of opinion that exhibit prepared by FBI will definitely be an asset in handling of case and will bring favorable reaction for FBI. If work schedule of Exhibits Section permits construction of exhibit, Memphis recommends this be done. If approval for construction of exhibit granted, further details will be secured.

3 BUREAU (AM)
1 MEMPHIS
RGJ:BN
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Approval & Copy Letter from memo JPB to MFC dtd 11-15-68 copy "Murkin" Airtel to begin 11-19-68

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FBI INDAPOLS

1247PM URGENT 11/14/68 OJS

TO DIRECTOR

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (44-563)

MURKIN. OO - MEMPHIS.

RE INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU, NOV. THIRTEEN LAST.

REGISTRATION RECORDS FOR AUG. TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, CHECKED THIS DATE AT U. S. TWENTY MOTEL, PORTAGE, IND. NO RECORD FOUND FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ERIC S. GALT OR JOHN L. RAYNS.

AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

AM COPY MEMPHIS.

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Date: 11/22/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: Director, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, Detroit (44-989)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Detroit, dated 11/19/68 and Detroit airtel to the Bureau, dated 11/14/68.

Detroit's check of Customs receipts for all items imported through the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and Ambassador Bridge, Detroit, Michigan, during the period 4/67 - 5/68, included all known aliases of JAMES EARL RAY, No customs receipts indicating the importation of a television set on which $4.50 duty was paid was located in any name.

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3 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Detroit
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J. C. • Bishop.

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FBI

Date: 11-26-68

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Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

MURKIN

There are enclosed original and one copy of newspaper clipping in this matter.

3 BUREAU (Enc. 2)
1 MEMPHIS

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1 Det Kpr Room

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Approved: R G Jensen Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

Foreman Visits Ray In Shelby Jail Cell

Percy Foreman, the volatile Texas attorney defending James Earl Ray, charged with murder in the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was back in Houston today after paying a visit to his new client in Memphis yesterday.

Foreman said, "I saw him yesterday and that is all I'm going to say." He visited Ray in his Shelby County jail cell.

Foreman is the man who succeeded Arthur Hanes Sr., of Birmingham, Ala., as attorney for Ray just before Ray was to have gone on trial. The switch in attorneys forced postponement of the trial.

Hanes said in Birmingham that he has met with Foreman and has supplied Foreman with material he compiled while he was Ray's lawyer. Foreman left Birmingham and spent yesterday in Memphis, before returning to Houston.

Meanwhile, Shelby County ~~Criminal~~ Court Judge W. Preston Battle virtually ruled out the use of closed circuit television to provide newsmen with electronic coverage of the Ray trial.

Ray is now slated to go on trial March. 3. Various news agencies have been allotted 38 regular seats in the courtroom and four others on a rotating basis.

"I don't think we can do it," Battle replied when asked if he would consider a private television hookup for newsmen.

County ~~Dist Atty~~. Gen. Phil M. Canale, prosecutor in the Ray case, said "I'm against it."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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[illegible], TENNESSEE

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FBI

Date: 11/19/68

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (44-561) - P -

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Springfield 11/18/68.

Invoices of Mixon Buick Company, 1910 State Street, and C and C Motors, Collinsville, Illinois, formerly located 1960 State Street (becomes West Main Street at Belleville City line), both East St. Louis, Illinois, checked, and no record identifiable with JAMES EARL RAY or under name of RAYNS or suspect 1962 Plymouth Oldsmobile located.

Check of Soundex Records, Illinois Motor Vehicle Bureau, in name of RAYNS located no record.

3 - Bureau (44-38861) (RM)
1 - Memphis (info) (RM)
2 - Springfield (44-561)
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Special Agent in Charge

Mr. Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General

November 26, 1968

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter directed to this Bureau from Mr. Percy Foreman, Attorney at Law, 804 South Coast Building, Houston, Texas 77002.

We have acknowledged receipt of Mr. Foreman's letter and have advised him that his letter has been referred to you.

Enclosure

REL:jms

NOTE: Percy Foreman, the attorney for James Earl Ray in a letter to the Bureau dated 11-23-68, requested information on an alleged prior plot to assassinate Martin Luther King, Jr., and also information regarding fingerprints distributed to law enforcement officials by Missouri State Penitentiary on James Earl Ray, which were reportedly those of another individual. Foreman's letter being acknowledged with advice that his letter has been referred to Assistant Attorney General Stephen J. Pollak and suggesting he may desire to contact Mr. Pollak. In view of fact that Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, prosecuting Ray on state charge, the matter of furnishing Mr. Canale a copy of letter from Percy Foreman will be discussed with Department.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 44-1574
FBI FILE NO. 44-38861
LATENT CASE NO. 91075

November 29, 1968

TO: SAC, Los Angeles

RE: MURKIN
CR

REFERENCE: Airtel 11-21-68
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: Los Angeles
SPECIMENS: Portion of cardboard box, Q410

Listed Q specimen is described in the Laboratory report, which is being furnished separately.

No latent impressions of value developed on Q410, which is enclosed.

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2 - Memphis (44-1687)
1 - Jackson

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE LAB FILE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: LURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File # 44-38861 5431
Lab. # D-681125011 JK
LC# 91075

Examination requested by: Los Angeles (44-1574) Airtel 11/21/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint Date received: 11/25/68

Result of Examination: Examination by: Mortimer Bonebrake

Specimens submitted for examination

Q44O Portion of a cardboard box bearing handwritten notations including the name and address ""James Earl Ray 112 Tucker St. Leland, Mississippi"

Examination completed 4 p.m. 11-26 Dictated 11-26
Time Date Date

11/21/68

AIRTEL AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

[redacted] Pasadena, California, advised that his wife is employed at the Crocker-Citizens National Bank, Lake and Green Streets, Pasadena. On 11/12/68 [redacted] observed a cardboard box in the rear parking area of the bank. This box bore penciled handwriting as follows:

"JAMES EARL RAY
112 Tucker Street
Leland, Mississippi"

"JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR."

"JOHN WESLEY TUCKER"

The above appeared to have been written by the same person.

Also written on this box were the names "JOHN" and "JONOUR", which appeared to have been written by a different person.

[redacted] retained the box, which was furnished to SA [redacted], Pasadena Resident Agency, by her husband. [redacted] stated that neither he nor his wife has any additional information regarding the box, who placed it in the parking lot,

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when it was placed there or how long it had been there.

The indices of the Los Angeles Office contain no reference to JOHN WESLEY RAFORD, JR., or JOHN WESLEY TUCKER.

Enclosed for the Laboratory is the original portion of the box, as furnished to SA [redacted] for comparative examination with other samples of handwriting submitted in this matter.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a photograph of the handwriting. Two photographs of the above-described handwriting are enclosed for Jackson and Memphis.

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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Conrad
1 - Mr. Griffith
1 - Mr. Mortimer
1 - Lab File

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 26, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681125011 JK

Examination requested by: Los Angeles

Reference: Airtel 11/21/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint 44-38861-5432

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Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q410.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

2 - Los Angeles (44-1574) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 26, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861 53?1
Lab. No. D-681125011 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 11/25/68

Q410 Portion of a cardboard box bearing handwritten notations including the name and address "James Earl Ray 112 Tucker St. Leland, Mississippi"

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned handwriting appearing on Q410 was not prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G. The hand printing on Q410 is too limited for an adequate examination; however, differences were noted between this limited hand printing and the known hand printing of RAY.

Q410 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 29, 1968

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681126110 JK

Examination requested by: Birmingham

Reference: Letter 11/22/68

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

You will be advised separately regarding the results of the fingerprint examination and disposition of Q411.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

1 - Birmingham (44-1740) Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - Mobile Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - New Orleans Enclosure (Lab report)
1 - St. Louis Enclosure (Lab report)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: FBI, Memphis (44-1987)

Date: November 29, 1968
FBI File No. 44-38861
Lab. No. D-681126110 JK

Re: MURKIN
CR

Specimens received 11/26/68

Q411 Registration card bearing the name and address "John L. Rayms 1825 Lafayette St. St. Louis Mo."

Result of examination:

Employing K171, K211, and K257 as known standards, it was concluded that the questioned writings on the Q411 registration card were prepared by JAMES EARL RAY, FBI #405942G.

Q411 will be returned separately. Photographs were made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: [illegible]
CR
CC: [illegible]

File # bh-38861 -5433
Lab. # D-6811261JO JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Birmingham (bh-1740) Letter 11/22/68

Examination requested: Document, fingerprint Date received: 11/20/68

Result of Examination: Examination by: Cortner 11/27/68

Specimens submitted for examination

Q1 Registration card bearing the name and address "John L. Hayes 1025 Lafayette St. N.E. Lewis [illegible]."

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DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) 11/22/68
ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

SAC, BIRMINGHAM (44-1740)(P)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel 11/14/68, and Birmingham teletype 11/20/68.

Enclosed please find the original of a registration card believed for subject RAY under alias JOHN L. RAYNS. This reflects his registration at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, 8/26/67, at the Grenada Hotel, Birmingham, a third rate institution, giving residence address of 1825 Lafayette St., St. Louis, Missouri.

It is requested that the handwriting appearing on the three lines of the registration card be compared with known handwriting of subject RAY. A Xerox copy of the registration card is also enclosed for the Bureau and each office receiving this communication. Mr. ADRIAN KOONCE, Clerk, has no independent recollection of RAYNS.

A review of all registration cards during the period 8/22-28/67 has been completed without noting any significant card which might be indicative of the presence of "RAOUL" during the period. A list of the names will be furnished Memphis.

2 - Bureau (Enc. 2)(AM - RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Enc. 1)(AM)
2 - Mobile (Enc. 1)(AM)
2 - New Orleans (Enc. 1)(AM)
2 - St. Louis (Enc. 1)(AM)
2 - Birmingham
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: MURKIN
CR
OO: Memphis (44-1987)

File #
Lab. # 44-38861
D-681126110 JK

Examination requested by: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

Letter 11/22/68
Date received: 11/26/68

Examination requested: Document, Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Mortimer

Ltr. return Q#11 to SAC
Copied to ASE (44-1987)
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Examined and Returned by LFPS
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Specimens submitted for examination

Received by LFPS
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Q#11 Registration card bearing the name and address "John L. Rayns 1825 Lafayette St. St. Louis Mo."

12-11-68

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4) (Enc. 4)
SAC, Memphis (44-1987) (Enc. 3)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Legat Ottawa airtels to the Bureau dated 12-3,6-68.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) report enclosed to re communication contains an interview with one Jean-Marie Charron, co-owner of Neptune Tavern, Montreal, Canada, who states that two men who identified themselves as "newspaper reporters" from the United States exhibited two photographs to him; one allegedly of James Earl Ray, and the other allegedly of "Raoul." To date these "newspaper reporters" have not been identified, and the RCMP is making an all-out effort to identify the reporters, as well as "Raoul."

William Bradford Huie has written two articles for "Look" magazine concerning the activities of Ray and contained in these articles are various accounts of Ray's activities in Canada, as well as photographs of establishments in Canada including the Neptune Tavern in Montreal. The credit in "Look" magazine for the photographs has been given to one James Hansen. The possibility exists that Huie and Hansen are the "newspaper reporters" who appeared in the Netune Tavern.

The Bureau has obtained photographs of William Bradford Huie and James Hansen and enclosed are two photographs each for Legat Ottawa. Legat Ottawa should request the RCMP to exhibit photographs of Huie and Hansen to Jean-Marie Charron, co-owner of the Neptune Tavern in Montreal, to determine if Huie and Hansen were the individuals who exhibited photographs to him; one allegedly being Ray and one allegedly being "Raoul."

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1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA Graham Day)

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Airtel to Legat, Ottawa
SAC, Memphis
RE: MURKIN

In the RCMP report enclosed to Legat Ottawa airtel to the Bureau 12-3-68, mention is made of newspaper article appearing in "The Gazette" Montreal on November 12, 1968. Legat Ottawa should obtain this article and forward same to the Bureau.

Legat Ottawa's communication under date of 12-6-68 advised that Bruce Taylor, a reporter for the "Montreal Star," interviewed Charron and exhibited two photographs of Ray to him. Mention was made that Taylor was the author of an article which appeared in the 10-31-68 edition of said newspaper. Legat Ottawa should obtain a copy of this article and provide the Bureau with same.

The RCMP should be requested to resolve if possible with Charron whether his comments relative to the two news reporters from the U. S. could possibly refer in fact to the contact with him by Bruce Taylor of the "Montreal Star." The RCMP should also be requested to obtain a copy of the photograph of Ray displayed by Taylor to Charron and forward it to the Bureau. If copy of photograph not available detailed description of it should be obtained.

Enclosed for Memphis is a copy of the RCMP report regarding the efforts to identify "Raoul." This RCMP report is not to be disseminated outside your office, as it is for information only.. Also enclosed for Memphis for information is a photograph of Huie and one of Hansen. Memphis should immediately advise if any information has been received to indicate that two "newspaper reporters" from the United States have been in Canada exhibiting photographs of Ray and "Raoul."

The Bureau does not have any information indicating two "newspaper reporters" from the United States have been in Canada exhibiting photographs.

NOTE:

We have been attempting to identify an individual by the name of "Raoul." According to two articles which appeared in "Look" magazine written by William Bradford Huie, "Raoul" contacted Ray on several occasions and supplied Ray with funds. (Exact reason unknown, not set forth in these articles.) Our investigation as well as RCMP investigation to date has not identified "Raoul," however, Ray and another allegedly that of "Raoul" were displayed by two newspaper people from the United States to the co-owner of the Neptune Bar in Montreal.

It is possible that Huie and Hansen may be the newspaper people that were in the Neptune Tavern in Montreal, therefore, the Bureau instructed the Washington Field Office to check with the Passport Office in the event Huie and Hansen had obtained passports and as a result, photographs were obtained. We are transmitting the photographs to Legat Ottawa and Legat Ottawa is being instructed to request the RCMP to exhibit these photographs to determine if Huie and Hansen were the "newspaper people" from the U. S. displaying photographs. We are also requesting Legat Ottawa to forward two newspaper articles to us mentioned in their communications but not received by us.

Memphis is being furnished a copy of the RCMP report and a photograph of Huie and Hansen for their information. They are also being requested to advise if any information has been received by them concerning the two newspaper people. The Bureau is not aware of any of this type of information; however, Memphis does receive negative type information, which the Bureau would not have.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

REC-29 [illegible] 157-5435

To: SAC, San Francisco

From: Director, FBI (157-3231)

MURKIN

Re Tampa letter to the Bureau dated 12-3-68.

Enclosed for the assistance of San Francisco is one copy of re communication.

The Bureau has been endeavoring to identify an individual by the name of "Raoul" based upon two articles appearing in "Look" magazine, written by William Bradford Huie. San Francisco should review the "Look" issues of November 12 and 26, 1968, for background data.

In accordance with information contained in referenced communication, San Francisco should attempt to identify the Chase Lounge on Ellis and Larkin Streets and, thereafter, attempt to identify individual referred to as "Raul" as appearing in referenced communication.

San Francisco keep the Bureau advised of developments.

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1 - Memphis

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NOTE:

Based upon articles written by William Bradford Huie concerning the activities of James Earl Ray, which appeared in "Look" magazine, we have been attempting to identify an individual by the name of "Raoul," who allegedly supplied funds to Ray.

Tampa advised that an individual by the name of [redacted] of Orlando contacted their office and stated that she knew an individual by the name of "Raul" whom she associated with in San Francisco in 1965, and she feels that this individual may be identical with "Raoul."

San Francisco is being instructed to conduct appropriate investigation.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-587) DATE: 12/3/6

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-3231)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN; MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

On 10/30/68, [redacted] Orlando, Fla., telephonically furnished the following information: CALL-IN

She stated she had just read an article in the Orlando Sentinel newspaper regarding a magazine story on JAMES EARL RAY. This article mentioned an individual named "RAUL," who met RAY in Canada during the time he was a fugitive. She stated the article mentioned RAY made a deal with RAUL to deliver a package to the United States and was to have been paid $12,000 by RAUL. The article described RAUL as a blond Latin who was a seaman.

[redacted] stated she knew a men named RAUL in San Francisco in March or April, 1965. This individual was involved in some kind of racket, either in San Francisco, Cal. or Las Vegas, Nevada, which she believed to be extortion. She became involved with him while working as a hostess in the Chase Lounge on Ellis and Larkin Streets, in San Francisco. One night, when RAUL became intoxicated, and after flashing a large amount of money, accused her of stealing $100 from him.

As a result of this incident, RAUL embarked on a campaign to harass her. As a result of this, she had been arrested and was told at a later date by an unrecalled person that RAUL had been deported to England. She is now certain RAUL is the same person mentioned in the RAY article.

During this interview, [redacted] could not give specific answers to questions and became very evasive when questions were asked. She admitted she had suffered a nervous breakdown while living in California and was hesitant in identifying herself, stating she "did not want to get involved."

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2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(RM)
1 - Tampa

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
MOBILE	MEMPHIS	12/10/68	12/4/68

TITLE OF CASE	REPORT MADE BY	TYPED BY
JAMES EARL RAY, aka; Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM	SA CARMELO GRAFFAGNINI	/mrc
	CHARACTER OF CASE CR - CONSPIRACY UFAC - ROBBERY	

REFERENCE: New Orleans report of SA ALBERT B. MILLER 11/27/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

During the interview of HENRY R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were shown to them. Neither QUINN or LACEY ever recall seeing RAY at the Provencial Motel while in New Orleans or any other time.

The indices of the Mobile Office are negative regarding JOE LACEY JR., and HENRY R. QUINN.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS CLAIMED					NONE	ACQUIT-TALS	CASE HAS BEEN:
CONVIC	AUTO	FUG	FINES	SAVINGS	RECOVERIES		PENDING OVER ONE YEAR ☐YES ☐NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS ☐YES ☐NO

APPROVED: SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA CARMELO GRAFFAGNINI Office: MOBILE
Date: December 10, 1968

Field Office File #: MO 157-2627 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS - CONSPIRACY;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID CONFINEMENT - ROBBERY

Synopsis: HENRY R. QUINN and JOE LACEY, JR., [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, advised that they are partners in the interior decorating business in Montgomery, and that they were in New Orleans, Louisiana, staying at the Provencial Motel on December 14 through 16, 1967, in Room Number 126. JOE LACEY, JR. advised they called ELIZABETH R. PANNELL in Montgomery at telephone number 205-262-[redacted] from the motel on or about December 16, 1967, as she was a client of theirs. Neither QUINN or LACEY, JR., recall seeing anyone fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY, nor does the name RAOUL mean anything to them.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/68

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HENRY R. QUINN, [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, advised that he and his cousin JOE LACEY, JR., who resides at the same address, are in the interior decorator business together. QUINN advised that he and LACEY traveled to New Orleans, Louisiana, in December of 1967, in a white Chevrolet station wagon, for the purpose of purchasing antiques in the French Quarter in New Orleans for a client of theirs, Mrs. ELIZABETH B. PANNELL. QUINN stated that while in New Orleans, they stayed at the Provencial Motel on Chartres Street. QUINN stated that they customarily take room 126 while staying in New Orleans at the Provencial Motel because of its convenient location to their automobile which is customarily parked in front of the door of Room 126.

QUINN stated that he has lived in Montgomery, Alabama, for the past fifteen years and has been employed there with his cousin, JOE LACEY, JR., as a free lance interior decorator. He stated that he was born in Shelby County, North Carolina, on August 26, 1922.

QUINN advised that while staying at the Provencial Motel from December 14, 1967, through December 16, 1967, he does not recall having seen anyone fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY. He further advised that the name RACUL does not mean anything to him. He stated that while in New Orleans he did not spend much time at the motel but was busy shopping for antiques and that he did not notice anything suspicious while at the motel.

The following is a physical description of HENRY R. QUINN as obtained at the time of interview:

Name	HENRY R. QUINN
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	Shelby County, North Carolina
Occupation	Free lance interior decorator
Residence	[redacted] Montgomery, Alabama

On 12/4/68 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 157-2627

SA [redacted]

by SA CARMELO GRAFFAGNINI / mrc/CG Date dictated 12/9/68

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Sex	Male
Race	White
Height	5'8"
Weight	155 pounds
Build	Slender
Hair	Light brown, thinning
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Characteristics	Wears glasses

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 12/10/68

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JOE LACEY, JR., [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama, advised that he and his cousin, HENRY R. QUINN, are employed together as free lance interior decorators in Montgomery, Alabama. He advised that he traveled with QUINN to New Orleans, Louisiana, in December, 1967, and stayed at the Provencial Motel from December 14, through 16, 1967. LACEY advised that they stayed in Room 126, while at the Provencial Motel, and that they called ELIZABETH B. PANNELL at telephone number 205-262[redacted] from the motel on or about December 16, 1967, for the purpose of discussing the purchase of antiques for her, inasmuch as she was a client of theirs. LACEY stated that the purpose of their visit to New Orleans was the purchase of antiques in connection with their business.

LACEY advised that he does not recall seeing anyone fitting the description of JAMES EARL RAY, nor does the name RAOUL mean anything to him. LACEY stated that he does not recall anything of a suspicious nature taking place while he was a guest at the Provencial Motel and does not recall anything in addition to the above concerning his visit to New Orleans.

The following is a description of JOE LACEY, JR., as obtained at the time of interview:

Name	JOE LACEY, JR.
Residence	[redacted] Montgomery, Alabama
Occupation	Free lance interior decorator
Sex	Male
Race	White
Date of birth	[redacted]
Place of birth	Woodward, Alabama
Height	6'
Weight	180 pounds
Hair	Light brown, balding in front
Complexion	Fair

On 12/4/68 at Montgomery, Alabama File # MO 157-2627

by SA [redacted] SA CARMELO GRAFFAGNINI [redacted] Date dictated 12/9/68

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Build	Medium
Eyes	Light, wears glasses

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The cross reference directory for Greater Montgomery and vicinity for telephones listed in March, 1967, reflects that telephone number 205-262[redacted] is listed to GRADY PANNELL.

Polk's City Directory for Montgomery, Alabama, 1968, reflects ELIZABETH B. PANNELL, widow of H. GRADY PANNELL residing at [redacted] Montgomery, Alabama.

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FBI

Date: 12-9-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Chicago and Birmingham are requested to expedite the submission of FD-302's regarding investigation of information appearing in the "Look" magazine articles, as Memphis is now preparing a report concerning this phase of the investigation.

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2 BIRMINGHAM
2 CHICAGO
1 MEMPHIS

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Special Agent in Charge

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Ray claimed in a recently published story in Look magazine about his activities here that he used only the Galt name while in Canada.

He said he chose the name while passing the city of Galt, Ont., on his way to Montreal and used it during visits to St. Jovite and Ottawa.

The 40-year-old alleged killer, whose trial is scheduled in Memphis, Tenn., for the middle of November, arrived in Dorion just one day after he fled the United States where he was sought for escaping from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The records of the Bourgarde Motel show that he



James Earl Ray

registered under the name of Rayns and listed his address as 507 Chestnut street, Winnetka, Ill. The address was that of a restaurant where Ray was employed for several weeks prior to his flight to Canada.

He was known to his employers as John L. Rayns, a name he often used after his jail break.

Although motel officials did not take his licence number, the desk clerk at the time noted he was driving a 1962 Plymouth.

The description of that car matches that of a vehicle purchased by Ray for $200 in East St. Louis, Mo., just before he crossed into Canada at Windsor, Ont.

The man who owned the Bourgarde Hotel last year, Guy Richer, says he remembers nothing about his infamous client.

"We were just too busy last year with Expo to take special notice of anybody. We were packed every night with all sorts of people," said Mr. Richer who has since sold the motel.

After his one night stay in Dorion, Ray reverted to the alias of Eric Stavo Galt.

At the Har-K Apartments, 2859 Notre Dame street east, where Ray signed a six month lease but stayed only until mid-August; and at the Gray Rocks Inn, a resort hotel in St. Jovite, 78 miles north of Montreal, he used the Galt name.

He also gave that name and his Notre Dame street address to a travel agency, located on Peel street, which arranged his reservation at Gray Rocks. The manager of the travel agency requested that their name not be published.

The man who made Ray's reservation and took a $20 cash deposit from him was unable to recognize or recall anything about him. He added that Ray was probably in the office for about only 10 minutes.

Waterfront haunt

At several other places that Ray is known to have frequented, the story is much the same.

He seems to have gone out of his way to behave unobtrusively and apparently always fit into whatever background necessary.

Along the city's tough waterfront between Place Royale and Place d'Youville where he spent much of his time in hopes of obtaining false identity papers, no one could



Martin Luther King

place the gaunt, stern-faced Ray.

The alleged killer claims that he spent several nights drinking in the Neptune Tavern, 121 Commissioners street west, and that he met a man named Raoul who offered him $12,000 to complete a mysterious assignment in the United States.

J. M. Charron, owner of the Neptune for the past several years, said it would be almost impossible to disaprove Ray's claim.

Peering at a recent photograph of Ray, Mr. Charron commented, "It could be that he was here. Who is going to say otherwise?

"I might have seen him and maybe even talked to him but it has been a year and two months since he was here. It is very, very difficult to say from pictures. They can be deceiving. And maybe he was wearing a disguise.

"Perhaps if I saw him in person I could say for sure."

As for Raoul, Mr. Charron said that the description of the man supplied by Ray "could be almost any sailor who comes in here every night of the year."

"We get all sorts in here. And especially last year with Expo on . . . Oh Boy! We had Russians, Englishmen, Americans, Negroes, yellows, whites . . . everybody.

"No, I cannot say that I recall anyone by the name of Raoul who hung out here."

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REGISTERED HERE: On the night of July 17, 1967, James Earl Ray registered at Bourgarde Motel on Harwood boulevard in Dorion as John L. Rayns, of 507 Chestnut street, Winnetka, Illinois. The address was that of a restaurant where he worked.

Shooting suspect surrenders

Willie Pomerleau, 17, the second man sought on a warrant for the Oct. 10 shooting of two men in a St. Michel auto repair shop, surrendered to Montreal police yesterday.

Accompanied by his lawyer, Pomerleau, a local nightclub owner, gave himself up to Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives at police headquarters on Bonsecours street.

Still sought is Jacques "Sonny" Coe, who police say took part in the shooting with Pomerleau and Rocco Girolamo. Girolamo, described as "practically unknown" with a small criminal record, surrendered to St. Michel detectives on Oct. 21, also in the presence of his lawyer.

Coe, considered extremely dangerous, is believed to have taken refuge in the Laurentian foothills.

Warrants for the three were issued shortly after Richard Blass, 29, and Claude Menard, 33, were shot and wounded as they sat in a car in a St chel repair shop. They "cut down" when they tr elude their aggressors.

Menard was released hospital three days late Blass, seriously injured partially paralyzed, is re ported in "fair" condit Jean Talon Hospital heavy police guard.

Once released from h detectives say Blass wi court charges on posses a loaded .38 calibre r which police found on the scene of the shooting

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House, 165 Place d'Youville, echoed Mr. Charron's words, as did waiters and barmen at Joe Beef's tavern, some 50 yards down the street.

"Who can tell for sure," a waiter at Joe Beef's mentioned. "We had so many people in here during Expo. We have so many in normal years but last year makes it even more impossible to figure."

Ray's chameleonic attributes served him well at the luxurious Gray Rock's resort where he stayed for a full week between July 31 and Aug. 5. Not a single employe remembered his face.

He spent so little time at the bar during the week that his liquor bill amounted to a penny-pinching $8. He paid that, and the $155 it cost for his single room with a bath, in cash. It was near the end of that week that he encountered the now famous lady civil servant from Ottawa.

Ray's romantic adventure with his civil servant girl friend who he had hoped would help get him a false Canadian passport, was probably the only close relationship he had in Montreal.

The connection between Ray and the lady whose identity still remains a secret was raised in the House of Commons this week but government officials pleaded ignorance to the existence of a romance and of the lady herself.

Local RCMP spokesmen also disclaimed any knowledge of her and refused comment as to whether they are investigating the matter.

Both the RCMP and the American FBI, however, have been scouring Ray's local hangouts since long before his arrest in England on June 8 of this year.

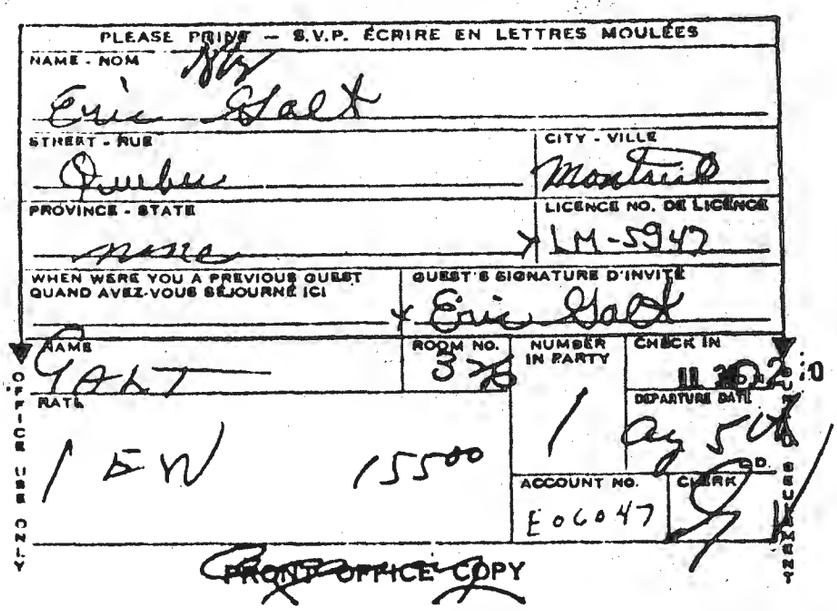
They asked for and received receipts, registration slips, and other material from Ray's lodgings and from the Tip Top Tailors shop, 488 St. Catherine street west, where he bought clothing and had a jacket altered.

Investigators also visited Ray's waterfront haunts but apparently had little success in discovering anyone who remembered him.

One thing which police overlooked was the night spent by Ray in the motel Bourgarde on Harwood boulevard in Dorion where he used the Rayns alias.

Mr. Richer told The Star that he was never contacted by anyone, police or journalists, about the subject until he received a visit from two Star reporters.

Operators of other Dorion motels, including Le Pavillon and the Miss Dorion said that they had been interrogated about the night of July 17, 1967.


PLEASE PRINT — S.V.P. ÉCRIRE EN LETTRES MOULÉES

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STREET - RUE: Quebec

CITY - VILLE: Montreal

PROVINCE - STATE: Quebec

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NAME: Galt

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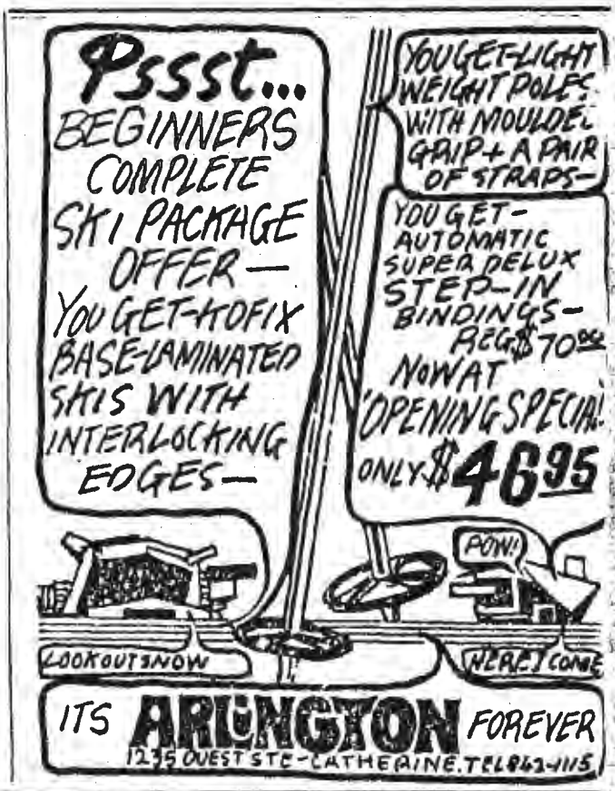
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SIGNED AS "ERIC GALT": Registration card filled out by Ray at Gray Rocks Inn at St. Jovite was signed "Eric Galt." He paid $155 for a week's accommodation.



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FBI

Date: 12-9-68

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AM (Priority)

Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Mr. Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

MURKIN

Being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover, directly to the Exhibits Section, Room 331, Old Post Office Building, Washington, D. C., are the following:

(1) Two copies of a street light distribution drawing prepared by Memphis Light, Gas & Water Division.

(2) Two copies of a scale drawing of the area around the Lorraine Motel, these drawings having been prepared by ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK.

(3) One copy of a Westinghouse Descriptive Bulletin #60-155, describing roadway lighting used in the area and a one-page legend of abbreviations.

The items enclosed may be useful to the Exhibits Section in preparing the exhibit to be utilized in connection with the trial of JAMES EARL RAY scheduled to convene on 3-3-69.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)
ATTN: EXHIBITS SECTION

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover directly to the Exhibits Section, Room 331, Old Post Office Building, Washington, D. C., is an architectural sketch made of the Lorraine Motel sign for the Lorraine Motel located at 406 Mulberry St., Memphis, Tenn.

This sketch is drawn to three-quarters inch scale to a foot and was furnished to SA ROBERT F. BOYLE by Mr. H. M. STEPHENS, Vice-President and General Manager of the Cummings and Co., a nation-wide sign service, 1200 Morehead St., Memphis, Tenn. Mr. STEPHENS advised that his company has not maintained any additional records or blueprints in connection with the manufacture and erection of this sign.

This sketch may be of assistance to the Exhibits Section in preparing the exhibit to be utilized in connection with the trial of JAMES EARL RAY scheduled to convene on 3/3/69 in Memphis.

The Exhibits Section is requested to return this sketch to the Memphis Division when no reason exists to maintain it by the Exhibits Section.

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Via Airtel REGISTERED
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To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)(P)

Subject: MURKIN

ReBUairtel 12-4-68.

Report of RCMP, Montreal, dated 11-22-68, classified "Confidential" as it identifies Mrs. Keating in paragraph 12 as Ray's companion at Grey Rocks Inn; however, in view of her subsequent identification in the Canadian press, there is no objection to dissemination of the report to the Department of Justice and Tennessee authorities.

It is to be noted that this past week end, Mrs. Keating brought action against Canadian news services responsible for identifying her with the woman referred to in "Look" magazine article by Huie.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (44-374) (P)

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Re Bureau telephone call to Buffalo, 11/25/68, and Memphis airtel, 11/27/68.

Enclosed herewith to Memphis are original and nine copies of investigative insert at Buffalo.

For information of Bureau, U.S. Customs, Buffalo, N.Y., could locate no record of JAMES EARL RAY declaring a television set at any point of entry to the United States within the Buffalo Division.

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1 - Buffalo

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	DATE	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD
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TITLE OF CASE

JAMES EARL RAY, aka;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN — **TYPED BY** kdw

CHARACTER OF CASE

CR - CONSPIRACY;
UFAC - ROBBERY

REFERENCE:

Report of SA ALBERT B. MILLER dated November 27, 1968, at New Orleans.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Copy to:

Report of: SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN Office: San Diego
Date: December 10, 1968

Field Office File #: 44-387 Bureau File #: 44-38861

Title: JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. -
VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis: Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, [redacted] La Jolla, California; Mrs. JUNE LARSON and Mr. VIRGIL L. LARSON, [redacted] La Jolla, California, all advised they arrived Provincial Motel, New Orleans, Louisiana, evening of December 19, 1967, and could furnish no information regarding subject. Photographs displayed to them with negative results. They also advised name of RAOUL unknown. No telephone calls made by Mrs. LOUISE LARSON or Mrs. JUNE LARSON. Several telephone calls made by Mr. VIRGIL LARSON from public telephone at hotel.

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DETAILS:

Information was received from the New Orleans Office of the FBI that the following persons had registered on December 19, 1967, at the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana:

Mrs. LOUISE LARSON
[redacted]
La Jolla, California;

Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON
[redacted]
La Jolla, California

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Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, [redacted] La Jolla, California, advised SA ARNOLD W. O'BRIEN as follows December 6, 1968:

Just prior to Christmas, 1967, Mrs. LOUISE LARSON traveled to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON, [redacted] La Jolla, California.

They left Los Angeles and flew directly to New Orleans, Louisiana, where they registered at the Provincial Hotel, New Orleans, during the evening hours. According to Mrs. LARSON, they stayed at the Provincial Hotel for approximately a week then proceeded to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. STEWART STEBBS, daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. VIRGIL L. LARSON.

It is Mrs. LARSON's recollection that they had reservations in advance for their rooms at the Provincial Motel. Mrs. LARSON also advised that the room in which she stayed had a spiral staircase leading to a second bedroom directly above the room where she stayed. Her son and daughter-in-law were in a room several doors from her room but later moved into a room nextdoor.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to Mrs. LARSON and she advised that she has no recollection of having seen anyone resembling JAMES EARL RAY while she stayed at the Provincial Motel.

The name RAOUL has no significance to Mrs. LARSON.

Mrs. LARSON also advised that she personally did not make any telephone calls while staying at the Provincial Motel.

Mrs. JUNE LARSON, [redacted] La Jolla, California, advised SA O'BRIEN as follows December 6, 1968:

Mrs. LARSON displayed a 1967 calendar in which a notation was made on the date, December 19,1967, indicating

the departure of her husband, herself and her mother-in-law for New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mrs. LARSON advised that the purpose of the trip of her husband, herself and her mother-in-law was to spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Since she; Mrs. LARSON, had never visited New Orleans, they decided to make a stopover and spend about a week visiting the area.

According to Mrs. LARSON, they arrived at New Orleans, Louisiana, after dark and took a taxi directly to the Provincial Motel.

Mrs. LARSON recalls that her mother-in-law stayed in a room having a spiral staircase leading to a bedroom directly above the one she occupied.

She and her husband first occupied a room one removed from her mother-in-law and later moved into a room nextdoor to the one being occupied by her mother-in-law.

They departed New Orleans for Fort Lauderdale on December 24, 1967.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to Mrs. LARSON and she advised that none of the photographs were familiar to her and she could recall no one staying at the Provincial Motel who resembled the subject.

She also advised the name RAOUL had no significance to her.

Mrs. LARSON advised that she personally made no telephone calls either local or long distance while at the Provincial Motel.

She advised that her husband is an employee of the telephone company and when on a trip occasionally makes

telephone calls to his office. She advised it is possible her husband may also have made a telephone call to her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. STEWART STEERE, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, telephone 201-464-[redacted]

Mrs. LARSON advised that her husband always makes his calls from public telephones rather than making a call from the room.

Mr. VIRGIL L. LARSON, [redacted] La Jolla, California, advised SA O'BRIEN as follows December 6, 1968:

Mr. LARSON, referring to a 1967 calendar at his office, noted that on December 19, 1967, a notation in pencil indicated that he, his wife and his mother departed San Diego aboard National Airlines for New Orleans.

Mr. LARSON advised that they arrived after dark on December 19, 1968, and took a taxi directly to the Provincial Motel, New Orleans.

Mr. LARSON also advised that the purpose of the trip was to spend Christmas with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. STEWART STEERE at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They decided to stop over at New Orleans and spend a week visiting the area since his wife had never seen New Orleans.

His mother, Mrs. LOUISE LARSON, occupied a room having a spiral staircase leading to a bedroom directly above the one being occupied by her.

Mr. LARSON advised that he and his wife first occupied a room one removed from his mother and later moved to a room nextdoor to her. They stayed at the Provincial Hotel until December 24, 1968, at which time they continued their flight to Fort Lauderdale.

Photographs of JAMES EARL RAY were displayed to Mr. LARSON and he advised that none of the photographs were familiar to him and he does not recall anyone resembling the subject at the Provincial Hotel.

The name RAOUL has no significance to Mr. LARSON.

Mr. LARSON advised that he undoubtedly made several telephone calls while he stayed at the Provincial Motel; however, none of these telephone calls were made from his room. He always makes telephone calls from a public telephone in order to save the service charge that the motel or hotel usually charges for placing the call.

He undoubtedly called his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. STEWART STEERE at Berkeley Heights, New Jersey, telephone number 201-464-[redacted] He probably also called the telephone company where he works, telephone number 714-298-0656.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: December 16, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Federal Communications Commission provided us with a list of every individual owning a Citizen's Band radio in Shelby County, Tennessee. We utilized this list to determine if anyone had a Citizen's Band radio in their automobile by the name of Galt. This resulted in negative findings.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the fact that this may at some future time be useful, it is requested that the list be placed in bulky exhibit.

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Copy of Cover Letter enclosed in Bulky.
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FBI

Date: 12/12/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one copy of a newspaper clipping reflecting the fact Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE conferred 12/11/68 with subject's lawyer, PERCY FOREMAN, and agreed to postpone until 12/18/68 a "hearing" to determine the date of RAY's trial.

Mr. JAMES BEASLEY, Assistant Attorney General and one of the prosecutors in this case, advised SA JOE C. HESTER 12/12/68 that his office had expected FOREMAN to appear before Judge BATTLE on 12/12/68 as previously scheduled and that neither FOREMAN nor BATTLE notified the Attorney General's Office of their meeting until some hours after the meeting had taken place. It was FOREMAN who advised the press of the postponement.

Mr. BEASLEY explained that what has been described in the press as a hearing is not actually a hearing and is nothing more than a "progress report" which FOREMAN is to make to Judge BATTLE to advise BATTLE what progress FOREMAN is making in locating and interviewing witnesses in this case.

Mr. BEASLEY was most apologetic for not having given this Office earlier notice of the meeting between FOREMAN and Judge BATTLE, but explained that he was unable to do so as he had not learned of the meeting until many hours after it had concluded.

Airtel _____

Teletype _____

The Bureau should note that FOREMAN is now scheduled to meet with Judge BATTLE again on 12/18/68 to report what progress he is making in interviewing witnesses.

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Ray's Attorney, Battle Confer

Trial-Date Hearing In King Murder Case Delayed Till Wednesday

Judge Preston Battle conferred yesterday with Percy Foreman, attorney for James Earl Ray, and agreed to postpone until Wednesday a hearing to finally determine the date of Ray's trial. The trial now is set tentatively for March 3.

Mr. Foreman later conferred for 50 minutes with Ray in Ray's specially guarded cell in the Shelby County Jail. The Texas attorney left yesterday afternoon for Los Angeles, where he will speak today.

He refused all comment, except to say, "This case was tried before I got into it." He apparently referred to worldwide publicity on the search for, arrest and background of Ray, the fugitive Missouri convict charged with the sniper-slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Dr. King was slain on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on Mulberry Street the evening of April 4.

Judge Battle set a formal hearing on the date for the Ray trial for 9 a.m. Wednesday. The trial was set originally for Nov. 12 but postponed at the last moment because Ray chose to dismiss his first attorney, Arthur J. Hanes, former mayor of Birmingham, and retain Mr. Foreman.

It is understood the attorney general's office will oppose postponing the trial beyond March 3. It is noted that while the courts grant a defendant's right to an attorney of his choice, both the state and federal constitutions guarantee the right to a "speedy public trial."

Tennessee law permits an accused person to be tried three days after an indictment is returned, Atty. Gen. Phil Canale said in arguing against a long continuance. Ray was indicted May 17.

Before Dr. King's murder threw an extra load on it, the attorney general's office brought the average case to trial four to six months after indictment. The lag now has increased by about two months.

In another development yesterday, the attorney general's office said Ray could not be tried in Missouri under that state's habitual criminal act after his trial in Memphis for murder.

Ray would be subject to such a trial in Missouri, with life imprisonment upon conviction, except that the terms of the treaty under which he was extradited from England forbid his trial on any charge except that specified in the extradition warrant — the murder of Dr. King.

But Ray had 14 months to serve on an armed robbery conviction when he escaped from the Missouri State Prison in a bread truck. That 14 months will still hang over him, sources said.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Commercial Appeal
Memphis, Tenn.

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Editor: FRANK R. AHLGREN
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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: December 10, 1968

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In connection with the hearing which was to be held on December 12, 1968, at which time Judge Battle of the State Court was to inquire of Attorney Percy Foreman as to whether he is ready to proceed with trial on March 3, we have been advised there may be some delay.

SAC Jensen stated, according to information he received from the State's Attorney General and the Sheriff's Office, it appears Foreman will not show on Thursday, December 12, 1968, inasmuch as he has some commitments on the West Coast. If he does not, the hearing has been set for December 16, 1968.

The State also feels that Judge Battle is annoyed with the dilly-dallying on the part of the defense and is considering asking a public defender to appear in court, at which time he will instruct that the public defender be prepared to proceed with trial. This would not seem to be too logical a course. (This does not seem to be too logical a course inasmuch as the defendant is entitled to an attorney of his own choice in the event he has the ability to pay for it.)

It is also understood Percy Foreman has not asked to see any of the evidence nor has he conducted any investigation or interview of witnesses. He has, however, placed a lien on the Ford Mustang which was purchased by Ray and which was found in Atlanta.

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For your information.

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[redacted]
Illinois 61532
December 10, 1968

Dear Sirs:

Will you please give me some information on James Earl Ray for a term paper at school. I would like to have some information on what kind of gun he used, what kind of slugs, where he shot from, and where you traced him to, and where you arrested him.

Sincerely Yours,

/s/ [redacted]

Illinois 61532

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Forest City
Illinois 61532
December 10, 19[redacted]

Dear Sirs:

Will you please give me some information on James Earl Ray for a term paper at school. I would like to have some information on what kind of gun he used, what kind of slugs, where he shot from, and where you traced him to, and where you arrested him.

Sincerely Yours,

[redacted]
RR 1, Forest City, Illinois 61532

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December 16, 1968

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Forest City, Illinois 61532

Dear Mr. Wiemer:

Your letter of December 10th has been received.

With regard to your inquiry, James Earl Ray is being prosecuted by authorities in the State of Tennessee; therefore, I am unable to furnish you material concerning him for use as you indicated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr J. Edgar Hoover
Head of F. B. I. (U S A)

Dear Sir: .

I know that you a very busy man: But this is ONE thing i have to just get off My Chest.

Abo-ut April.9th I Saw one James Earl Ray -Ray- in La Habra Calif. I told the Police here, I called Your Mr Gr app in L A also I wrote a letter -to them- But No one responded until I Wrote YOU.

I have or let me say "God Gave it me"

" A Photographic MIND "

Have no Grudges against any man, but will You please let me know- (I know that I am Right)

Please write me directly---

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Yours Truly

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (44-1114)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Springfield airtels to Bureau dated 11/26 and 11/29/68, Bureau airtels to Springfield and Chicago dated 11/25 and 12/5/68, and Memphis airtel to Bureau dated 12/6/68.

Re 1959 Chrysler Purchased
By Subject at Chicago

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are three copies of an FD-302 interview of GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, setting forth information concerning the subject's purchase of a 1959 Chrysler in June, 1967, at Chicago, Illinois. Enclosed for the Memphis Division are 15 copies of the same FD-302. Enclosed for the St. Louis and Springfield Divisions are one copy each of same FD-302.

The investigation conducted to locate GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER for interview is not being set forth in the interest of brevity and economy.

It is noted that HELLER advised that the manager of the Sunoco Gas Station, Lunt and Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, was present at time of sale and also observed JAMES EARL RAY. On 12/13/68, Mr. JENS JANSEN, Partner, aforementioned Sunoco Station, advised that MAURICE GIVANT, previous owner for six years, had left the station in about August, 1968, and has not been heard of since. JANSEN advised that the gas stations report to the Sun Oil Company

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phone ES 8-5877. He further advised that numerous collection agencies, as well as the City of Chicago and the Illinois State Department of Revenue, have been to the gas station attempting to locate GIVANT. He said that the only information he knows of concerning GIVANT's whereabouts is that he supposedly is in California to avoid paying the Illinois state taxes wanted by the Department of Revenue. In view of this, no further attempt is being made to locate GIVANT for interview since it does not appear that he could add any additional information not obtained from HELLER, UACB.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date December 13, 1968

GEORGE SEYMOUR HELLER, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, phone 262-[redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment, the Bernard Harwich branch of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, 3003 West Touhy, Chicago, Illinois, phone RO 1-9100, where he is employed as a social group worker. Mr. HELLER advised that some time in the summer of 1967, he ran an ad in the "Chicago Tribune" for the sale of a 1959 Chrysler, green over white. He said that the manager of the Sunoco Station, Lunt and Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, named MAURICE (LNU), acted as his agent. After the ad had been run in the paper, he received a call from MAURICE (LNU), telling him that a party had called about the car and would be at the gas station. HELLER went to the gas station and waited for the purchaser to arrive. He first observed the purchaser alone walking into the gas station. This individual was dressed in a green jacket, dressed almost as in a government issued fatigue jacket and green pants. He was neat and clean and had no unusual characteristics. Mr. HELLER was exhibited a group of nine photographs, three of which were photographs taken at different times of JAMES EARL RAY. Mr. HELLER picked out photo number 00416 dated January 4, 1966, and stated that this photograph would be the closest resemblance to the purchaser of his car; however, he could not state definitely that the individual represented by this photograph was identical to the purchaser. He also advised that he has seen numerous photographs of JAMES EARL RAY in the news media and has never once associated him with the purchaser of his Chrysler He was shown additional photographs of RAY and stated that he could not say that RAY was identical to the purchaser.

He said that his overall impression of RAY was that he was "lanky" and of the "hillbilly type". He commented that RAY was extremely quiet and said no more than a dozen words during their conversation, which was completely about the Chrysler. RAY made no comment as to his residence, employment, or any other matters of a personal nature. RAY also made no comment concerning the reason for the purchase of the car and in fact seemed to have very little interest

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On 12/13/68 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 44-1114

by SA RENE J. DUMAINE Date dictated 12/13/68

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at HELLER's comments concerning the vehicle. RAY made no mention of utilizing the car for a long trip and asked no questions as to the roadability of the car. He appeared to be purchasing it merely for transportation. RAY also did not argue about the price and paid in cash the $200, which was HELLER's asking price. HELLER further related that there was nothing unusual about the money, that he did not believe it was new currency, and he could not recall the specific denominations of the bills.

HELLER advised that the only thing that stuck in his mind concerning RAY was that he was very quiet. HELLER took the Illinois license plates off of the car and RAY drove it away. HELLER had no further contact with him.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 12/13/68

FROM : Legat, London (88-72) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 12/12/68 a male individual identifying himself as PETER DORNAY (ph) telephonically contacted me. He described himself as an American, a publisher, and that he is now writing a book on JAMES EARL RAY.

He said it appears to him that two RAYs were arrested on 6/6/68 and he asked me for all details of the arrest. I informed him that since the arrest had been made by British authorities he should contact them. He said he had and had not received any satisfaction. He said he wanted the information from me and I repeated he would have to contact the British. He became sarcastic, stating I wouldn't cooperate, that I knew the true story, he wanted it, etc. He would not accept what I had told him so I terminated the conversation.

Chief Superintendent TOMMY BUTLER, New Scotland Yard, advised me on the same date he had a similar call from DORNAY, who became incensed when BUTLER told him "no comment", call the British Home Office."

Since DORNAY is in England digging into this matter the Bureau is requested to furnish any pertinent available information concerning him.

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TO: Legat London (88-72)

FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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1 - Mr. Long
1 - Liaison (cleared with SA Graham Day)

Re Legat London letter to Bureau dated 12/13/68.

Based upon available data, Peter Dornay, not identifiable in Bureau files

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NOTE:

Legat London in a letter to Bureau advised he was contacted by an individual identifying himself as Peter Dornay (phonetic) an American, a publisher and stated he was writing a book on James Earl Ray. Dornay requested information regarding the apprehension of Ray (London 6/8/68) and our Legat referred him to British authorities. Dornay became sarcastic with our Legat and was incensed when New Scotland Yard referred him (Dornay) to British Home Office.

Legat London requested us to furnish any pertinent available data regarding Dornay. Bureau indices negative regarding Dornay and he is unknown in our Crime Records Section. Legat London being advised accordingly.

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FBI

Date: 11/25/68

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Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
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Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Transmitted herewith for information of the Bureau is one Xerox copy of a letter from District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, JR., to SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK dated 11/14/68 formally notifying that case has been continued until 3/3/69.

One copy each was delivered to SAC, Memphis, and SA ROBERT FITZPATRICK, Memphis Division.

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cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
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November 14, 1968

Special Agent Robert Fitzpatrick
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Federal Building
Memphis, Tennessee

Re: State of Tennessee vs. James Earl Ray, with aliases

Dear Mr. Fitzpatrick:

As you have undoubtedly heard through the news media, the above-styled case has been continued by the Judge until March 3, 1969, at the request of the new defense attorney, and over our objection.

Needless to say, we were very disappointed in not being able to try the case as scheduled on November 12, 1968, as we had planned and were prepared to do.

The purpose of this letter is to formally notify you as a witness for the State of Tennessee that the case has been continued and to remind you that the subpoenas heretofore issued for November 12, 1968, are being extended and maintained in effect for the new trial date of March 3, 1969. As we have previously explained to you, it will not be necessary that you appear on March 3 and be inconvenienced by unnecessary delay in awaiting your turn to testify so long as you are available when we give reasonable notice as to the date we anticipate having you testify.

We will contact you again as the new trial date approaches, and if in the meantime you should change your place of residence, business or phone number, please let us know.

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Thank you so much for the splendid co-operation you have extended us thus far, and we are confident that we can count on your continued co-operation.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,

PHIL M. CANALE, JR.
District Attorney General

ROBERT K. DWYER
Executive Assistant

JAMES C. BEASLEY
Assistant Attorney General

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Via AIRTEL AM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P

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There are enclosed original and one Xerox copy of newspaper clippings in captioned matter.

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Change Of Lawyers Is Based On Money

By CHARLES THORNTON

Money and disgruntled brothers emerged yesterday as reason behind the change in attorneys hours before James Earl Ray was scheduled to stand trial in the April 4 slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Jerry Ray and John Ray, brothers of accused James Earl Ray, have told several newsmen here they feel attorney Arthur Hanes and writer William Bradford Huie are using their brother to make money and get publicity.

Jerry Ray, it was learned, became curious enough about the flow of cash from Look magazine to writer Huie and from Mr. Huie to attorney Hanes that he flew to Huntsville, Ala., from St. Louis to inquire about it of Mr. Huie 11 days ago.

Mr. Huie has said he has turned over "more than $30,000" to Ray's attorney as part payment to Ray for the exclusive rights to his story. The story is being published by Look magazine.

Percy Foreman of Houston, Ray's new lawyer, said yesterday Mr. Hanes told him over the telephone that Ray still owes him $12,000 in expenses plus legal fees.

Mr. Hanes, in fact, said yesterday he won't turn over any evidence or papers in the case to Mr. Foreman until he's paid the $12,000.

Jerry Ray told newsmen at the Claridge yesterday he was concerned that Hanes "seems to be in this case just for the publicity." He said he admired Foreman's technique especially because "he doesn't talk to reporters. He works to win."

James Earl Ray and Hanes earlier have been at odds over financial arrangements over Mr. Huie's exclusive rights to Ray's story of the mystery shrouded slaying.

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Editor: Frank K. Ahlgren

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Jerry Ray said his brother (James Earl) has been "unhappy because he hasn't seen any of that money (the $30,000 supposedly turned over to Mr. Hanes) yet."

Contacted yesterday in Look's New York editorial offices, Mr. Huie termed reports that the brothers were disgruntled over the financial arrangements "complete nonsense."

"I went over all of that with Jerry Ray on Nov. 1. He spent the night and we talked at great length. He seemed satisfied. I went over everything—all the contracts with James Earl Ray. I told him that any way Ray wanted the money held was quite all right with me and Mr. Hanes. There was no disgruntlement whatever."

Mr. Huie said there has been complete disclosure of his financial arrangements with Mr. Hanes and Ray.

"In August I made a complete disclosure to Judge (W. Preston) Battle. There has been no secrecy in this matter at all."

After brief comments to reporters in the Claridge lobby yesterday that they were unhappy with Mr. Hanes, his handling of the case and the financial aspects of it, both declined questions from newsmen.

"I've got nothing to say. My counsel told me not to say anything," said John Ray as he strode through the drizzle after visiting James Earl Ray in his cell.

Mr. Foreman, wearing his hat and with his feet propped on the bed in his Claridge room, wasn't reluctant to talk about the money he's made.

"There may be lawyers who make more money than I do, but I make more money out of law than any lawyer in Houston," he said.

"I've given away at least $300,000 this year."

Mr. Foreman said he has made so much money in the courtroom this year that he could afford to pay a national television network $300,000 for a five-hour film on the law. He said he plans to give the film to a school.

Referring to his tax bracket, Mr. Foreman said: "I've made so much money that it cost me only $17 on the thousand to buy the film."

But the question of who is paying him for his work in the Ray case remained unanswered.

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Percy Foreman On The Job

"So [redacted] as I am concerned, I was a[redacted]am ready to go to trial," he said. "I went to the jail last night to confer with my client. This was about 8:10 p.m. Sheriff (William N.) 'Bill' Morris said he wanted to see me. A few minutes later he handed me a duplicate of a handwritten note from Ray saying I was being replaced by Mr. Foreman."

Mr. Foreman's name has been on Ray's tongue several times the past four or five months, Mr. Hanes said. But only on a visit to his client in the Shelby County Jail Wednesday did he feel a change of counsel was imminent.

"Ray did not talk and act like a man who was going on trial for his life in less than a week," Mr. Hanes commented.

If Judge Battle grants a continuance and a switch in counsel, Mr. Hanes said he would expect payment of his fee and expenses before turning his files on the case over to a successor. His fee, with that of his son, Arthur Hanes Jr., is understood to be $25,000, with more than $12,000 in expenses.

Mr. Hanes is understood to have received most if not all of $25,000 in fees promised him by Ray, ~~who received~~ money in payment of a handwritten story of his life prepared for magazine ~~writer~~ William B. Huie.

Ray's two brothers, John and Jerry Ray of St. Louis, are known to have worked to have Mr. Hanes replaced as counsel, urging that Mr. Foreman be retained instead. One of them is quoted as objecting that Mr. Huie was "getting about $100,000 for articles based on our brother's manuscript, while James Earl is getting only attorney fees to pass on to the Haneses."

Mr. Foreman, reputed to have become a millionaire several times over from fees from wealthy clients, said he was not interested in money in the Ray case. "I've given away $300,000 this year."

Asked if the Ku Klux Klan has offered to pay for his services in the case, Mr. Foreman exploded in a voice resounding through a whole floor of the Claridge Hotel.

"That's a ----lie, an unmitigated lie. I've never known or spoken to a Klansman in my life."

Look magazine today publishes the second installment of the series Mr. Huie is writing on Ray. Mr. Huie writes that the plot to murder Dr. King existed as early as Aug. 15, 1967, eight months prior to the fatal shooting on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel here April 4. Mr. Huie adds:

"As late as March 23, 1968, less than two weeks before the murder with which he is charged, Ray did not know that the plot included murder or that it was aimed in any way at Dr. King."

This installment **brings** Ray's actions up to March 23, 1968. In New York an editor of Look said ~~the third~~ article, if it appears, will be published only after the trial. This scheduling, it was said, is to avoid conflict with Judge Battle's order restricting pretrial publicity in the case.

Mr. Huie describes Ray's meanderings, after his escape from the Missouri State Prison at Jefferson City, from Chicago to Canada, where he first met his contact 'Raoul,' to Mexico, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Selma and Birmingham.

In Los Angeles he was analyzed by a hypnotist, the Rev. Xavier von Koss. Mr. von Koss said his treatment of hypnosis was hampered because Ray evidently feared that in the trance he might reveal embarrassing secrets. But Mr. von Koss did learn enough to give this diagnosis:

"Ray belongs to the recognition type. He desires recognition from his group, from himself. He yearns to feel that he is somebody. This desire for recognition is in him superior to sex, superior to money, superior to self-preservation."

Ray, Mr. H[redacted] relates, was trying to improve not only his inner personality but his physical appearance. On Feb. 19, 1968, he went to a plastic surgeon, Dr. Russel C. Hadley, on La Brea Boulevard in Los Angeles, to have some facial changes made.

Ray and Dr. Hadley agreed on the terms. On March 5, less than a month before Dr. King was slain, Ray, relieved by a local anesthetic, had a too-pointed nasal tip corrected.

The cost was $200. According to Huie, sure the FBI one day would put him on its list of "Ten Most Wanted Criminals," Ray thought he got his money's worth.

At the ~~end of~~ August, 1967,

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Hanes To Appear In Court; Foreman's Role Hinges On Continuance

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle will rule this morning on a motion to continue the trial of James Earl Ray and his ruling will determine whether Texas attorney Percy Foreman takes over the defense.

"If the judge refuses a continuance, I'm not in the case," said Mr. Foreman, who estimates he has tried 1,000 murder cases. "I've done no work on the case and can't do any till I am a part of it."

Ray, who was to have gone on trial today on a charge of murdering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., gave Mr. Foreman a handwritten note Sunday saying he was to supersede Arthur J. Hanes, former mayor of Birmingham, as chief counsel.

Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale said last night the prosecution would announce "ready" but indicated he would neither oppose nor favor a continuance. If a continuance is granted, Mr. Canale will insist notice be served that there will be no continuance later.

Judge Battle is believed to be inclined to grant a continuance as part of a policy of closing every possible loophole of appeal. However, on April 26 he refused to allow grocery executive Louis F. Montesi to switch counsel during a motion for a retrial of his conviction for manslaughter in the pistol death of his first wife.

At his suite in the Holiday Inn-Rivermont Mr. Hanes said, "I shall appear in court in the morning as counsel of record. But I do not wish to represent a reluctant client."

Mr. Hanes, it was learned, has disagreed with Ray for some time on whether or not to demand a continuance.

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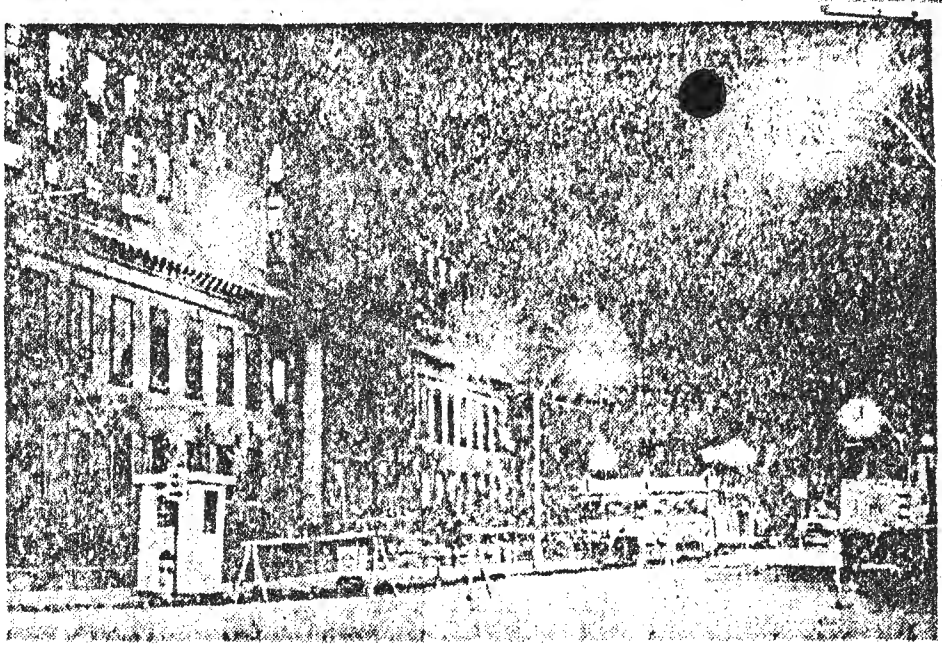
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COME MORNING — Washington between Second and Third was well lighted but seemingly deserted last night on the eve of the possible beginning of the trial of James Earl Ray. Guards remained in the four small guardhouses in front of the Shelby County Jail (left) where the man accused of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was under strict security.

—Staff Photo by Sam Melhorn

...soul," his beneficent contact, ...ad given him $1,995 to buy in Birmingham a white Mustang with red upholstery. (A white Mustang is now stored in the Memphis Police Department garage, ticketed as an exhibit for Ray's trial.)

His face remodeled, Ray in mid-March, 1968, mounted his Mustang and headed for Selma, Ala., where Dr. King was expected to appear March 22. Ray reached Selma on schedule, Mr. Huie writes, but Dr. King's pilgrimage into south Alabama stopped at Camden.

From Camden Dr. King flew to Atlanta. Ray apparently left Selma the same evening, or the next day. Mr. Huie does not say. He draws the curtain at this point, not to raise it again till the Ray trial is under way, with the jury sequestered for the duration.

Look Magazine and Mr. Huie, it is clear, think that with the jury locked up, Judge Battle's anti-evidence order will no longer be in effect. Judge Battle himself says, "My order is in effect till the jury hands in its verdict at the close of the trial."

Mr. Huie concludes his article, "The outline of the plot to murder Dr. King now begins to become visible to me (although) I cannot reveal all I have found to be true:

"Dr. King was to be murdered for effect. His murder was planned, not by impulsive men who hated him personally, though they probably did hate him, but by calculating men who wanted to use his murder to trigger violent conflict between white and Negro citizens.

"He was to be murdered during the election year of 1968.

"Since he was to be murdered for maximum bloody effect, he was to be murdered, not while he was living quietly in his home in Atlanta, but at some dramatic moment, at some dramatic place where controversy was raging. By March 15, 1968, the plotters clearly had begun aiming at murdering him at some point where he was forming or leading the Poor People's March.

"He was to be murdered by a white man, or white men, who should be described as 'Southerners' and 'racists.'

"Preferably, he was to be murdered in Birmingham or Montgomery or Selma, since these cities were milestones in his career as an advocate of racial change.

"There was no necessity, after the murder, for the murderer or murderers to be murdered to prevent a trial or trails — because a trial or trials could yield extra dividends of hatred and violence.

"Therefore, in this plot, Dr. King was the secondary, not the primary, target. The primary target was the United States of America."

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Hanes Isn't First Attorney To Be Dismised By Ray

By JOHN MEANS

One of the major questions for Percy Foreman, as he ponders his defense strategy for James Earl Ray, has to be how to control his client.

Two other attorneys have failed—and found themselves fired in the middle of the case. When the man accused in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fired Arthur Hanes Sunday night, it wasn't the first time.

He waited until a five-day trial was almost over in 1959 to tell the judge in a St. Louis courtroom he felt he had not been represented properly, and asked that his court-appointed attorney be dismissed from the case.

The judge overruled his request, but the attorney was relieved after Ray's conviction, and Ray himself argued his appeal before the Missouri Supreme Court. He lost.

Mr. Foreman stepped into the case Sunday night, when Ray fired Mr. Hanes and Arthur Hanes Jr. The colorful Texas attorney said he was hired by Ray and Ray's two brothers, Jerry Ray and John Ray, who met him at the Claridge Hotel.

Ray tried to fire Richard D. Schrieber nine years ago, just before the closing arguments to the jury in his armed robbery trial.

Mr. Schreiber remembers Ray as "a guardhouse lawyer . . . he pretty well ran his own trial. He knew what he wanted to do, and I pretty well had to go along with it." He said Ray took the witness stand in his own defense although his court-appointed lawyer advised against it "in the most vigorous language possible.

"When he did, of course the prosecution was then entitled to bring out his past criminal record before the jury. He hadn't even told me of his past record."

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Convicted and sentenced to 20 years, Ray handled his own appeal before the Missouri Supreme Court, and lost. "In those days," Mr. Schreiber said, "the court was likely to look more closely at a case without a lawyer. I don't know whether he knew that or not, but it's possible.

"Our relations up to that time had been normally pleasant, and he had given me no indication he planned to do this (ask for another lawyer). We had already tried the bulk of the case—we were just getting into closing arguments—when he stood up in open court and made some statement like 'I haven't been adequately represented at this trial, and I don't want him to argue this case in front of the jury.' "

Missouri Circuit Judge John C. Casey also remembers Ray. Ray clobbered a deputy on the morning of his trial opening, and tried to escape from the courtroom rear corridor. It happened just after the judge had demanded that extra guards be posted in the corridors of the Municipal Building, to prevent just such incidents.

Ray was convicted in December, 1959, in Judge Casey's court of the armed robbery of a St. Louis Kroger store. It was this 20-year prison term he was serving when he escaped from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City in 1967.

Ray's dissatisfaction with his attorneys' strategy in the present case was first revealed several weeks ago during a hearing when Mr. Hanes told Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle that "serious differences have arisen between my client and myself over the conduct of this case . . . it may be necessary for me to withdraw as defense counsel in this case."

At that time, it was understood Ray and his attorney had argued over bringing in another attorney, and over whether Ray would take the stand. Ray said yes, Mr. Hanes advised no.



Jerry Ray



John Ray

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Success Brings Fat Fees

Percy Foreman has become a kind of legend in his home state of Texas.

Judge Roy Hofheinz, owner of the Houston Astro baseball team, once said: "If I was guilty as hell of stealing or killing, he'd be my first choice as a lawyer."

Mr. Foreman, whose large frame contradicts a puckish grin, reached international renown in two cases recently. In his brief involvement in the appeal of the first-degree murder charge against Jack Ruby, convicted of killing Lee Harvey Oswald, the man accused of killing President John Kennedy; and the successful defense of Candace Mossler and her nephew, Melvin Lane Powers, in the stabbing death of her multimillionaire husband, Jacques Mossler.

In the Mossler case, jurors later said that the state never came close to a conviction, although 20 months and a fortune went into its preparation.

In that case, Foreman successfully involved a man named Fred Roy Weissel, 29, who the police had earlier cleared. Mr. Weissel was never charged, however.

The Foreman record and the Foreman workload are famous among his fellow attorneys. He handles about 40 cases a week. In 1958, a friend counted 778 accused murderers among his clients. Of these, one was executed and 52 were sentenced to jail. The other 705 were acquitted.

Since then, the Houston lawyer estimates, he has "defended 250 to 300 murder cases. There was only one conviction. The man got life."

Mr. Foreman lives in a $500,000 home with his wife, Marguerita, and his daughter, Marguerita Jr., and the fees he charges have become a subject of almost as much discussion as the kind of law he practices.

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He has been known to voice the "what the traffic will bear" theory of fee assessment. From the Mossler case, he may have come into the largest criminal case fee of all time. Because of her acquittal, Mrs. Mossler became heiress to her banker husband's 33-million-dollar estate. Foreman says he hasn't collected what he understood was to be the fee, and he is preparing to sue for 11 million dollars.

"Considering that she would have got nothing at all if she were found guilty," he drawls in his East Texas voice, "I think my services were worth a third of what she did get."

Often fees come in the form of what amounts to a barter system. "I prefer cash," he says cheerily, "but if a client hasn't got any, I'll take anything of value that he does have—excepting his home, if he's a married man."

The result is that the attorney has amassed a fortune in what were once the jewels of families whose members have run into difficulties, hundreds of home appliances, some choice pieces of real estate and 30 automobiles which, he says, his law practice doesn't allow him time to drive.

The colorful attorney has been acquitted on charges of adultery, operating a policy racket and using abusive language. He has paid fines for letting weeds grow too high on his property, and he paid 22 parking tickets at once, getting 105 dismissed.

Foreman was once beaten by the widow of a man whose accused slayer he freed. Another time, he was struck by the purse of a woman whose husband he represented in a divorce action.

"In such cases, what was once love turns to hate and they can't hate themselves so they hate the lawyer," Foreman said.



Percy Foreman To Ask A Delay

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Foreman Hired

Judge Battle Is Expected To Grant Time To Study Case

By ROBERT KELLETT

Famed Texas criminal lawyer Percy Foreman was named by James Earl Ray yesterday to replace former Birmingham mayor Arthur Hanes Sr. as his chief counsel in his defense against charges of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Mr. Foreman met with Ray and two of his brothers about six hours before the change of attorneys was announced at a 10 p.m. news conference. He said he would seek a delay of the trial before Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

It was indicated that Judge Battle probably would grant the request.

Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. called the late evening press conference. He said he was told, after Ray met with Mr. Foreman, that "certain decisions were made" and that he was given a letter written to Mr. Hanes by Ray.

"It was declared an intent by James Earl Ray to dispense with the legal services of Mr. Hanes and his son (co-counsel Arthur Hanes Jr.) and of an intention to obtain new counsel and a Tennessee lawyer," the sheriff said.

Meeting with newsmen in a light rain after the announcement, Mr. Hanes said, "I was prepared to go to trial Tuesday morning. I did not come to Memphis for the ride. I came for a ball game."

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He said he first learned that he was being dismissed at "about 8:20" last night when he got a telephone call from Sheriff Morris. He said he later talked to Mr. Foreman by phone but would not say what part he would play in assisting the change of attorneys.

Asked if he might fight the move, he replied: "I won't do that. I never want a reluctant client."

The change followed indications that Mr. Hanes had at one time considered withdrawing from the case and that Ray might be unhappy with his attorney's handling of the case or with articles written in Look magazine by Alabama author William Bradford Huie.

Part of the conflict appeared earlier when Ray talked with J. B. Stoner, an Augusta, Ga., lawyer, in September, supposedly at the instigation of the two Ray brothers. Mr. Stoner is known as an organizer for the National States Rights party and the Georgia Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. Hanes said at the time he would withdraw if Mr. Stoner became involved in the case. In his appearance with newsmen last night, Mr. Hanes reasserted what he had said as late as last Friday—that he had not met or had any conversations with any members of the Ray family other than the accused man.

Asked if he was disappointed by the announcement from Ray, Mr. Hanes said, "I've been on this case for a long time — since June 13 and there's going to be some court action Tuesday. We'll have some comment then."

Mr. Foreman — who has represented such clients as Jack Ruby and Candace Mossler — did not appear at the news conference and would not answer calls from newsmen at a downtown hotel where he and John and Jerry Ray were believed staying.

It was not revealed who would be the Tennessee attorney to join Mr. Foreman in the defense.

It was John Ray, a St. Louis tavern operator, who is believed to have first suggested retaining Mr. Foreman in a letter he wrote to "R. G. Snyd" — the name James Earl Ray used while fighting extradition from London.

Mr. Hanes already had been chosen as Ray's counsel. In a letter replying to his brother, Ray said: "You mention Percy Foreman. He is a good attorney but I will wait until I get back as I want some attorneys who can work together, so I will let Hanes decide on someone he thinks would be best."

There was no immediate indication what financial arrangements had been agreed on for Mr. Foreman's participation. A fee for Mr. Hanes had been arranged from $30,000 already advanced, with other payments later for the information Ray supplied for Huie's articles and a book that is to follow.

Court observers speculated that if a delay is granted, the trial probably would not be rescheduled until early next year. Mr. Foreman, it was theorized, would probably not ask for anything less than a 30-day postponement. Such a delay would cause the trial to run through the holiday season if it were begun in early December.

Other preparations for the trial continued.

The 100 block of Washington was closed to traffic last night. Guards resumed their vigils in the four small guard houses at the four corners of the Shelby County Jail — as they did when Ray was first brought from London to Memphis.

Charles Holmes, handling public relations for the Sheriff's Department during the trial, said that of 105 newsmen cleared to enter the courtroom when the trial begins, 80 had checked in with the Sheriff's Department yesterday.

Final preparations also were being made for facilities for accredited news media members. The facilities are being arranged by the Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce on the 10th floor of the State Office Building.



Arthur Hanes Sr. (with son): "I did not come to Memphis just for the ride. I came for a ball game. I was ready to go to trial, but I'm not going to fight this."

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Fair Trial Vs. Public's Right To Know

By RICHARD SPONG
Editorial Research Reports Writer

"FREE SPEECH and fair trial," Supreme Court Justice Hugo L. Black wrote almost three decades ago, "are two of the most cherished policies in our civilization, and it would be a trying task to choose between them."

James Earl Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., goes on trial in Memphis tomorrow. The trial of Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, accused in the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, now is scheduled for Dec. 9 in Los Angeles.

These two trials will show this press-justice dilemma in its most dramatic light.

Judge W. Preston Battle on Sept. 6 refused to quash an indictment charging James Earl Ray with Dr. King's murder. The defense had argued that Ray could not get a fair trial in Memphis because of widespread publicity after the King slaying.

THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT time and again has been forced to ~~make the~~ choice between free speech and fair trial. In the landmark Sheppard case in 1966 the Supreme Court voiced new concern over sensational trial and pre-trial publicity.

The American Bar Association in Chicago last February formally adopted the recommendations of the Reardon Committee, a panel of distinguished judges and lawyers. The committee recommended that court and police officials withhold from news media "potentially prejudicial" information.

The report called on lawyers, judges and police officials to restrict their comments on pending criminal cases and to curtail release of information about them. It recommended contempt of court action against those who make statements prejudicial to a defendant in a willful attempt to affect the outcome of a trial.

Judge Battle has cited Ray's attorney, a private detective, and two Memphis newspapermen for contempt of court for allegedly damaging pre-trial publicity in the Ray case. On Oct. 24 he named a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent as a probable violator of the ban.

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Similar controversy marks the pre-trial atmosphere in Los Angeles. The county district attorney on Oct. 24 filed an appeal asking the court to nullify a state order restricting official comments in the Sirhan case.

THE REARDON COMMITTEE rules pretty much worked against the swift administration of justice in the recent "Budville Case" in West Central New Mexico (see editorial in The Commercial Appeal, Oct. 22). Court-ordered secrecy and astonishingly coincidental circumstances led to the arrest for murder of a young Navy petty officer on leave.

So long as the charge was lodged against him, the serviceman for 18 days faced the threat of execution in the gas chamber, while another suspect went free. Prof. Tony Hillerman of the University of New Mexico's journalism department observes: "In the Budville case it's obvious the Reardon rules did not accomplish their intended effect—the protection of the defendant. Indications of (the arrested man's) guilt leaked. Evidence of his innocence did not."

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Security Pulled Tighter For Ray Trial

By ANGUS McEACHRAN

Further restrictions against the press and public in the murder trial of James Earl Ray were confirmed yesterday.

Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. said the 35 seats assigned in the courtroom for the public would not be available until after the jury was selected.

Sheriff Morris said the seats would be needed to seat veniremen waiting to be questioned for jury service. Selection of the jury, which begins with the opening of the trial Tuesday morning, is expected to take about a week.

Once the public seats become available they will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"Anyone wishing to attend the trial will have to come early and bring plenty of identification which can be quickly checked by our office," Sheriff Morris said. "We will take steps to screen out those persons we feel could try to create an incident in the courtroom."

The sheriff's office will also take steps to screen out any reporters who stand in line for general public seats.

"We are doing this at the court's direction, but it is an order I concur in," the sheriff said. "There is a precedent for this sort of thing."

Some newsmen, especially those representing large metropolitan dailies which did not

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...ive allocated seats in the ...courtroom contend they have a right to be considered as part of the general public. To prohibit them from standing in line for seats would be denying their rights as private citizens, they contend.

Judge W. Preston Battle, who will preside over the trial, said yesterday there was no precedent for the number of seats which must be allocated the public.

"But it is a matter that was widely criticized in the (Dr. Sam) Sheppard (murder) case, where almost all the seats were given over to the press. I am of the opinion that at least half of the seats should be available to the public."

Reporters have been assigned 42 seats.

The sheriff's office meanwhile was working to refine security arrangements which The New York Times called "perhaps the strictest . . . in American trial history.

Every person entering the Courthouse during the trial will go through at least two security checks, including being searched, before being admitted to the courtroom.

Reporters, lawyers and court personnel have been fingerprinted and photographed. Before entering the courtroom, all persons, including spectators will have their voices recorded and analyzed to prevent an imposter from getting near Ray.

Even Judge Battle and Sheriff Morris will undergo the security clearance each day.

Memphis authorities are determined that Ray, accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., shall not meet the fate of Lee Harvey Oswald, accused in the assassination of President Kennedy. Oswald was shot and killed in Dallas by Jack Ruby before Oswald could be brought to trial.

"I think we are as ready as we'll ever be," said Sheriff Morris. "We'll spend all day Monday going through a shakedown, but I think we are ready."

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State To Ask Death Penalty For Ray

The state will ask the electric chair for James Earl Ray, charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., it was learned yesterday.

Ray, who was captured in London June 8 after a 1.5-million-dollar search, will go on trial before Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle Tuesday.

No convicted person has been put to death in Tennessee since 1960 and nobody convicted in Shelby County has suffered the death penalty since 1949, but Tennessee law provides for electrocution if the jury prescribes it.

Death sentences were made more difficult to obtain when the United States Supreme Court recently ruled that a citizen may not be excluded from a jury because he says he would not vote for the death penalty. Since then the Shelby County attorney general's staff has asked veniremen only if they are willing to find a verdict in keeping with Tennessee law — which provides for the death penalty.

Tennessee law permits the death penalty only if the crime is premeditated. Legal authorities say the circumstances of Dr. King's murder show that, whoever committed it, it was premeditated.

Dr. King was shot to death on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel on Mulberry Street on the evening of April 4.

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A 30-caliber deer rifle bought in Birmingham March 29 and found abandoned near the front door of a South Main Street rooming house overlooking the Lorraine Motel is said by the attorney general's office to be the murder weapon.

George Bonebrake, a senior fingerprint specialist of the FBI, has stated the gun bears Ray's fingerprints. Whether fragments of the fatal bullet taken from Dr. King's neck can be traced to this gun appears problematical.

Arthur Hanes Sr., Ray's attorney, examined the fragments and decided not to test-fire the rifle, as a court order permitted him to do. Some observers infer that Mr. Hanes, a former FBI agent, considered the fragments ballistically untraceable to the gun.

In another development Judge Battle yesterday denied the habeas corpus petition of Hubert James Putt, a mental patient at the United States prison hospital at Springfield, Mo., seeking to be brought here to testify in the Ray trial.

In a handwritten letter, Putt, whose home is in Nashville, claimed he had information to solve not only the murder of Dr. King but also those of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Albert Anatasia of the Murder, Inc., ring in New York and New Jersey.

24 Policemen Bolster Sheriff's Force

Twenty-four policemen yesterday were assigned to aid Sheriff W. N. Morris Jr. during the trial of James Earl Ray next week.

Asst. Police Chief Bill Price said the men will work under orders from the sheriff. Fourteen policemen previously were assigned to aid in guarding Ray and such key witnesses as Charlie Stephens.

Police Chief Henry Lux said the 38 men will be involved in "different aspects" of the trial's security. He said the 24 assigned yesterday include a lieutenant, 17 patrolmen and 6 detectives.

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Judge Outlines Trial Procedure

Six-Day Week Agenda Set For Ray Murder Case, With Six-Hour Days

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

The trial of James Earl Ray, accused of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will run six days a week and a minimum of six hours a day, Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle said last night.

Trials usually run Monday through Friday.

"Jurors who are going to be locked up seven days a week for several weeks running might not like it if the judge and the attorneys held to a five-day week," Judge Battle observed.

Trial hours will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 to 5 p.m. in the beginning, Judge Battle said. If the trial shows signs of running too close to Christmas the closing hour will be set back to 6 p.m.

"Before we do anything the first day, we will have a new venire called," Judge Battle said. "The fall term veniremen won't want to start a new trial running as long as this one."

But 100 veniremen from the old list will be examined Tuesday for service in the Ray trial. The 100 includes five women, of whom two are Negroes. By Tennessee law a woman venireman is excused from duty if she wishes, but a woman sometimes elects to serve.

The jury dormitory in the Criminal Court Building provides quarters for men only. If a woman juror is chosen, she is put up, under escort of a woman deputy sheriff, at a hotel.

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Two of Ray's family, brothers John and Jerry Ray of St. Louis, will attend the trial, it was learned. Ray's father, who is reported living as a semi-recluse at New London, in northeast Missouri, will not attend.

Members of Dr. King's family will meet with officers of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta this morning to decide who of the family and of SCLC will attend. Seats have been reserved for members of both groups.

Nine out-of-town reporters, vanguard of about 250 expected, arrived yesterday.

They were shown Judge Battle's courtroom, where stiff, uncomfortable benches have been replaced with well-cushioned theater-type seats. They were also shown the jury dormitory, on the first floor of the building, which has been completely refurnished.

Private cubicles, finished in walnut veneer, have replaced the rows of cots which formerly lined the wall. A new dark green rug covers the floor. New orange counterpanes cover the beds.

In the living room new crimson drapes, a light green rug and a handsome billiard table have been installed.

The British attorney Michael Eugene, who represented Ray in the extradition hearings in London after his arrest in June at an airport there, arrived in New York late yesterday en route to Memphis.

In his briefcase was a record of the extradition proceedings, which he will deliver to Ray's chief counsel, Arthur Hanes Sr. "Yes, I've formed an opinion as to Ray's guilt or innocence," Mr. Eugene said. "But I mean to keep it to myself."

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Cast Fits Well In Ray Trial Drama

If TV movie director Gail Patrick, born Margaret Fitzpatrick in Birmingham, were picking a cast for her former Perry Mason TV series, she could hardly do better than the list of principals chance has cast up for the trial of James Earl Ray, charged with killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In the center of the stage on the second floor at the Courthouse — as the trial opens Tuesday — will be Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle, who looks, thinks and acts like a judge. He is short in stature, w i d e - b e a m e d, firm-chinned and soft-spoken, but with a presence that effortlessly dominates the courtroom.

Defense attorneys may complain in private that Judge Battle, a former assistant attorney general, is still something of a prosecutor. But universally liked or not, the judge never leaves any doubt as to who is in charge. When he knits his brow and protrudes his lower lip — his characteristic gesture of authority — everybody snaps to attention. "Judge Battle has a MacArthurian sense of his own dignity," one lawyer has remarked.

He hardly needs the black robe, the raised platform, the oak gavel, the flanking state and national flags or gravel-voiced bailiffs to guarantee his authority.

James Earl Ray, the 40-year-old escaped convict and defendant in this case, is himself by no means lacking in "amour propre." He may have been a two-bit con most of his life but nobody who has seen him in the courtroom here can doubt that, innocent or guilty, he feels that at last his search for a personal identity has been rewarded.

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new clothes bought ... by his ..., a former mayor of ...mingham, Ray appears self-contented. Formerly a fugitive from prison, he is now at least a footnote to history.

His off-black hair oiled and combed, his tie adjusted, his poker-pale face plumped out by four months of starchy jail food, he will sit almost beaming behind his attorneys at the counsel table, visibly jealous if he is restrained from taking the witness stand.

Arthur J. Hanes Sr., ex-mayor and ex-president of the school board in Birmingham, describes himself as "a pretty fair country lawyer." But he may prove considerably better than that. He has a strain of flamboyance, which he will try to hold in check, and a biting wit, as he showed when he termed Judge Battle's amici curiae committee on pretrial publicity "Harper Valley PTA hypocrites."

Mr. Hanes and Martin Luther King were personal foes in the early 1960s when Dr. King was leading protest marches in Birmingham. Hanes' defense of the man charged with shooting Dr. King is in a sense a continuation of the enmity of that time. Mr. Hanes said of Dr. King then, "He should be put out of circulation because if any group, organization or person can divide a country, then it is wrong and should be stopped."

Unlike many attorneys coming into a new city, Mr. Hanes will not associate himself with a local attorney. His only aid will be his son, Arthur Jr., a blond 26-year-old Princeton Law School graduate, who sometimes frowns on his father's courtroom demarches.

The father-and-son defense team will sit at the right end of a long mahogany counsel table, separated from the judge's dais only by the court reporter's desk. At the left end of the table, just in front of the witness stand, raised on the judge's right, will be stationed the prosecutors.

For the first time in seven and a half years, Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale, 50 years old but with scarcely a wrinkle or touch of gray, will direct a trial in person. He is expected to leave most of the cross-questioning and speaking to two assistants. But he is known for keen mind and sharp intuition and will call the plays.

Executive Asst. Atty. Gen. Robert K. Dwyer, who will examine most of the witnesses and do most of the speaking, appears mild enough in repose, but can become a scourge of righteousness in action.

Asst. Atty. Gen. James C. Beasley, who will occupy the third chair set aside for the prosecution, looks exactly what he is—a talented, serious-minded lawyer, who can be depended to plumb any conundrum of criminal law and come up with any answer.

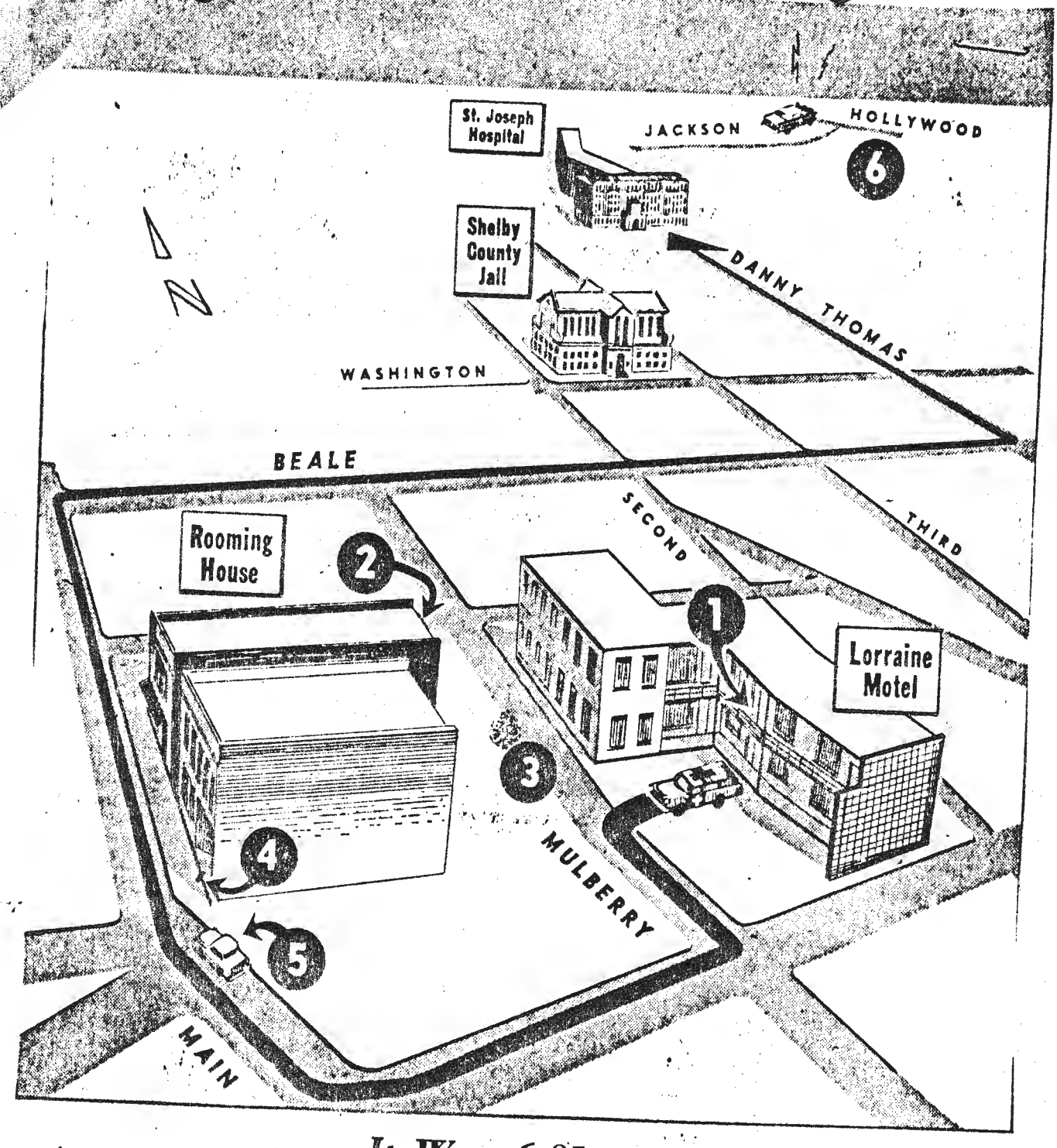
The jury will probably, but not necessarily, be all male and probably will include Negroes. About a third of the veniremen from whom the jury is to be struck will be Negroes. Most criminal court juries have from two to eight Negroes, depending on chance and the bent of opposing counsel in using up their peremptory challenges.

Occupying a reserved seat back of the chancel rail will be an uncle of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Rev. Joel Lawrence King of Mansfield, Ohio, who will be the only King family representative. In Atlanta Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. said yesterday that neither he nor Mrs. Coretta King, widow of the slain man, will attend.

Also in reserved seats, but separated from relatives and friends of Dr. King, will be John and Jerry Ray of St. Louis, brothers of the defendant.

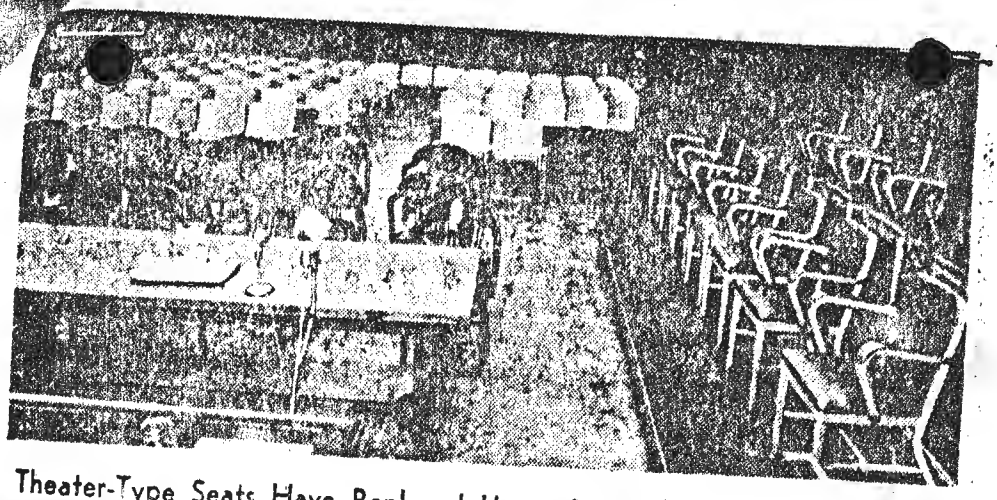
While the real jury of 12, with one alternate, sit in the jury box, a surrogate jury of reporters serving news media in all parts of the world will occupy 42 seats outside the chancel rail. If they do not form opinion, they transmit the reports on which public and world opinion will be based.

Although only 42 seats have been rationed to the press, they will be used at one time or another by an estimated 250 reporters. Their dispatches or broadcasts will help the world decide whether justice in the United States is administered "without regard to race, color or creed," as is engraved on many courthouse walls.

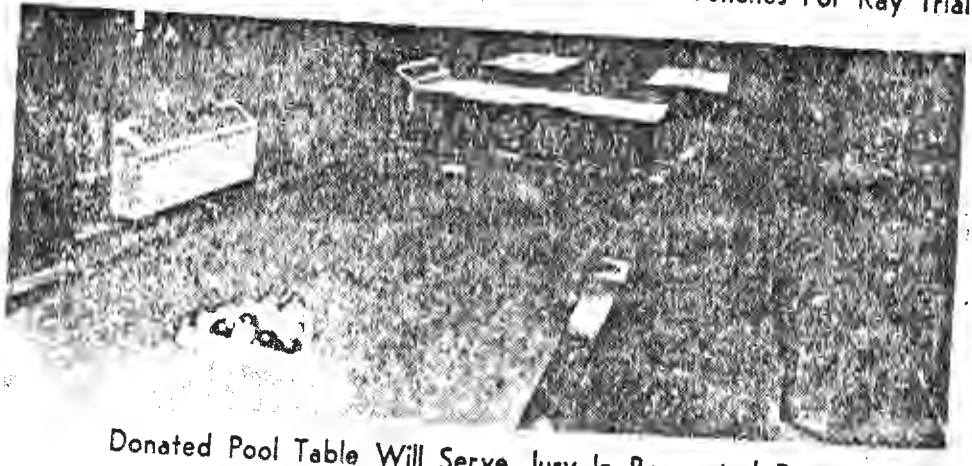


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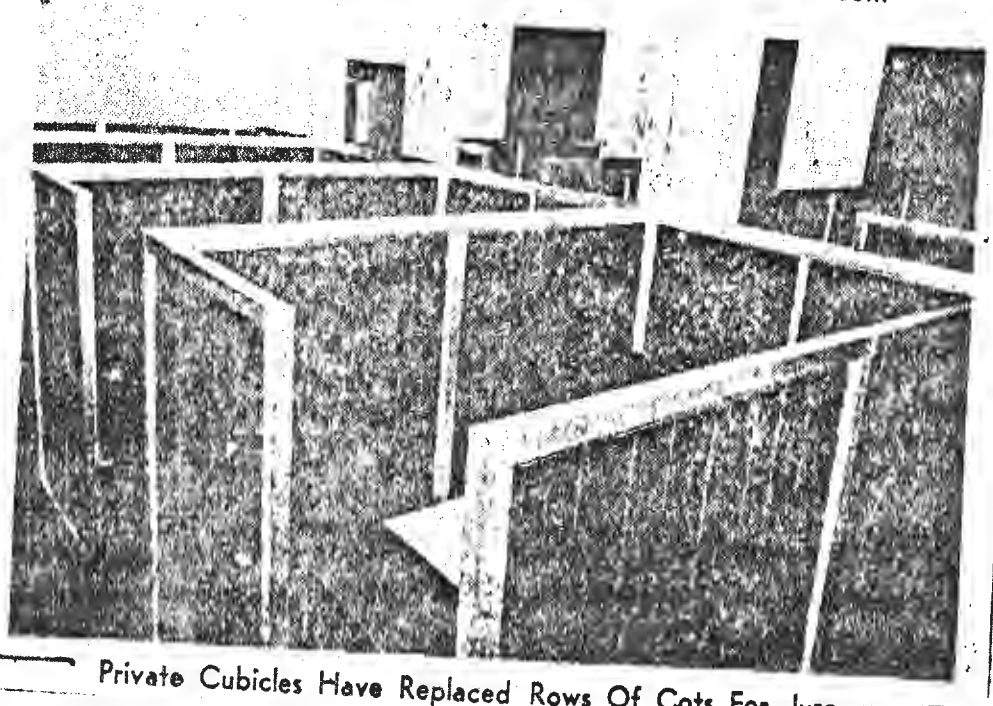
When the trial of James Earl Ray, accused in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., begins Tuesday these places will be referred to innumerable times: (1) The balcony of the Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was shot at 6:01 p.m., April 4. (2) The rooming house at 422½ South Main, where the man charged with murder stayed and from where the prosecution will contend that the shot that killed Dr. King was fired. (3) A thicket from which at least one witness says he saw a man running with something white over his face. (4) Canipe Amusement Co., the spot where a 30.06 rifle with telescopic sight was recovered. (5) The spot where witnesses say they saw a man speed off in a white Mustang. (6) The area where a supposed chase took place between a white Mustang and a blue Pontiac. Two other important places round out the map, St. Joseph Hospital where Dr. King was pronounced dead and Shelby County Jail, where James Earl Ray waits for the trial to begin.



Theater-Type Seats Have Replaced Uncomfortable Benches For Ray Trial



Donated Pool Table Will Serve Jury In Renovated Room



Private Cubicles Have Replaced Rows Of Cots For Jurors



This Will Be Home For Ray Trial Jurors For About Five Weeks



James Earl Ray

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Trial Reporters Face Tough Going

The eyes and ears of the world will focus on a small second floor courtroom of the Criminal Courts building starting Tuesday.

But it will have to be word pictures for the most part from the biggest aggregation of news reporters ever gathered in Memphis — to cover the trial of James Earl Ray, charged with the April 4 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Negro civil rights leader.

There will be no pictures permitted, not only in Judge Preston Battle's courtroom, but also in the block on which the Criminal Court Building is located — from Second to Third, and Poplar to Washington.

PICTURES

Photographers will be permitted to take pictures of persons entering and leaving the building from the south side of Washington across the street from the building. Washington will be closed to traffic between Second and Third by order of Sheriff William Morris, who has charge of protecting Ray.

Busiest man in connection with the trial will be Charles Holmes, borrowed from Memphis State University to serve as press officer for the trial.

His telephone in an office on the same floor as the courtroom keeps ringing, with calls from London, Washington, New York and elsewhere. Newsmen keep coming in to make certain they are properly certified. It is difficult to get a few minutes conversation with the obliging and friendly Holmes, a former reporter.

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The small courtroom will have 38 seats reserved for reporters and four rotating seats for reporters who were too late to qualify for reserved seats, making 42 press seats in all.

Holmes said once reporters are in they will have to remain and there will be no swapping of seats except at the noon recess. Holmes said the occasional brief recesses, will not give enough time to permit a substitute to go through the intricate security precautions.

Most of the reporters for foreign news agencies are coming from New York or Washington, but four will come from London and two from France.

EDITOR

Ralph McGill, noted editor and columnist from Atlanta has already arrived. McGill will share his seat with Celestine Sibley, an Atlanta Constitution reporter.

Richard Starnes, a veteran of reporting, including the entry of James Meredith to Ole Miss and many other civil rights cases, will represent Scripps-Howard Newspapers. There's also a seat for a Press-Scimitar reporter.

Gerold Frank of Doubleday and Co., who wrote the book, "The Boston Strangler," has a seat.

There will be a Press Room in Room 126 of the County Office Building and transcripts of the trial testimony will be available every hour, Holmes said.

LOSES

Hubert James Putt, a mentally ill federal prisoner who claimed to have inside information on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, lost a legal bid to become a witness in the trial.

Judge Battle dismissed a habeas corpus petition mailed by Putt from the Federal Medical Center in Springfield, Mo.

In the petition, handwritten in pencil on white tablet paper, Putt claimed he was "inadvertently involved in the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and knew the very day that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and

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Sen. Robert F. Kennedy were to be killed.

Judge Battle announced yesterday the trial will run six days a week and a minimum of six hours a day.

He said the trial hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 2-5 p.m. in the beginning. If it appears the trial will extend too close to Christmas, Judge Battle said the closing hour will be set at 6 p.m.

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...AL INVESTIGATIV... DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a television interview of the Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, PA., who stated he has evidence that Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr. Bevel also stated he refuses to divulge evidence and he has offered to defend Ray in court although he is not a licensed attorney.

We have no information indicating any evidence that Bevel may have.

The Philadelphia Office has been instructed to interview Bevel.

You will be advised of pertinent developments.

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) CODE

FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

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RE PHILADELPHIA TELETYPES JANUARY ONE NINE, LAST.

[redacted] ADVISED EARLY A.M., THIS DATE, JAMES BEVEL WAS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON JANUARY TWO ZERO, LAST. HE IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA TODAY.

[redacted] ERIC WARD, SCLC OFFICIAL MENTIONED BY BEVEL ON NEWSBROADCAST, AS PERSON AGREEING WITH HIM THAT JAMES EARL RAY DID NOT KILL KING.

[redacted] BEVEL IS QUOTE "PLAYING A GAME" UNQUOTE BECAUSE HE DID NOT WANT RAY EXECUTED. BEVEL FEELS RAY IS PART OF A CONSPIRACY, AND HIS DEATH WOULD END ALL TALK OF CONSPIRACY. PEOPLE WOULD THEN FORGET ABOUT CONSPIRACIES TO KILL KING.

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To: SAC, Philadelphia (44-1368)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReTeletype to the Bureau dated 1-19-69.

This will be to confirm Bureau instructions given to you on January 21, 1969. You should immediately interview Reverend James Bevel, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference for complete details as to what evidence and information he may have bearing on the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

You should keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments.

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NOTE:

Philadelphia advised us that Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference Official in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, appeared on television on 1-19-69, and stated that he had evidence that James Earl Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr. On this interview Bevel refused to divulge the evidence and further stated he has offered to defend Ray in court.

We have instructed Philadelphia to thoroughly interview Bevel for complete details as to what evidence he has bearing on the King assassination. This communication is confirming our instructions to Philadelphia.

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...STIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a progress report made to Judge W. Preston Battle regarding the preparation of the defense in the state trial of James Earl Ray scheduled for March 3, 1969, at Memphis, Tennessee.

Department being advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-L987 1 P

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SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY, PERCY FOREMAN, AND MR. HUGH STANTON, SHELBY COUNTY, TENN., PUBLIC DEFENDER WHO HAS BEEN NAMED CO-COUNSEL, WERE SCHEDULED TO APPEAR THIS DATE BEFORE JUDGE W. PRESTON BATTLE TO REPORT ON THEIR PROGRESS IN PREPARING RAY'S DEFENSE.

MR. STANTON APPEARED AS SCHEDULED AND STATED THAT FOREMAN HAS BEEN ILL WITH INFLUENZA SINCE DECEMBER TWENTYSIX LAST, AND WAS THUS UNABLE TO APPEAR THIS DATE. MR. STANTON STATED THAT DUE TO FOREMAN'S ILLNESS HE WAS UNABLE TO STATE DEFINITELY THAT INSTANT MATTER WOULD GO TO TRIAL BY MARCH THREE NEXT. JUDGE BATTLE ORDERED MR. STANTON TO PREPARE THIS CASE WITH OR WITHOUT FOREMAN'S ASSISTANCE IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO BE READY TO GO TO TRIAL MARCH THREE NEXT.

JUDGE BATTLE FURTHER ORDERED MR. STANTON AND MR. FOREMAN TO AGAIN MAKE A PROGRESS REPORT TO HIM FEBRUARY FOURTEEN NEXT.

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A THIRD CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST ON DECEMBER FORTY FOUR FURNISHED INFORMATION WHICH REVEALED THAT THE NAME [redacted]

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[redacted] WAS ON A LIST OF NAMES, SIGNIFICANCE UNKNOWN, MAINTAINED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE KINGS COUNTY COMMUNIST PARTY, TWENTY SIX COURT STREET, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK.

ADMINISTRATIVE.

THE FIRST SOURCE IS [redacted]

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THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE CLASSIFIED "SECRET" BECAUSE IT CONTAINS INFORMATION FROM [redacted] AND BECAUSE OF THE INFORMATION FROM [redacted] USED IN THE CHARACTERIZATION OF [redacted]

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Silent Ray Spends 6 Minutes in Court

By CLARK PORTEOUS
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Six minutes in the life of James Earl Ray:

He was led into the courtroom at 10:52 a.m. by two Sheriff's deputies and sat behind Hugh Stanton, 72, chief public defender who is aiding in the defense and handling it while Ray's chief counsel, Percy Foreman, is ill.

Ray looked neat. He was wearing the same dark blue suit with a check design of the same color that he has worn in previous court appearances. He had on a white shirt and solid blue tie. He looked rather pale, which is understandable as he has been in custody since June 8 when he was arrested in London. He has been in Shelby County jail since July 19.

When Ray was being sought as a suspect the FBI reported he had a nervous habit of pulling on his left ear lobe. During the six minutes he was in court he did not touch his ear.

Graying a bit at the temples and in the back, his dark hair was neatly trimmed. He stood with others in the court when Judge Preston Battle entered immediately after his own entry.

Then Ray sat quietly looking at the Judge, who did most of the talking, and listened intently. After a couple of minutes he put his right arm on the arm of his chair and his hand on his thigh. He pulled his feet up under the chair and sat motionless except for an occasional slight motion of his head.

Once he glanced at Stanton.

When court recessed, Stanton leaned over and told Ray he was going to call Foreman and tell him of the judge's instructions (to proceed with the case for trial March 3 if humanly possible) and that he would see Ray after talking with Foreman.

Ray barely nodded, indicating he understood — but didn't say a word.

He was led out of the courtroom at 10:58. He hadn't said a word. All he has said in previous appearances was "yes, sir" a couple of times — a total of four words.

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Judge Gives Order

Stanton Readied In Ray Defense

By ROY B. HAMILTON
Press-Scimitar Staff Writer

Public defender Hugh Stanton Sr. today was ordered to be ready to assume full responsibility for the defense of James Earl Ray, if for any reason, Percy Foreman has to withdraw as counsel.

The instructions were issued by Criminal Court Judge W. Preston Battle during a six-minute hearing attended by Ray.

In issuing the order, Battle repeated his earlier assertion that he wanted the Ray trial to begin as scheduled on March 3 "if humanly possible."

Foreman has been ill with influenza and pneumonia in Houston and sent word he was unable to come to Memphis. Battle had asked the Texas attorney and Stanton to give him a progress report on their trial preparations.

CLEAR ORDER

Battle said he was sorry to hear about Foreman's illness but he made it clear he wanted no further delay in the trial, which has already been continued once.

Battle told Stanton that he wanted his office "to prepare this case in such a manner that if for any reason it becomes necessary your office could take full charge of his defense."

James A. Blackwell, Criminal Court clerk, was ordered to draw up a copy of the order and send it to Foreman. The judge asked for another progress report on Friday, Feb. 14.

Stanton, who had been appointed previously to assist Foreman, said his work on the case so far had convinced him there is still "work to be done."

NO ASSURANCE

Said Stanton: "We have accumulated quite a batch of evidence."

But he said he could not say "with assurance" the defense could be ready for trial by March 3.

Stanton, 72, a tall, white haired, distinguished looking man, has been practicing law in Memphis for 43 years and is regarded as elder statesman of local criminal lawyers. As head of the Public Defender's office, he was named by Battle as associate defense counsel when Foreman said Ray had no funds to help in his defense.

Ray, charged with murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King in Memphis last April, also has on his defense team Stanton's son, Hugh Stanton Jr.

The state was represented at the hearing by Atty. Gen. Phil Canale and his two trial assistants, Robert K. Dwyer and James Beasley.

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—Press-Scimitar Staff Photo by Tom Barber

CARRYING BAIL FOR RAY

Hugh Stanton Sr., left, public defender, and his son and aide, Hugh Stanton Jr. leave Courthouse after the defender was told by Judge Preston Battle to be prepared to assume full responsibility for James Earl Ray's defense in the Martin Luther King slaying.

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Foreman Visits Doctor, May Miss Court Today

By JOHN MEANS

James Earl Ray's chief counsel went to a doctor yesterday in Houston, Texas, but no one seemed to know whether he is too sick to appear with his famous client in Judge Preston Battle's courtroom this morning.

Mrs. Percy Foreman would only say, "He went to the doctor's office this morning. I haven't heard from him."

Shelby County Public Defender Hugh Stanton, who is Mr. Foreman's co-counsel, said he understood his flamboyant colleague had contracted pneumonia during a bout with the flu. Mr. Foreman's illness was expected to leave Mr. Stanton alone to report to Judge Battle today on the progress of Ray's defense.

Mr. Foreman had been scheduled to appear with Ray today, to tell Judge Battle whether he needed another continuance to prepare his defense for the man accused of assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. last April 4.

Ray will appear in court, with or without Mr. Foreman, which means the maximum security procedures will go into effect around the Shelby County Jail and Criminal Courts Building again. The security measures are a rehearsal for the March 3 trial date, assuming no further delays are granted.

Judge Battle indicated at Mr. Foreman's last appearance in his courtroom that he would not look favorably on further requests for continuance.

The security measures were the subject of a meeting between Judge Battle, Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. and the sheriff's press officer, Charles Holmes, yesterday.

Sheriff Morris said the meeting resulted in a decision not to allow closed circuit television transmission from the courtroom, despite his report to Judge Battle on the Sirhan Sirhan trial in Los Angeles, where such a television system is in operation.

The sheriff said, however, "it's a good possibility" a system will be devised to allow photographs and filming of Ray away from the courthouse.

"It's pretty much yes" if the procedures can be worked out to satisfy the judge. Judge Battle said only: "It's still being discussed. I haven't agreed to it yet."

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Spotlight On Ray Case Pales Beside Gaudy Garrison Style

By CHARLES EDMUNDSON

The legal profession is watching the contrast between the no-holds-barred, pre-trial conduct of principals in the New Orleans case against Clay Shaw, accused by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison as a conspirator in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and the stringent guidelines laid down by the trial judge here in the upcoming trial of James Earl Ray, accused in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The feverish, two-year-long drive of Garrison to establish an entirely new theory of the assassination of President Kennedy may have foundered on the evidence of X-ray pictures of the late President's wounds.

Mr. Garrison's case has been built on the theory that Kennedy was shot by two, or possibly three, gunmen situated in front of and at a level below that of their victim. Four physicians of high repute now have studied 69 hitherto little-publicized X-ray photos of President Kennedy's wounds and found the shots were fired from above and slightly to the rear of the President's car.

The X-ray photos which have stopped Mr. Garrison—at least for the time being—were the subject of a report made public Thursday. The six-foot, six-inch Mr. Garrison promptly sent an assistant before General Sessions Judge Charles W. Halleck in Washington and asked access to the pictures.

Judge Halleck replied he would release the photographs to Mr. Garrison only if he were shown this was not "a fishing expedition, a frivolous attempt to obtain what certainly must be sensational X-ray pictures and material."

Mr. Garrison, known in New Orleans as the 'Jolly Green Giant,' impatiently has swept aside all previous contradictions exposed in his "evidence" by such reporters as those for The New York Times, The New Yorker magazine and the National Broadcasting Company.

The Commercial Appeal also has looked into Garrison's charges. Yesterday he accused United States Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark of seeking to hide the truth about President Kennedy's murder. But New Orleans observers said there appeared to be reason to suspect he may welcome a chance to bring to an end his endlessly changing projection of a presidential murder plot which he has peopled, at one time or another, with 16 plotters.

The prime target of Mr. Garrison's charges, Mr. Shaw, a retired director of the International Trade Mart in New Orleans who has visited and spoken in Memphis, was to have gone on trial before Criminal District Court Judge Edward A. Haggerty Tuesday.

In view of the X-rays, Mr. Garrison will go into court at 10 a.m. tomorrow and ask that the trial be continued.

If the motion is denied, Mr. Garrison could drop the prosecution and withdraw from the glare of publicity he has basked in since November, 1966.

Some responsible New Orleans citizens would apparently approve. Their sentiments seem to have been summed up by Aaron M. Kohn, managing director of the Metropolitan New Orleans Crime Commission, who said, "Garrison never lets the responsibilities of being a prosecutor interfere with being a politician."

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It is not entirely clear whether Mr. Garrison thinks Lee Harvey Oswald, the man generally considered President Kennedy's assassin, fired one or more of the fatal shots. Among a long array of hypotheses, Mr. Garrison has on occasion assumed the existence of a "second Lee Harvey Oswald," without fully distinguishing between the role of the No. 1 and No. 2 claimants to the name.

Many of his principal plotters are drawn from New Orleans' populous and bizarre underworld. Some of his "witnesses" have been ex-convicts, homosexuals, narcotics addicts and former mental patients.

New Orleans may well be drawing unflattering comparisons between Mr. Garrison's performance and the manner the Shelby County Criminal Court and district attorney's office are preparing for the trial of Ray.

While Judge Haggerty has imposed no limits on Mr. Garrison s television appearances and cross-country personal appearances, Judge W. Preston Battle has limited pretrial publicity in the Ray case by forbidding interviews from being given by law officers and the attorney general's staff. While Mr. Garrison has welcomed the tales of hangers-on who always appear in the wake of a sensational murder, here Atty. Gen. Phil M. Canale has stuck to the responsible evidence and kept much of that to himself pending the trial.

On Judge Battle's attempt to stop the press from printing the news developments in the Ray case, opinion is more mixed. In a long article in The New Yorker, Edward J. Epstein notes that it is the press and TV that have stood in the way of Mr. Garrison's attempt to convict Mr. Shaw even before the trial opens.



Pistol-Packing Garrison And Assistant
District Attorney With Andrew Sciambra (Right)
—AP Wirephoto

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Former King Aide Volunteers To Serve As Counsel For Ray

By ANGUS McEACHRAN

James Earl Ray reportedly was sent a telegram last night from a former aide of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. offering to take over Ray's defense.

It was sent to Ray, charged with the April 4 murder of Dr. King, at the Shelby County Jail by the Rev. James L. Bevel, a Southern Christian Leadership Conference director.

The text of the telegram, according to sources, read:

"I would like to inform you that I would be very happy to take your case without fee. I was present at the Lorraine Hotel when Dr. King was killed. You have been charged with murdering him. Of course, I know that you are not guilty."

The telegram was also said to have contained added details of where the Rev. Mr. Bevel could be reached in Philadelphia.

Sheriff William N. Morris Jr. confirmed last night that Ray had received a telegram but declined to reveal the contents and the name of the sender.

In Philadelphia, a woman who identified herself as an aide to the Rev. Mr. Bevel told The Commercial Appeal such a telegram had been sent but all details would have to come from the minister.

"Reverend Bevel is in a meeting in the city right now and it is impossible to reach him," said Miss Beverly Sterner. "I can only say that a telegram has gone to James Earl Ray offering assistance."

Miss Sterner was reached at the residence of the Rev. Mr. Bevel.

There was no answer at the Rev. Mr. Bevel's home early today.

The latest strange development in a case which has been overlaid with mystery and strange developments, started to unfold early yesterday afternoon when Reuters, a British wire service, received a telephone call at its New York office saying the telegram had been sent.

In Atlanta, headquarters for the SCLC, a high-ranking spokesman told The Commercial Appeal the Rev. Mr. Bevel "has been under a lot of pressure lately. Since Dr. King's death, he has gone into a deep depression, and if he sent that telegram he is speaking for himself."

In SCLC, the Rev. Mr. Bevel is known as somewhat of a mystic. With his balding top and full beard he has the appearance of a monk.

An ordained minister, he does not have a law degree and therefore there is little likelihood he could represent Ray in court. The trial is scheduled to begin March 3.

Observers close to SCLC said Dr. King relied on the Rev. Mr. Bevel to keep him in touch with the young and most militant Negroes because he could speak their language.

In last year's Poor People's March to Washington, the SCLC director was sent to Memphis to recruit young marchers. But he reportedly created so much dissention in Negro ranks when he tried to persuade youths to leave school before final examinations that he was replaced by other SCLC staff members from Atlanta.

He was sent later to Philadelphia as director of non-violent education.

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OFFERS HELP — The Rev. James L. Bevel, a Southern Christian Leadership Conference director, reportedly has sent James Earl Ray a telegram offering to take over the defense of Ray, charged with the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

—Staff Photo

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Bevel Declines To Divulge His 'Evidence' In Ray Case

By P. H. BREESE

The Rev. James L. Bevel, a ranking figure in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, declined yesterday to elaborate on evidence he claims could free James Earl Ray, accused in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The Rev. Mr. Bevel, 32-year-old director of the SCLC's nonviolent and direct action program, sent a telegram Saturday to Ray in the Shelby County Jail which, according to sources, read:

"I would like to inform you that I would be very happy to take your case without fee. I was present at the Lorraine Hotel when Dr. King was killed. You have been charged with murdering him. Of course, I know that you are not guilty."

"I have evidence that, if presented to a jury, would free him (Ray)," the Rev. Mr. Bevel said.

But in a telephone conversation at his home in Philadelphia yesterday, the balding minister told The Commercial Appeal, "I have many reasons for wanting to defend Mr. Ray, but to discuss the evidence at this point would be to his disadvantage."

The Rev. Mr. Bevel said that he did not know or care what Ray's attorney, famed Texas lawyer Percy Foreman, thought of his offer. "If Mr. Ray wants me to defend him I will. I don't know what Mr. Foreman will do."

Mr. Foreman, in bed with pneumonia at his home in Houston, was not available for comment.

"I am confident that Mr. Ray would not be found guilty on the basis of evidence I now have," the Rev. Mr. Bevel said.

Shelby County Public Defender Hugh Stanton declined to comment on the Bevel statement.

There is little possibility the minister, who was born at Itta Bena, Miss., could ever represent Ray in court. He does not have a law degree.

When asked his legal qualifications, the Rev. Mr. Bevel said, "Well, I've been arrested 25 times." He added that he had represented himself in court appearances.

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Court Turns Down Reporters' Appeal

Review Of Contempt Ruling Is Refused

From The Commercial Appeal
Nashville Bureau

NASHVILLE, Jan. 20. —The Tennessee Supreme Court Monday refused to review the case of two Memphis newspaper reporters cited for contempt for violating court orders on pretrial publicity in the James Earl Ray murder case.

The high court gave no reason for denying a petition for a writ of certiroari, which if granted would have opened the way for a Supreme Court review of the contempt citation.

On Sept. 30, Criminal Court Judge Preston Battle ruled the reporters — Charles Edmundson of The Commercial Appeal and Roy Hamilton of the Memphis Press-Scimitar — and two other men were in contempt of court.

He did not impose sentence on any of the men pending their "future actions" despite a request by attorneys for Memphis Publishing Co., that sentence be handed down promptly so the case might be appealed.

Others cited by Judge Battle were Arthur Hanes, then an attorney for Ray, and Renfro Hays, a private investigator who worked for Mr. Hanes. Ray is accused of the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In November, the newsmen through their attorney petitioned Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Mark Walker of Covington to review the contempt citation. Judge Walker denied the petition, saying in effect that a contempt citation is not final until punishment is imposed and that the appeal was premature.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : C. D. McGowan

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: January 19, 1969

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Philadelphia Office directed a communication to the Bureau on 1-19-69, advising a Philadelphia news media on 1-19-69, had furnished information Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference official, sent a communication to James Earl Ray in Memphis stating Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr., as Bevel was present when King was killed. Bevel offered to testify in Ray's behalf. [redacted] Civil Disobedience Unit, Philadelphia Police Department, advised Bevel was to hold a press conference with the local CBS affiliate at 2:00 p. m., 1-19-69, in Philadelphia.

ACTION:

The Philadelphia Office was instructed to monitor the CBS program, 2:00 p. m., 1-19-69, and submit a teletype summary. Included in the summary is to be the information which Bevel alleges he can testify to.

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ADDENDUM: GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION JCG:sds 1/21/69

At 2:45 p.m., 1/19/69 Supervisor [redacted] Philadelphia Division, advised there were no CBS T. V. or radio programs on the air in Philadelphia at 2 p.m., in which Reverend James Bevel participated in a press conference. Philadelphia is checking with their sources.

FBI

Date: 1/22/69

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

RE: MURKIN

OO: Memphis

Re report of SA [redacted] dated 12/13/68 at Kansas City.

On 1/21/69 [redacted] Kansas City, Missouri, telephonically furnished the following information:

He was reading an Associated Press feature story on JAMES EARL RAY which appeared in the Kansas City Star, January 19, 1969. In this story it mentioned that RAY spent time in Puerato Vallarta, Mexico. This brought to his attention that an individual by the name of [redacted], a former SS officer with the Third Reich during World War II and reportedly a member of an organizaton called "Odessa" which is reportedly an organization of former SS officers, spent considerable time in Puerato Vallarta, Mexico.

[redacted] advised that he did not know [redacted] personally but has been a student of post-war German history and knows that [redacted] has been involved in numerous radical movements.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] presented a [redacted], Leawood, Kansas, a painting while they were visiting in Puerato Vallarta. [redacted] did not

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give the subject matter of the painting but stated it was signed by [redacted]. [redacted] did not believe [redacted] painted it. [redacted] stated that Mrs. RAPP gave him the painting inasmuch as she knew he was a student of German history. [redacted] advised that his home telephone is [redacted], his business telephone is [redacted] and that he would be glad to cooperate with the FBI in this matter at any time.

Indices of the Kansas City Office negative re [redacted], [redacted] or [redacted]

Kansas City Office will interview [redacted] Leawood, Kansas, and reinterview [redacted] for any additional information they may have connecting [redacted] with JAMES EARL RAY.

VIA TELETYPE
JAN 21 1969
ENCIPHERED

Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
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Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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FBI NEW YORK

8-25 PM URGENT 1-21-69 WPK

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND 100-438794 (PLAINTEXT)

ATTENTION DOMETIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 44-493 AND 100-149194 1P

MURKIN-CR (OO-MEMPHIS) COMINFIL SCLC IS-C (OO-ATLANTA).

RENYTEL ONE TWENTY SIX NINE.

[redacted] MENTIONED IN RE TEL, RESIDES [redacted] NYC, AND IS SUBSCRIBER TO UNLISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

NEW YORK INDICES REFLECT NO IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION. JAMES BUTLER, VICE COUNSEL, BRITISH CONSULATE EIGHT FORTY FIVE THIRD AVE., NYC, ADVISED [redacted] IS KNOWN TO THEM AS FORMERLY WITH BBC BUT IS NOW A FREE-LANCE WRITER WHO MAKES OCCASIONAL TV APPEARANCES WHENEVER THERE IS NEED FOR PERSON WITH PRONOUNCED BRITISH ACCENT.

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AIR MAIL COPIES SENT ATLANTA, MEMPHIS AND OS ANGELES.

END

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FBI WASH DC

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CC MR. SULLIVAN

[redacted] INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached relates to a television interview of the Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, PA., who states he has evidence that Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr. Bevel also stated he refuses to divulge evidence; he has offered to defend Ray in court although he is not a licensed attorney.

We have no information indicating any evidence that Bevel may have.

You will be advised of pertinent developments.

We should interview Bevel

REL:bjf

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700 PM URGENT 1/19/69 CRR

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND ATALNTA (PLAINTEXT)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (P)

MURKIN.

REMYTT ONE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE.

REV. JAMES BEVEL, SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference) OFFICIAL IN PHILA. APPEARED ON WCAU TV SPECIAL NEWS INTERVIEW BETWEEN HALVES OF NFL (National Football League) ALL STAR FOOTBALL GAME TODAY STATE HE HAS EVIDENCE THAT JAMES EARL RAY DID NOT KILL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BEVEL REFUSED TO DIVULGE EVIDENCE TO INTERVIEWER BUT SAID HE HAD OFFERED TO DEFEND RAY IN COURT BEACAUSE ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT A LICENSED ATTORNEY, HE WAS LEARNED IN THE LAW AND HAD SPENT MUCH TIME DEFENDING CASES IN COURT AND HAD PUT ALL THEFACTS TOGETHER TO ~~SHW~~ SHOW RAY WAS NOT GUILTY.

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BEVEL ALSO SAID ALL HIS FRIENDS DID NOT BELIEVE RAY WAS GUILTY.

HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING FOR THE REV. RALPH ABERNATHY AND SCLC BUT THE PRESS INTERVIEWER SAID THATAN OFFICIAL OF SCLC IN ATLANTA TOLD THE NEWS MEDIA THAT BEVEL WAS UNDER PRESSURE AND SPEAKING FOR HIMSELF ONLY.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED. ~~LHM~~ FOLLOWS.

END

EFH

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
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FBI MEMPHIS

414PM 1-24-69 URGENT SDC

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 2P

MURKIN.

ON JAN. TWENTYFOUR, SIXTY NINE, [redacted] ADVISED THAT JAMS BEVEL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC), ACCOMPANIED BY YOUNG MALE NEGRO, CEDRIC MOORE, FORMERLY OF MEMPHIS, NOW OF PHILADELPHIA, PA., ONE (FNU) RUTHERFORD, SCLC GENERAL MANAGER, AND (FNU) NIXON (PHONETIC), FORMER CAMPAIGN MANAGER OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY, WERE IN MEMPHIS, TENN. ON NIGHT JANUARY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTYNINE. BEVEL CLAIMED TO HAVE CONFERRED FOR SEVERAL HOURS JANUARY TWENTYTHREE, SIXTY NINE, ON EIGHTH FLOOR OF PEABODY HOTEL WITH JAMES EARL RAY'S ATTORNEY, PERCY FOREMAN, AND LATER FOREMAN AND BEVEL CONFERRED WITH RAY IN SHELBY COUNTY JAIL. AT ABOUT TEN P. M. BEVEL CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE AT CLAYBORN TEMPLE AME CHURCH, AT WHICH HE INVITED DELEGATES TO NATION COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MI-WINTER CONFERENCE, THEN MEETING IN MEMPHIS. BEVEL CALIMED THAT HE WAS CONVINCED OF RAY'S INNOCENCE IN KILLING MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CLAIMED AMERICA IS TRYING TO LYNCH RAY. CLAIMED SCLC PRESIDENT, REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, IS ALSO CONVINCED OF RAY'S INNOCENCE. HE REFUSED TO FURNISH THE BASIS FOR HIS STATEMENTS, OTHER THAN TO CLAIM HE HAD "PROPHETIC POWERS." BEVEL ADDED THAT HIS CONVICTIONS REGARDING RAY'S INNOCENCE HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BY HIM WITH ABERNATHY AND OTHER SCLC LEADERS

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cc - Long

RECENT SCLC RETREAT IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND HE HAD CONVINCED THEM HE HAD PROOF OF RAS INNOCENCE, INDICATING THAT HE IS MAKING THESE CHARGES WITH ACQUIESCENCE OF SCLC LEADERS.

AIR MAIL COPIES TOO ATLANTA AND PHILADELPHIA.

P. END.

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Routing Slip
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(Copies to Offices Checked)

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☐ El Paso	☐ New Orleans	☐ Springfield	
☐ Honolulu	☐ New York City		

Date 1/22/69

RE: JAMES O. EURST
ATLANTA, GEORGIA
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by 2/3/69

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks: Enclosed are two copies of a communication from captioned individual who cannot be identified in Dallas. Since there is no return address, this communication is not being acknowledged. No significance can be attached to the information in correspondent's telegram. Advise Bureau by return routing slip of any pertinent information in your files which would clarify the meaning of this communication. Submit routing slip, under above caption, to reach Bureau no later than 2/3/69.

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Dallas
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Follow-up made 2/3/69.

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J EDGAR HOOVER, EXECUTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHDC

CERTIFIED INFORMATION THAT GERALD OSWALD WAS NOT THE MAN THAT KILLED PRESIDENT PER J.T RAY THE MURDER OF MARTIN LUTHER KING CANNOT BE TRIED IN THE UNITED STATES YOUR LOCAL OFFICE TRIED TO TELL ME THAT WE KNOW WE HAVE RECIPROCAL CONTACT WITH CUBA MY SUGGESTION IS YOU CONTACT MYSELF AND A COUPLE OTHER MARINES I WANT GOOD MARINES WHEN THOSES PLANES LAND WE WILL SEND THEM BACK TO MIAMI

[redacted]

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FBI WASH DC

FBI DETROIT

TELETYPE

3:44PM URGENT 1-25-69 JRK IP

TO: DIRECTOR AND MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM: DETROIT (44-989)

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MURKON, OO: MEMPHIS

ON THIS DATE, EARL DOWDY, DETROIT NEWS CITY DESK ADVISED THAT TODAY HE RECEIVED AN ANNONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL FROM A FEMALE, WHO SAID THAT JAMES EARL RAY DID NOT MURDER DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT THAT ONE [redacted] WHO BEARS A VERY STRONG RESEMBLANCE TO RAY IS THE PERSON WHO KILLED DR. KING. [redacted] LIVES AT [redacted] BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, AND WORKS FOR [redacted] IN ST. LOUIS. DOWDY SAID THAT CALLER SOUNDED RATIONAL BUT WOULD NOT DISCLOSE HER IDENTITY. DETROIT INDICES NEGATIVE RE [redacted] ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION.

END.

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4 JAN 28 1969

Mr. Mohr
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
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6 - Memphis

airtel St. Louis 1-28-69 RECM

January 28, 1969

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

TO: SAC, St. Louis (44-775)

EC-24 FROM: Director, FBI (44-38861) -5518

MURKIN

Re Detroit teletype to the Bureau dated 1/25/69.

Earl Dowdy "Detroit News" city desk advised he received anonymous telephone call from a female who stated that James Earl Ray did not murder Martin Luther King, Jr., but that one [redacted] is the person who killed Martin Luther King, Jr. According to the anonymous caller, [redacted] bears a very strong resemblance to Ray and [redacted] resides at [redacted] Bridgeton, Missouri, and is employed by the [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri. Dowdy stated the caller sounded rational and she refused to disclose her identity.

St. Louis locate and interview [redacted] and conduct all necessary investigation to thoroughly resolve this matter as well as any information stemming from interview of [redacted] You should determine whereabouts of [redacted] during period of assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. (4/4/68). You should keep the Bureau fully informed.

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Based on available data, Clifford Greeves not identifiable in Bureau files.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

REL:ms/jms
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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO. . .

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOTE:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Detroit by their teletype of 1-25-69, advised they received the information as contained in the body of this airtel.

St Louis being instructed to locate and interview the person who allegedly bears a strong resemblance to James Earl Ray.

FBI

Date: 1/27/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (P)

RE: MURKIN
OO: Memphis

Re Memphis airtel to Los Angeles, 1/16/69.

On 1/23/69, Mr. BRUCE BEATTY, General Manager, Princess Cruises, Los Angeles, California, advised SA [redacted] that the "Princess Italia" had not sailed from Europe on its maiden voyage as of 10/29/67, and did not arrive in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, until 12/19/67. He stated the "Princess Italia" has an all Italian crew. Mr. BEATTY suggested that the cruise ship "Jason" may have been in Puerto Vallarta during October 1967.

Mr. HENRY BINKLEY, Port Superintendent, Williams, Diamond, and Company, Wilmington, California, advised SA [redacted] on 1/23/69, that the "SS Jason" first began cruises to Mexico ports in December 1967, and would not have been in Puerto Vallarta on 10/29/67. He stated that he knew of no other cruise ship which might have been in Puerto Vallarta at that time except possibly the "SS Statendam".

Mr. VICTOR FOX MATSON, Steamship Company, Wilmington, California, advised SA [redacted] on 1/23/69, that the "SS Statendam" did not stop in the port of Puerto Vallarta during October or November 1967.

Extra copy furnished for benefit of Legat, Mexico City.

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C. C. - Bishop

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4 - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
2 - Los Angeles

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

January 28, 1969

Airtel

1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Schutz

TO: SAC, Memphis

FROM: Director, FBI

MURKIN - THREAT AGAINST
THE PRESIDENT

R. M. Gaines, home address, [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, telephonically contacted the Bureau 7:10 a. m., 1/28/69, and stated he is presently located at 1056 College Street, Apartment 10, Memphis, Tennessee, and he is engaged in investigating the death of Martin Luther King. Gaines stated that he was a Negro but in his investigation he had concluded that no white man had killed King. He states he had taken a number of pictures and had other evidence that would bear out his conclusions.

Gaines stated he is presently employed by the Mahalia Jackson Chicken System, headquarters 705 South Parkway, East Memphis, that store is located at 691 South Parkway, East Memphis. He currently drives a Ford Mustang automobile.

It is noted that when Gaines first contacted the Bureau operator he made a threat that he would kill the president; however, upon talking to the Bureau Supervisor, specified he stated he only made this threat so that he would get to talk to someone.

Upon receipt notify local Secret Service of Gaines threat against the president. Secret Service Headquarters at Washington has been notified. Contact Gaines immediately and obtain full details of any information he may have concerning the shooting of Martin Luther King and advise Bureau results.

JAN 23 1969 COMM-FBI

JWH:ms
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XEROX JAN 29 1969

NOTE: [redacted] Secret Service, advised 7:22 a. m. by SA [redacted]

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19 JAN 28 1969

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MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

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FBI

Date: 1/22/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

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Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
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Mr. Sullivan
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (44-760) -P-

RE: MURKIN

Re report of SA RAYMOND B. HOWE, 12/13/68 at Kansas City.

Attached hereto is a memo from S. H. CROUSE, Warden, Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, dated 12/31/68.

On 1/10/69 Warden CROUSE furnished the attached self-explanatory memo that he prepared regarding interview with inmate [redacted] Warden CROUSE stated that he was sure that [redacted] does not know any additional information other than that which he already related to him. However, he felt [redacted] may possibly identify "Inmate X". Warden CROUSE stated he is attempting through prison records, to identify "Inmate X" in the event that [redacted] is unwilling to identify himself. Warden CROUSE stated that on 1/6/69 [redacted] KSP # [redacted] was returned to Wichita, Kansas, for trial.

The following interview was conducted by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

AT WICHITA, KANSAS:

[redacted] presently confined Sedgwick County Jail, Wichita, Kansas, on a writ from Kansas State Penitentiary

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2-Memphis (Enc. 1)
1-Kansas City
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JAN 30 1969

3 D - Bishop

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

69 in connection with a local armed robbery charge, volunteered on 1/14/68 he was previously confined in Missouri State Penitentiary Jefferson City, Missouri, at the same time an inmate -- he declined to name -- was a guest of the State of Missouri. The unidentified inmate, according to [redacted] was very friendly with JAMES EARL RAY, accused killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING. During time [redacted] and the unidentified convict were in MSP, [redacted] was able to learn from this convict that RAY had planned an escape for some time and confided to the convict that RAY had made arrangements for lots of money after the escape and inferred he would get it in return for killing KING. [redacted] acknowledged he had no first hand information concerning the threats of RAY or his plan for escape. He was hesitant to identify his convict friend in MSP claiming he feared for his life if an Agent approached the convict with the allegation [redacted] had put the "con" on the spot.

When bluntly asked what [redacted] wanted for the information he possessed, he agreed he was interested in a trade, and would reveal the name of the convict who reportedly had first hand information of these pertinent developments if Agent would approach the local judge in Wichita who is about to hear [redacted] charge of Armed Robbery, and arrange to have these charges dismissed. He explained this would preclude his having to return to the pen and thus decrease his chances of being harmed for furnishing information about his buddy.

[redacted] was informed his proposal would be reported to Agent's supervisor and if additional facts were desired, he would be contacted.

LEADS:

KANSAS CITY:

AT LANSING, KANSAS:

Will maintain contact with Warden S. H. CROUSE to determine if he identifies "Inmate X".

AT WICHITA, KANSAS:

Will follow results of [redacted] prosecution and reinterview him if it is deemed advisable.

.OUSE
Warden
Area Code: 913 - PArkview 7-3235

KANSAS STATE PENITENTIARY
P. O. Box 2
Lansing, Kansas 66043

December 31, 1968

RE: [redacted]
KSP No. [redacted]

I interviewed Morton, an inmate of this institution on Tuesday, December 31, 1968 (p.m.). [redacted] interview consisted of information concerning the killing of Martin Luther King by suspect (Missouri Penitentiary Escapee, Ray). [redacted] states to me that he has received his information from numerous conversations he has had with an unnamed inmate of this institution. This inmate X was a friend of Ray's in Jefferson City Penitentiary, as good a friend as Ray had. (As my informant understands Ray did not have many close friends). This inmate X was supposed to have been separated from Ray in the Missouri Penitentiary yard several times by a Custodial Lieutenant by the name of Holt who is now employed at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth as Custodial Officer. As inmate X stated, Ray had an escape record and so did he from Illinois and the institution watched them. My informant stated that Ray stated to inmate X he was figuring on trying to escape and inmate X agreed to go with him. Their play was to saw the bars in I Building basement and some way go through to a water main or sewer outside the walls and during the process of making arrangment, inmate X wanted to know what they were going to do after they got out, where they were going to get money and hole up. Ray didn't tell him at first and later on he told inmate X that they wouldn't have to worry about a thing especially money as they would have a world of money and would be taken care of. Then I understand Ray told inmate X that he was going to kill Martin Luther King and everything was taken care of. Upon learning this, inmate X stated he did not want anything to do with this and then backed out escaping with Ray. Although Ray did not use the method that they were going to use. Inmate X is fairly certain he knows how he escaped. My informant stated that the bars in the basement of I Building are supposed to be cut and water or sewer line is supposed to run along the outside wall, also, a circle band saw blade was supposed to be stolen and that was what was used to saw the bars of basement of I Building. Ray's brother came to visit him just about a week before he escaped. These were just some points to check to see how much truth in the story. My informant stated he would talk to a FBI Agent but doesn't want to be drawn into the deal but will talk to an agent under the pretext of something to do with his federal time, legal action in court or anything to throw off suspicion and wants any information that might point to inmate X to show up from in-

RE: [redacted]
KSP NO. [redacted] Interview on 12-31[redacted]8 Cont.

vestigation on the outside as he stated inmate X said the reason he has not said anything before now, was because he was afraid of getting his throat cut. My informant stated he is afraid of something happening to him if information indicated my informant put inmate X on the spot. After talking to informant at some length he doesn't appear to be a psyco but he has some previous time.

S. H. CROUSE
Warden

SHC:hes

1-29-69

1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Kansas City (44-760)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5521

MURKIN

Re Kansas City airtel dated 1-22-69.

Referenced communication incorporated an interview with one [redacted] who is incarcerated at the Kansas State Penitentiary. [redacted] advised that a person who he refuses to identify allegedly has information concerning James Earl Ray and the killing of Martin Luther King, Jr.

When the Agents "bluntly" asked [redacted] what he wanted for information which he possesses, he indicated that he desired the Agents' intercede with the local Judge on the local charge against him. [redacted] was then advised that his proposal would be brought to the Agents' supervisor's attention and if additional facts were desired, [redacted] would be recontacted.

It is incumbent upon you to insure that [redacted] fully understands that the FBI cannot be a bargaining agent between him and any tribunal nor can the FBI act as an intermediary between [redacted] and any other individual in such a matter as this. The Bureau should not be put in a position for any individual to be able to state at a later date that such a proposal was taken under consideration by the Bureau.

You should keep the Bureau fully advised of contacts made with Warden Crouse regarding his further interviews with inmate [redacted]

JAN 29 1969 COMM-FBI

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

REL:jms
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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO. . .

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

NOTE:

Warden Crouse of the Kansas State Penitentiary furnished us the results of an interview with inmate [redacted] The interview of [redacted] by the warden in essence states that [redacted] has information regarding James Earl Ray which he received from an individual whom he refuses to identify.

Our Agents interviewed [redacted] and he again refused to divulge the identity of the person furnishing him information and indicated to our Agents that he would consider divulging the necessary information if consideration was given for leniency or a reduced sentence on the charge that he was currently incarcerated for. The Agents advised that they would bring this information to their supervisor's attention.

The purpose of this communication is to instruct Kansas City to insure that the Bureau is not to be put in a position of being a bargaining agent and to leave no doubt in [redacted] mind that we cannot intercede in the sentence that he is serving.

CONFIDENTIAL

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

January 23, 1969

Director, FBI

1 - Mr. Long

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reverend James Bevel, an official of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, appeared on a television program in Philadelphia on January 19, 1969, and stated he has evidence that James Earl Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr. He refused to divulge the evidence to the television interviewer, but said he had offered to defend Ray in court although he was not a licensed attorney.

Reverend James Bevel was interviewed at his residence in Philadelphia on January 21, 1969. He stated he was extremely busy as he had appointments through 11 p. m. He stated that he had proof of the innocence of James Earl Ray and since the FBI was the prosecutor and he was involved with the defense, he felt he should not furnish the information. It was pointed out to him that the FBI did not prosecute anyone but always made every effort to obtain all facts available in matters of investigative interest to this Bureau. He stated he sent a telegram to Ray on Saturday, January 18, 1969, and as yet had received no answer. He stated he plans to call Percy Foreman, attorney for Ray, and offer his services. He stated he would contact our Agents and advise if Mr. Foreman has accepted his offer. Reverend James Bevel stated if Mr. Foreman does not accept his offer, he plans to drop the entire matter as he feels he has no moral obligation toward James Earl Ray to produce his evidence of Ray's innocence if his offer of help is refused.

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Reverend James Bevel stated he was at the Lorraine Motel, Memphis, Tennessee, on the ground underneath the balcony at the time Martin Luther King, Jr. was shot. When contacted in April of 1968, he refused to be interviewed.

19 JAN 24 1969

[redacted]

This is for your information.

1 - Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

SEE NOTE PAGE TWO...

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MAIL ROOM ☐ TELETYPE UNIT ☐

CONFIDENTIAL

GROUP 1
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JAN 23 1969
COMM-FBI

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 29, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from [redacted] Seattle, Washington, in which in a very antagonistic tone she claims that although we apprehended James Earl Ray, we have not brought to justice those who allegedly paid him to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. She does not indicate that she has any information of value but is just expressing her anti-Bureau sentiments.

Based on available data there is no information identifiable with [redacted] in Bureau files.

ACTION:

In view of the nature and tone of her letter, no acknowledgment is being made of her letter since no useful purpose would be served in doing so.

REC 114 44-38861-5523

6-Fred

REL:jms
(7)

61 FEB 10 1969

Jan. 25, 1969

Dear Sir:

After the Concerted effort you made to find and bring to justice - eventually - the suspected slayer of Martin L. King, it is a real travesty that since then you apparently have done nothing to bring to justice those who paid him to do the killing.

The records of his life bear out the fact that Earl Ray was no racist, and his own brother candidly admitted that

the Convicting Loss of his life and
Money. There were white racist groups
and Black militant groups who wanted
him out of the way. Earl Ray had large
unexplained amounts of money to live
on and travel with.

And yet for almost a year, you have
done NOTHING to bring the most REAL
Criminals to justice!

No wonder the "Credibility gap" which
exists in America today returned our
Citizens and our government. How could

it be otherwise when J.H. Jones made
us so much more knowledgeable?

Black Americans also know that there
was not much love lost between you
and the late Martin L. King; and this
should have made you all the more
zealous to see that Complete justice
was done as speedily as possible.

Your Continuing lack of action is going
to push more radicals into the groups
of extremists OR, even worse, it will
snuff out their thread of hope that

somehow, democracy can kneel real reverently for them, also.

As for the God of the Bible, the One you profess to believe in and obey, He makes no difference between the sins of omission and the sins of commission — NONE!

"To him who knows to do good and does it not, it is sin."

And the advice of Plato is not bad either: "Know thyself."

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Jan. 23, 1969

Dear Sir:

After the concerted effort you made to find and bring to justice - eventually - the suspected slayer of Martin L. King, it is a real travesty that since then you apparently have done nothing to bring to justice those who paid him to do the killing.

The records of his life bear out the fact that Earl Ray was no racist; and his own brother candidly admitted that the consuming love of his life was money. There were white racist groups and black militant groups who wanted him out of the way. Earl Ray had large unexplained amounts of money to live on and travel with.

And yet for almost a year, you have done nothing to bring the most real criminals to justice!

No wonder the "credibility gap" which exists in America today between us citizens and our government. How could it be otherwise when T. V. has made us so much more knowledgeable?

Black Americans also know that there was not much love lost between you and the late Martin L. King; and this should have made you all the more zealous to see that complete justice was done as speedily as possible.

Your continuing lack of action is going to push more moderates into the groups of extremists or, even worse, it will snuff out their thread of hope that somehow, Democracy can have real meaning for them, also.

As for the God of the Bible, the One you profess to believe in and obey, He makes no difference between the sins of omission and the sins of commission -- none!

"To him who knows to do good and does it not, it is sin."

And the advice of Plato is not bad either: "Know thyself."

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Gandy

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SEATTLE 22, WASH.

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1 - Mr. Long

TO: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2386)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ARTICLE IN "THE WASHINGTON POST" NEWSPAPER TODAY QUOTES REVEREND RALPH DAVID ABERNATHY, HEAD OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC) IN A NEWS CONFERENCE AS INDICATING A CONSPIRACY EXISTS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR (ASSASSINATION APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT).

YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW REVEREND ABERNATHY FOR DETAILS OF ANY INFORMATION HE POSSESSES, HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION, AND CONDUCT ALL NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO THOROUGHLY RESOLVE THIS MATTER AS WELL AS ANY INFORMATION STEMMING FROM INTERVIEW OF REVERENDABERNATHY. KEEP BUREAU FULLY INFORMED OF ALL DEVELOPMENTS. AIRMAIL COPY SENT MEMPHIS.

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1 - MEMPHIS (44-1987) (airmail)

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NOTE:

Article appearing the "The Washington Post" on 1-29-69, in part states that the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Reverend Ralph David Abernathy inferred that a conspiracy exists in the Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination. According to the information coming from the press conference, Abernathy claims that Negro leaders in Memphis believe that persons other than James Earl Ray were aware of the plan to kill Martin Luther King, Jr. The article further states that Abernathy said the information was second-hand and he could not vouch for its validity.

We are instructing Atlanta (Headquarters of SCLC) to interview Abernathy for details of information and to completely resolve. We previously interviewed Abernathy in Memphis, Tennessee, in April of 1968, and at that time he did not indicate that a conspiracy existed.

FBI

Date: 1/23/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia teletypes dated 1/19/69 and 1/21/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM titled as above.

Copies are being furnished locally to MI, NISO, OSI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

One copy of this LHM is being forwarded Atlanta for information since Atlanta is OO in SCLC. Two copies are being furnished Memphis since Memphis is OO MURKIN.

This LHM is classified confidential to protect identity of [redacted] continues to furnish excellent information concerning racial and security matters.

Source utilized in the LHM is [redacted]

When interviewed on 1/21/69, agents had to wait 30 minutes for BEVEL because BEVEL was holding a meeting in the next room.

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5 - Bureau (RM) (Encs. 11)
3 - 44-38861
1 - 100-438794 (SCLC)
1 - 157-10808 (JAMES BEVEL)
1 - Atlanta (SCLC) (Info) (RM)(Enc. 1)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(MURKIN)RM) (Encs. 2)
5 - Philadelphia
1 - 44-1987 (MURKIN)
1 - 100-47194 (SCLC)
1 - 157-1214 (RACIAL DISTURBANCES - MAJOR URBAN AREA)
1 - 157-2979 (JAMES BEVEL)
1 - 170-53 (PH 897-R)

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Special Agent in Charge

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For the information of Atlanta, BEVEL is currently employed at the Health and Welfare Council, Inc., 1428 Columbia Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., telephone CE 2-9911.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 23, 1969

JAMES EARL RAY;
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

Reverend James Bevel was interviewed at his residence, 919 North 18th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., on January 21, 1969. The following are the results of this interview:

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Date 1/23/69

Reverend JAMES BEVEL was interviewed for ten minutes at his residence. He stated he was extremely busy as he had appointments through 11:00 p.m. that day. While the interview was in progress, a woman asked BEVEL if he could speak to a member of the press. BEVEL told her to tell the person on the telephone he was tied up until 11:00 p.m.

BEVEL stated he had proof of the innocence of JAMES EARL RAY in connection with the murder of his good friend Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. BEVEL referred to KING as one of his closest and dearest friends. BEVEL stated that since the FBI was connected with the prosecution and he was involved with the defense, he felt he should not furnish this information.

It was pointed out to BEVEL that the FBI is an investigative agency and does not prosecute anyone. It was also pointed out to BEVEL that the FBI is as interested in proving a person's innocence as proving a person's guilt. BEVEL was advised the FBI was interested in obtaining and proving all facts possible during any investigation.

BEVEL stated he sent a telegram to RAY on Saturday, January 18, 1969, and as of the date of the interview, he had received no answer to his telegram. BEVEL stated in connection with this he planned to call PERCY FOREMAN, Attorney for RAY on the night of January 21, 1969, and offer his services in connection with RAY's defense.

BEVEL stated he would telephone the contacting agents on January 22, 1969, and advise if FOREMAN accepted his offer. BEVEL stated if FOREMAN does not accept his offer to aid the defense, he, BEVEL, plans to drop the entire matter as he feels he has no moral obligation towards RAY to produce his evidence of RAY's innocence if his offer of help is refused.

It was pointed out to BEVEL that if he had evidence of RAY's innocence, it should be brought to the attention of the court. BEVEL again stated he would do so only if he was allowed to be part of RAY's defense.

BEVEL stated that at the time MARTIN LUTHER KING

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On 1/21/69 at Philadelphia, Pa. 2 File # Philadelphia 44-1368

by SA [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 1/22/69

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was shot at the Loraine Motel in Memphia, he was standing on the ground underneath the balcony where KING was shot.

JAMES EARL RAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

On January 22, 1969, Special Agent [redacted] telephonically attempted to contact Reverend Bevel at approximately 2:30 p.m. The person answering stated Reverend Bevel would not return until 5:00 or 6:00 p.m.

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 23, 1969

Title JAMES EARL RAY:
MARTIN LUTHER KING - VICTIM

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned as above at Philadelphia, Pa.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Mr. Trotter
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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 AND MEMPHIS

FROM ATLANTA 44-2386

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RE BUREAU TEL TO ATLANTA JAN. TWENTYNINE, SIXTYNINE.

APPOINTMENT WAS MADE THIS DATE FOR INTERVIEW WITH REV. RALPH ABERNATHY. WHEN SA'S [redacted] AND [redacted] ARRIVED AT SCLC HEADQUARTERS, ABERNATHY'S SECRETARY ADVISED HE WAS NOT IN BUT SHE WOULD CONTACT HIM ON THE TELEPHONE. SA [redacted] TELEPHONICALLY TALKED WITH ALBERNATHY WHO APOLOGIZED FOR BEING UNABLE TO KEEP THE APPOINTMENT AND SAID HE WAS "VISITING THE SICK".

ABERNATHY ADVISED CONCERNING HIS STATEMENT TO THE PRESS THAT A CONSPIRACY EXISTS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THAT WHAT HE ACTUALLY STATED WAS IN VIEW OF THE ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, ROBERT F. KENNEDY, MEDGAR EVERS, AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., THERE WOULD BE AN INDICATION TO HIM

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THAT THERE MAY BE A CONSPIRACY AMONG THE "FORCES OF EVIL" TO DO AWAY WITH ANY YOUNG "MILITANT" WHO STANDS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. ABERNATHY STATED HE HAS NO EVIDENCE NOR HAS HE HEARD FROM ANY SOURCE ANY SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT A CONSPIRACY EXISTS IN THIS MATTER. HE ADVISED THAT THE STATEMENT MADE TO THE PRESS CONCERNING A CONSPIRACY CONCERNED THE ASSASSINATIONS OF ALL THE ABOVE MEN.

ABERNATHY ADVISED THAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, REV. JAMES LAWSON, MINISTER OF CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TOLD HIM IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE DAY PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION OF KING, TWO NEGRO FIREMEN WHO WORKED IN THE FIRE STATION ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE MOTEL WHERE KING WAS KILLED WERE MOVED, LEAVING SOME UNMANNED FIRE EQUIPMENT. ACCORDING TO LAWSON, THE TWO NEGRO FIREMEN WERE MOVED TO FIRE STATIONS WHICH WERE ALREADY FULLY MANNED AND EQUIPPED. ALSO ACCORDING TO LAWSON, A NEGRO POLICEMAN WHO WORKED THE BEAT WHICH INCLUDED THE MOTEL WHERE KING WAS KILLED WAS MOVED OFF OF THAT BEAT THE DAY KING WAS KILLED.

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THAT INFORMATION ALONG WITH WHAT HE HAS HEARD AND READ CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED RADIO CALLS WHICH DIVERTED A SEARCH FOR A WHITE MUSTANG LEADS HIM TO BELIEVE THAT THERE MAY BE A CONSPIRACY IN THIS MATTER.

MEMPHIS CONTACT REV. JAMES LAWSON CONCERNING THE ABOVE MATTER IF NOT ALREADY DONE AND CONDUCT ALL NECESSARY INVESTIGATION TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.

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PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	1/31/69	1/23/69 - 1/29/69

TITLE OF CASE

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
REVEREND JAMES BEVEL - VICTIM

REPORT MADE BY: EDWARD M. COLE | TYPED BY: BSM

CHARACTER OF CASE

POSSIBLE EXTORTION

REFERENCES

Bureau teletype to Philadelphia, dated 1/23/69.
Philadelphia teletypes to Bureau, dated 1/23/69, 1/24/69, 1/27/69, 1/28/69, and 1/29/69.
Memphis teletype to Bureau, dated 1/24/69.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Four copies of this report are being submitted to the Bureau since the Bureau may desire to forward one copy to the Department.

[redacted] Intelligence Squad, Philadelphia Police Department, advised on 1/30/69 his squad is investigating this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, EDPA (JRS)

Report of: SA EDWARD M. COLE
Date: 1/31/69

Office: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Field Office File #: 9-3113

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
REVEREND JAMES BEVEL - VICTIM

Character: POSSIBLE EXTORTION

Synopsis: Telegram sent by CEDRIC MOORE to Director, FBI, President RICHARD M. NIXON, Philadelphia Police Department Commissioner FRANK RIZZO, and Philadelphia Mayor JAMES H. J. TATE stating that someone was going to kill the Reverend JAMES E. BEVEL, Southern Christian Leadership Conference official in Philadelphia, because of BEVEL's statements that JAMES EARL RAY was innocent in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., Southern Christian Leadership Conference President. MOORE and BEVEL interviewed regarding threat and telegrams, and both stated [redacted] not further identified, told them at Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Headquarters on January 20 or 21, 1969, about the people he had heard stating they would burn down the building in which BEVEL resides, and also that a "contract was out" on BEVEL. No letter through mail, interstate telephone calls, or telegrams involved in threat. United States Attorney declined.

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DETAILS: This case is predicated on a telegram received by the FBI on January 23, 1969, from CEDRIC MOORE, Assistant Non-Violent Education, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Philadelphia, Pa. The telegram states, "I am informing you that a serious threat is being made on Rev. JAMES BEVEL life concerning his defense of JAMES EARL RAY."

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Date January 31, 1969

CEDRIC MOORE, currently residing at [redacted] Southern Christian Leadership Conference Headquarters of Philadelphia, was interviewed regarding a telegram he sent to J. EDGAR HOOVER, President NIXON, Philadelphia Police Commissioner RIZZO, and Philadelphia Mayor JAMES H. J. TATE, stating a serious threat was being made on the life of Reverend JAMES BEVEL concerning his defense of JAMES EARL RAY.

MOORE stated he is not familiar with many Philadelphia people as he just came to Philadelphia from Memphis. He has been in Philadelphia for a little over one week.

MOORE stated that on either January 20 or 21, 1969, an individual named [redacted] who occasionally visits Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Headquarters, stated that a group of "cats" were incensed at BEVEL's statements that JAMES EARL RAY, alleged killer of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., was innocent. [redacted] stated these "cats" made the statement they would burn the building down in which BEVEL resides.

MOORE could not identify [redacted] further, nor could he furnish [redacted] residence address or telephone number.

MOORE also advised that on either January 20 or 21, 1969, while walking past a room at [redacted] he heard someone say, "BEVEL should be careful." He could not identify the person who spoke nor could he identify anyone else in the room.

On 1/28/69 at Philadelphia, Pa. File# Philadelphia 9-3113

by SA'S EDWARD M. COLE and [redacted] Date dictated 1/30/69

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Date January 29, 1969

On January 29, 1969, the Reverend JAMES BEVEL, Philadelphia Branch, Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was interviewed regarding the threats made to his life by an unknown group of individuals after BEVEL sent a telegram to JAMES EARL RAY proclaiming RAY innocent of the killing of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

BEVEL said that on either Monday or Tuesday, January 20 or 21, 1969, an individual known to him only as [redacted] of Philadelphia, Pa., who has drifted in and out of the Philadelphia SCLC Office, was in the building, and told BEVEL that since BEVEL had sent the telegram to RAY, that some "cats" in Philadelphia were mad at BEVEL's telegram. [redacted] did not describe where he heard these people talking, who they were, or when it was said, but the "cats" were talking about blowing up the SCLC building in which BEVEL lived and that a "contract" (to kill) was out for BEVEL. BEVEL said there was no mention made of a telegram, interstate telephone call, or a communication through the mail. It was all oral.

BEVEL again said that he had information and evidence that would prove RAY had not killed KING, but he said he would not divulge this information unless he was allowed to defend RAY in court. He did say that RAY had a psychomotor defect that would preclude RAY shooting a rifle accurately.

He also said that he was not concerned about the threats made against him by disgruntled "brothers" because he had lived with threats since 1961, when he had joined KING and the SCLC.

On 1/29/69 at Philadelphia, Pa. File# Philadelphia 9-3113

by SAS [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 1/29/69

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Date January 31, 1969

CEDRIC MOORE, [redacted] Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Aide to the Reverend JAMES BEVEL, was interviewed, and he advised that he had no information that the threats to the life and safety of BEVEL had been made by interstate telephone, telegraph, or through the United States Mail.

On 1/29/69 at Philadelphia, Pa. File # Philadelphia 9-3113

by SAS AND [redacted] Date dictated 1/29/69

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Assistant United States Attorney JOHN R. SUTTON, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa., was advised by SA [redacted] of the above information on January 29, 1969, and stated that Federal prosecution was being declined because the facts did not constitute a violation of Federal law.

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FBI

Date: 1/21/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368)

Subject: MURKIN

ATTENTION:
☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
(CC) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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Summary of Complaint:

Remytels 1/19/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies of a self-explanatory LHM. Info copies furnished Memphis and Atlanta.

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3 - Bureau (Enc. 3) (RM)
2 - Memphis (Enc. 2) (RM)
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ACTION: UACB:
☒ No further action being taken and
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, EDPa.
☐ LHM being submitted
☐ Report being submitted
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
☐ Limited investigation instituted

1 cc CIVIL RIGHTS UNIT JAN 23 1969

1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-94

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] advised 1/14/68 that Reverend JAMES BEVEL at an SCLC meeting recently held at Frogmore, S. C., wanted the Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY of SCLC to step down in favor of the Reverend JESSE JACKSON. [redacted] said BEVEL was returning to Philadelphia to create a furor in the next four to six months.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
January 21, 1969

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

Philadelphia news media on January 19, 1969, carried information that the Reverend JAMES BEVEL, Southern Christian Leadership Council of Philadelphia, Pa., sent a telegram to JAMES EARL RAY stating RAY did not kill Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING and BEVEL, who was present at KING's death, offered to testify in RAY's behalf.

On January 19, 1969, BEVEL appeared on WCAU-TV, Philadelphia, special news program during the half-time of the National Football League All-Star Game, stating that he had evidence that JAMES EARL RAY did not kill MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. BEVEL refused to divulge his evidentiary information but offered to defend RAY in court though he (BEVEL) was not a licensed attorney, but was learned in the law and had had much experience in defending cases in the courts. BEVEL said he analized all the facts and concluded RAY was not guilty.

BEVEL said he was speaking for his friends in SCLC including the Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY.

The television interview said that an unnamed official of the SCLC in Atlanta, Ga., had told WCAU-TV that BEVEL has been under pressure and was speaking for himself, not SCLC.

The following is a verbatim tape transcription of the KYW Television news, 11 p.m., January 19, 1969:

Eleven o'clock report in color with BERT ROSELL and the eyewitness news team.

ROSELL: Good evening. There is a bizarre twist of events today in the case of JAMES EARL RAY. RAY is accused of killing Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., and goes on trial in Memphis, Tenn., March 3. The Reverend JAMES BEVEL is Director of Non-violent

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Education and Direction Action for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). He was with KING when the civil rights leader was gunned down. BEVEL says that RAY is innocent and has offered to serve as RAY's attorney, free of charge. I talked to BEVEL this afternoon at his Philadelphia headquarters.

ROSELL: Reverend, how do you know that he is not guilty?

BEVEL: Well, in terms of gathering evidence, being present, studying the whole problem of men being murdered, how it is done, from all the logical conclusion and evidence that I have gathered my conclusion, based on the knowledge, in terms we built it to experience, knowledge to the sense that the five senses and even the sixth sense, my conclusion is that JAMES EARL RAY did not kill Dr. KING.

ROSELL: What evidence do you have to support your conclusions that JAMES EARL RAY is innocent?

BEVEL: Well, I would not like to get into my evidence and my information in terms of that because if he asks me to take the case, and I don't know whether he will or not, for me to give that information now would not be to his advantage.

ROSELL: Why have you held back this long in offering your services and proclaiming the innocence of JAMES EARL RAY?

BEVEL: Well, I don't know, probably because I have never (pause) I was involved in developing as I am now, because I was in a movement here in Philadelphia and I just haven't thought in terms of offering this free kind of service to him. When I started thinking about this particular predicament, then I thought about.....

JAMES EARL RAY;
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. - VICTIM

The following is an interview of Reverend JAMES BEVEL by JAY SILVA, over television station WCAU, Philadelphia. This is the local CBS affiliate. The announcer was RON MILLER. The person interviewing BEVEL was JAY SILVA.

MILLER: Reverend JAMES BEVEL of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) says he will keep the evidence he has which he says would prove that JAMES EARL RAY did not assassinate Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, if RAY does not accept BEVEL's offer of legal representation. Reverend BEVEL sent a telegram to RAY yesterday offering to represent him in court without a fee. The telegram added, "I was present on April 4th at the Lorraine Motel when Dr. KING died. You have been accused of murdering him; of course, I know you aren't guilty." Today, newsman JAY SILVA asked Reverend BEVEL about the proof he says he has concerning RAY's innocence.

BEVEL: Number one, based on the evidence that I have in terms of the incident that took place and based on the opinion of all of my friends, I don't have a friend that I know that thinks that he did it. I thought (inaudible) that the man is not guilty and have come to my conclusions, and based on my evidence.

SILVA: What specifically is the evidence that leads you to this conclusion?

BEVEL: At this time, I don't want to tell about that because if I was going to defend him, you see, then I would have to present that information to the jury. So, I would not go into the details of my evidence at this time because I would have to deal with that with the jury.

SILVA: You say that you have specific evidence that shows JAMES EARL RAY was not the man who murdered MARTIN LUTHER KING.

BEVEL: Mhm.

SILVA: Then, do you have any idea who did, that shows JAMES EARL RAY was not the man who murdered MARTIN LUTHER KING?

BEVEL: Mhm.

SILVA: Well then, do you have any idea who did?

BEVEL: Now, I am not a district attorney. It is the responsibility of the district attorney to find out who killed people. And it is the responsibility of the defense attorney to prove that a particular person is not guilty. So that, in the way the courts work, it is never the responsibility of the defense attorney to prove who did kill someone. It is his job to defend the person who has been accused, that they are not guilty.

SILVA: You said you would defend JAMES EARL RAY without any fee. Are you a lawyer?

BEVEL: No, I am not a licensed lawyer. I have handled cases in court for the last few years. I have been in court quite a bit and I have handled most of my cases. The other thing is that I do know the law.

SILVA: The one thing that intrigues is, why have you held back this information for so long?

BEVEL: Well, number one, I hadn't thought about offering him my services. Now, the reason I, like I said, when you bind information together then you can come to conclusions. The first I said, he is not guilty. The next thing I said, he needs a good lawyer. He needs the best lawyer that the country can afford. And, of course, that means a lawyer who has knowledge enough in that situation and who knows the law. He needs a lawyer that can convince the jury that he is not guilty. And that's why I offered him my services, because I was interested in his having the best possible lawyer with the maximum amount of knowledge in law to defend him before the jury, because the jury and the country pretty much has resigned the motion that the man is guilty and they are just waiting to have a lynching party with him, you know. It is very difficult at this point considering the emotional attachment to Dr. KING that most people had, to have a fair trial.

SILVA: Do you speak for yourself on this issue?

BEVEL: For my friends? Ah, yes, my friends, RUTH BASCOMBE, BEVERLY ERIC, REVEREND SHEPPARD, DU BRADY, REVEREND ABERNATHY, MRS. ABERNATHY, MRS. KING, ANDY YOUNG.

SILVA: Do you say Reverend ABERNATHY agrees with you? You said your friends come to the same conclusion as you have.

BEVEL: I don't have any friends who ever told me that EARL RAY was guilty.

SILVA: So, inasfar as you know, Reverend ABERNATHY agrees with you.

BEVEL: Certainly, in terms of his position on him and I just talked to BERNARD LOVIER who is our Program Director and I pointed out that if RAY would give me the case, he would help me to do a lot of the research and defend him.

MILLER: In Atlanta, Georgia, a spokesman for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference said he, Reverend BEVEL, has been under a lot of pressure recently. Since Dr. KING's death he has gone into a deep depression and if he sent the telegram, he is speaking for himself.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Executive Assistant Attorney General ROBERT K. DWYER, Memphis, Tenn., has requested that Mr. IAN COLVIN, a reporter for the "Daily Telegraph," London, England, be re-interviewed in detail concerning attempts made by the subject to contact him for assistance in joining an army of white mercenaries. Mr. DWYER requests that COLVIN be sounded out as to his willingness to come to this country to testify in subject's trial, beginning about 3/3/69.

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C. D. Bishop

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, London

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5529

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ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 1-23-69.

Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Executive Assistant to the State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is handling the state prosecution of James Earl Ray, has requested that Mr. Ian Colvin, a reporter for the "Daily Telegraph," London, England, be re-interviewed to determine if he can recall any conversation with James Earl Ray beyond that information previously furnished to New Scotland Yard. It is noted that Ray contacted Mr. Colvin in June of 1968, and requested assistance in joining an army of white mercenaries.

Mr. Dwyer did not have the opportunity to interview Mr. Colvin during Dwyer's stay in London (October 20, 21, 1968) when he interviewed other witnesses in this matter.

Mr. Dwyer further requested that Mr. Colvin be interviewed regarding his willingness to come to Memphis, Tennessee, to testify in Ray's trial beginning on or about March 3, 1969.

You should make the appropriate arrangements to have Colvin interviewed in accordance with the above request. Expedite.

1 - Memphis

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared with SA [redacted])

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NOTE:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The office of the State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, is prosecuting the state's case against James Earl Ray. This case is scheduled for trial in Memphis, on March 3, 1969. In preparation of the state's trial Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Executive Assistant to the State Attorney General, requests that Mr. Ian Colvin, a reporter for the "Daily Telegraph," London, England, be re-interviewed concerning the contact with him by Ray, and Colvin's willingness to come to Memphis to testify at the trial.

SAC, Memphis, has advised that Mr. Dwyer did not have the opportunity to interview Mr. Colvin and he would desire to determine if Mr. Colvin can recall any additional conversation he had with Ray beyond that previously furnished by Colvin to New Scotland Yard authorities.

Legat, London, is being instructed to make appropriate arrangements to have Colvin interviewed in accordance with request of Memphis authorities.

January 22, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached is results of an interview with Reverend James Bevel, Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, Pa. regarding his statement on a television interview on 1/19/69 that he had evidence that James Earl Ray did not kill Martin Luther King, Jr.

Bevel stated he was at Lorraine Motel on the ground underneath balcony at the time King was shot (4/4/68) It is noted that Bevel was a registered guest at the Lorraine Motel during this period of time, however he refused to be interviewed in April '68.

You will be advised of additional pertinent developments.

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861 (CODE)

FROM PHILADELPHIA 44-1368 3P

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REMYTELS DATED ONE NINETEEN SIXTYNINE AND ONE TWENTYONE SIXTYNINE.

REVEREND JAMES BEVEL INTERVIEWED THIS DATE AT HIS RESIDENCE, [redacted], PHILA., PA. AGENTS WAITED THIRTY MINUTES FOR BEVEL WHO WAS HOLDING A MEETING IN THE NEXT APARTMENT.

BEVEL STATED HE WAS EXTREMELY BUSY AS HE HAD APPOINTMENTS THROUGH ELEVEN PM, ONE TWENTYONE SIXTYNINE. BEVEL STATED THAT HE HAD PROOF OF THE INNOCENCE OF JAMES EARL RAY AND THAT SINCE THE FBI WAS THE PROSECUTOR AND HE WAS INVOLVED WITH THE DEFENSE, HE FELT HE SHOULD NOT FURNISH THE INFORMATION. IT WAS POINTED OUT TO BEVEL THAT THE FBI DID NOT PROSECUTE ANYONE BUT ALWAYS MADE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN ALL FACTS AVAILABLE. FURTHER, BEVEL STATED HE SENT TELEGRAM TO RAY ON SATURDAY, JANUARY EIGHTEEN SIXTYNINE, AND AS YET HAS RECEIVED NO ANSWER. BEVEL STATED HE PLANS TO CALL PERCY FOREMAN, ATTORNEY FOR RAY

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TONIGHT, AND OFFER HIS SERVICES. BEVEL STATED HE WOULD TELEPHONE CONTACTING AGENTS ON ONE TWENTYTWO AND ADVISE IF FOREMAN ACCEPTS HIS OFFER. IF FOREMAN DOES NOT ACCEPT HIS OFFER HE PLANS TO DROP ENTIRE MATTER AS HE FEELS HE HAS NO MORAL OBLIGATION TOWARD RAY TO PRODUCE HIS EVEIDENCE OF RAY'S INNOCENCE IF HIS OFFER OF HELP WAS REFUSED.

BEVEL STATED HE WAS AT LORRAINE MOTEL ON THE GROUND UNDERNEATH BALCONY AT THE TIME KING WAS SHOT [redacted]

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Date: 1/31/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (44-2336) (P)

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Atlanta, Georgia

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On 1/30/69 at Atlanta, Georgia File # Atlanta 44-2386

by SA [redacted] :vsc Date dictated 1/31/69

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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Atlanta, Georgia

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by SA [redacted] :vsc Date dictated 1/31/69

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 2/5/69

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-1368) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Philadelphia airtel 1/23/69.

All information regarding the Reverend JAMES BEVEL, SCLC, and his statements regarding JAMES EARL RAY has been furnished the Bureau and Memphis.

Philadelphia is conducting no further investigation.

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Date: 1/31/69
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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

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Re Atlanta teleype to Bureau, 1/30/69, concerning the interview of Reverend RALPH ABERNATHY, SCLC Headquarters, Atlanta, Georgia.

The results of the investigation conducted by the Memphis Division in regard to the reference of ABERNATHY re Citizens Band radio transmissions and the removal of Negro firemen and policemen from the immediate area of the Lorraine Motel shortly prior to the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., were forwarded to the Bureau by Memphis airtels to the Bureau dated 7/29/68 and 11/21/68.

The only item mentioned by ABERNATHY that has not been fully explained to the Bureau is the fact that Reverend JAMES LAWSON, Memphis, advised ABERNATHY that a Negro policeman who worked the beat which included the motel where Dr. KING was killed was moved off that beat the day KING was killed.

On 1/31/69, [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Memphis PD, advised that the Memphis PD does not maintain any officers on a "walking beat" other

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than on special occasions and that from a review of the Memphis PD records he ascertained that there were no Memphis police officers assigned to a "walking beat" in Memphis on the day Dr. KING was killed.

In this regard it is believed that Reverend LAWSON was referring to Detective E. E. REDDITT, Memphis PD, who was removed from a lookout position at engine house #2 of the Memphis Fire Department on 4/4/68 due to the fact a number of threats had been made on REDDITT's life as a result of REDDITT's activities in attending meetings of the striking sanitation workers in Memphis in February and March, 1968. REDDITT was removed from this fire house and two officers of the Memphis PD were assigned at that time to protect REDDITT and members of REDDITT's family.

In view of the above, the Memphis Division does not anticipate interviewing Reverend JAMES LAWSON concerning the information LAWSON furnished to ABERNATHY.

A copy of this airtel is being submitted for the information of the Atlanta Division as Atlanta obtained the information in question as a result of the interview of Reverend ABERNATHY at Atlanta.

2-4-69

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

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From: Director, FBI (44-38861) - 5533

MURKIN

ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 1-31-69.

Memphis should interview Reverend James Lawson for details of any information he possesses regarding the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. and conduct all necessary investigation to thoroughly resolve.

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NOTE: Article appeared in "The Washington Post" on I-29-69. The article in part stated that the head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Reverend Ralph David Abernathy, indicated that a conspiracy existed in the Martin Luther King, Jr. assassination. We instructed our Atlanta Office to interview Abernathy and upon interview Abernathy advised that what he told the press was that he believed in view of the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Medgar Evers, and Martin Luther King, Jr. there would be indication to him that there may be a conspiracy among the forces of evil to do away with any young militant who stands for righteousness. Abernathy stated he had no evidence indicating a conspiracy and it is only his belief or fear on his part that such a conspiracy exists. Abernathy during interview advised that Rev. Lawson of Memphis told him about some personnel of the Memphis Fire Department and personnel of the Memphis Police Department that were moved to different locations of the city on 4-4-68 (date of assassination of King) and this may be significant..

Memphis advised that they resolved all issues as set forth by Abernathy in his conversation with Rev. Lawson. Memphis being instructed to interview Rev. Lawson in order to thoroughly resolve this matter and to obtain all information.

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 1/30/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re Memphis airtel to Los Angeles, 1/16/69, and Los Angeles airtel 1/27/69, both of which pertain to attempts to identify Negro crew members of a ship which was docked at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on or about 10/29/67. These are the Negro males with whom the subject RAY had words while RAY was drinking in a cafe with a Mexican prostitute. Legat Mexico has suggested that these Negro males may have been members of the crew of the cruise ship "Italia," however, Los Angeles Office has discovered that this could not have been the case as the "Princess Italia" did not arrive at Puerto Vallarta until 12/19/67.

The Bureau is requested to have the Legat Mexico contact port authorities at Puerto Vallarta to determine what ships having Negro crew members were docked there around 10/29/67.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5534

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ReMEairtel to the Bureau datod 1-30-69.

Review of this matter discloses that Legat, Mexico, received information that Nogro males from a cruise ship "Italia" sailing from the Los Angeles, California, area and docking at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on or about 10-29-67, were involved in an altercation with James Earl Ray while Ray was drinking in a cafe with a Mexican prostitute.

This information was provided to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr. State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is prosecuting the state's case against James Earl Ray. Mr. Canale indicated that it would be helpful in his case if the crew members from the cruise ship "Italia" could be located and interviewed, as this would possibly establish Ray's prior anti-Negro sentiments.

Los Angeles ascertained that the "Princess Italia" did not arrive at Puerto Vallarta until 12-19-67, and it was further determined that other cruise ships sailing from the Los Angeles area did not stop at Puerto Vallarta during the pertinent period of the altercation.

In view of tho fact that Los Angeles conducted extensive investigation to determine identity of any ship that was docked at Puerto Vallarta with negative results; it is possible that the Negro crew members could have beer from a yacht or private boat, and in view of the time that the altercation took place, it does not seem feasible that further investigation should be conducted in this matter.

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NOTE:

The prosecuting authorities for the state's case against James Earl Ray have requested that we ascertain the identity of the Negro males allegedly involved in the incident with James Earl Ray while Ray was drinking in a cafe with a Mexican prostitute in Puerto Vallarta. This is for the purpose of possibly establishing Ray's prior anti-Negro sentiments. According to Legat, Mexico, it was believed that the Negroes were from the cruise ship "Italia," however, our Los Angeles Office has been unable to locate any vessel sailing from that area that docked at Puerto Vallarta on or about 10-29-67.

Memphis is being advised that it would not be feasible to conduct any further investigation to identify the Negro members from the cruise ships docking in Puerto Vallarta.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: January 29, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long
1 - Mr. Bishop

SUBJECT: MURKIN

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

An article appeared in the "Parade" magazine (the magazine contained in various Sunday newspapers in the country) to the effect that two prominent New Orleans businessmen reportedly contributed $25,000 to intermediaries to arrange for James Earl Ray to murder Martin Luther King, Jr. We do not have any information to this same effect.

The magazine lists the Editor-at-Large as Lloyd Shearer and the office of "Parade" magazine is listed at 733 Third Avenue, New York, New York.

Bureau indicies indicate that Bureau has had cordial relations with "Parade" magazine although its Washington Bureau is held at arms length since it is staffed by Jack Anderson and Fred Blumenthal. The president of "Parade" magazine, Arthur H. Motley, is on the Special Correspondents list

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Bureau records further indicate that Lloyd Shearer has requested on two occasions to be placed on the mailing list to receive the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, and on each instance, this was denied. In 1947, Shearer was interviewed by a Special Agent in connection with an investigation. In the preliminary conversation, Shearer stated that the Director of the FBI was a "SOB." The Agent asked Shearer for an explanation of the comment and he backed down somewhat and he explained that this was a typical phrase used in his position writing stories for the screen. He also contacted the Bureau regarding the Bureau's cooperation in furnishing material for articles that he was writing, and again he was advised that the Bureau could not cooperate in this matter.

[redacted]

Our files contain no information concerning Shearer beyond September of 1963.

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Rosen to DeLoach Memorandum
RE: MURKIN

ACTION:

If approved, the attached will be sent to the New York Office instructing them to interview Lloyd Shearer concerning this allegation and for any information he may have of a similar nature. New York is being instructed that if any reasons exist which would preclude the interview with Shearer, the Bureau should be advised.

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FBI

Date: 1/31/69

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-2147) (C)

SUBJECT: UNSUB;
Telephone Operators and
Busby's Motors,
Nashville, Tennessee;
R. M. GAINES - Complainant;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReButel 1/27/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 6 copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter.

Inasmuch as the complainant has a mental condition, as well as being a chronic alcoholic, no further action is being taken.

1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-94 (6) K&L/mdc

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1cc: AAG Criminal Division
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In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Memphis, Tennessee
January 31, 1969

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Telephone Operators and
Busby's Motors,
Nashville, Tennessee;
R. M. GAINES - Complainant;
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On January 25, 1969, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C., received a telegram from R. M. Gaines, [redacted] Nashville, Tennessee, which stated "Discrimination against black people of Nashville by telephone operators and Busby's Motors of Nashville."

At 7:10 A.M. on January 28, 1969, R. M. Gaines, 2006 Arena Place, Nashville, Tennessee, telephonically contacted the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C., and stated he was investigating the death of Dr. Martin Luther King. He stated he had evidence and photographs to support his conclusion that King had not been killed by a white man. Gaines said he could be located at 1056 College Street, Memphis, Tennessee. He said he is employed by the Mahalia Jackson Chicken System, 705 South Parkway East, Memphis, Tennessee.

On January 28, 1969, Mr. Harold Jones, Executive Vice-President, Mahalia Jackson Chicken System, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that Robert Gaines has been employed by that company since about August, 1968. [redacted]

44-1987-551

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
Telephone Operators, Etc.

On January 28, 1969, Gaines was located at 1056 College Street, Memphis, by a Special Agent of the FBI. Gaines was found holding a half empty bottle of whiskey and gave every indication of being highly intoxicated. He was sufficiently coherent to deny having any evidence concerning the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Records of Central State Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, reflect that Robert Gaines entered that hospital on October 24, 1966, having been brought to the hospital by Nashville Police after he had fired a gun through the roof of his home. He was diagnosed as having an acute schizophrenic reaction, paranoid type, and he was found to be suffering from chronic alcoholism. He was granted a thirty day furlough from the hospital on January 6, 1968, but never returned to the hospital.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861) DATE: 2-4-69

M : SAC, ST. LOUIS (44-775) RUC

JECT: M U R K I N

REBUAIRTEL, 1-28-69.

RE: [redacted] - SUSPECT
Bridgeton, Missouri

Re airtel referenced Detroit TT to the Bureau, 1-25-69, and advised EARL DOWDY, "DETROIT NEWS", received an anonymous telephone call from a female who said [redacted] Bridgeton, Mo., employed by [redacted] SLMO, bears a strong resemblance to RAY and was the person who killed KING.

This matter was resolved early in MURKIN.

On 4-21-68 [redacted] Imperial, Mo., advised SA [redacted] SL, her daughter, whose name she declined to divulge, had observed a photo of RAY in a local newspaper and had identified her landlord, [redacted], SLMO, as being identical to RAY.

She described [redacted] as: White male, 30-31 years, 5'11-6' tall, medium build, long light brown hair with ½" scar on right side of forehead. [redacted] purchased the residence where [redacted] daughter lived, [redacted] St. Louis Co., Mo., approximately one month prior to the date of interview.

On the same date [redacted] SLMO, advised SA [redacted] residence - [redacted] Bridgeton, Mo., had been employed as a driver by the Co. since 4-10-59. His route area covers University City, Mo. Co. records, confirmed by [redacted] supervisor, showed [redacted] was on duty 3-28 and 29, and 4-3,4,5-68. [redacted] described [redacted] as: White male, 32 years of age, 5'9", 160 #, with light brown hair. [redacted] observed a photo of RAY and stated [redacted] bore no resemblance to him.

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[redacted] was interviewed and cannot recall having seen the person on the composite drawing which was forwarded to this point appended to the memorandum.

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FBI NEW ORLS

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TO DIRECTOR 44-38861, MEMPHIS 44-1987, LOS ANGELES 44-1574

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-10673 P

SUBJECT MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELEPHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS 2/5/69, AND LOS ANGELES TELETYPE FEB. FIVE, LAST.

MR JERRY COHEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWS REPORTER IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, RESIDING AT THE COCHETTA MOTEL, ROOM 216, TELEPHONE 822-L560, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED HE HAD CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI AND HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF THE FBI.

COHEN ADVISED THAT HE AND DAVE LAWSON OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WHO IS ALSO A REPORTER OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, HAD OBTAINED FROM CHARLES STEIN A TELEPHONE NUMBER WITHIN ONE WEEK AFTER THE ARREST OF JAMES EARL RAY.

COHEN STATED THAT DAVE LAWSON HAD MADE ALL THE NOTES OF THE CONVERSATION WITH STEIN, BUT THAT AS HE, COHEN, RECALLS IT, STEIN SHOWED LAWSON A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH CONTAINED A TELEPHONE NUMBER AND THAT LAWSON HAD COPIED THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FROM STEIN'S PIECE OF PAPER INTO LAWSON'S NOTE.

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WHEN STEIN WAS QUESTIONED CONCERNING THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER, RAY HAD SAID THIS IS WHERE HE GOT HIS WEATHER REPORT.

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COHEN STATED THAT STEIN TWO OR THREE DAYS AFTER TALKING TO COHEN AND LAWSON HAD MADE A CALL TO NEW ORLEANS AND HAD DETERMINED THIS NUMBER WAS A NUMBER FOR TROOP B OF THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE LOCATED IN THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS AREA.

COHEN STATE THAT NEITHER HE NOR LAWSON HAD FURNISHED THIS TELEPHONE NUMBER TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FBI AND WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS WAS AN OVERSIGHT ADVISED THAT SUBCONSCIOUSLY IT HAD BEEN FORGOTTEN WITH THE HOPE IT MIGHT MATERIALIZE INTO A GOOD STORY.

COHEN ADVISED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE THE TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH HIM BUT HAD MADE A CONTACT IN NEW ORLEANS WHILE HERE TO ATTEND THE CLAY SHAW TRIAL, WHO HAD DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS A LOUISIANA STATE TROOPER AT TROOP B NAMED RAUL V. ESQUIVEL.

COHEN ADVISED HE HAD NO FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS NUMBER, BUT THAT LAWSON WOULD HAVE MORE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION FROM HIS NOTES.

A REVIEW OF THE NEW ORLEANS INDICES SHOW AND INVESTIGATION

NO 157-10673

WAS CONDUCTED IN NEW ORLEANS FILE 44-2401, BUREAU FILE 44-26940 IN THE CASE CAPTIONED "TROOPER RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, FERDINAND JOSEPH HORIO, JR. - VICTIM, CR." INSTANT REPORT REFLECTS ESQUIVEL IN 1964 DESCRIBED AS WHITE MALE, DOB [redacted] BRITISH , HONDURAS, EMPLOYMENT LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, TROOP B, METAIRIE, LA., LENGTH OF EMPLOYMENT SEVEN YEARS, RESIDENCE [redacted] LA.

R. L. POLK'S NEW ORLEANS CITY DIRECTORY FOR NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT LISTS TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE TO STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TROOP B. THIS NUMBER WAS DIALED THIS DATE AND THE TROOPER ANSWERING PHONE STATED "STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS" AND THEN UPON INQUIRY STATED THAT IT WAS TROOP B.

THE CURRENT NEW ORLEANS TELEPHONE DIRECTORY LISTS TELEPHONE NUMBER FIVE TWO FOUR DASH SIX FOUR FOUR SIX TO THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL, ONE ZERO TWO FOUR CHARTRES STREET, NEW ORLEANS, LA. THE PROVINCIAL MOTEL IS WHERE RAY STAYED IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER, SIXTYSEVEN.

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NEW ORLEANS INDICES NEGATIVE RELATIVE TO TELEPHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE.

LOS ANGELES , IN CONNECTION WITH PENDING INTERVIEW WITH CHARLES STEIN, CHECK LONG DISTANCE CALLS, IF RECORDS AVAILABLE OF STEIN, TO NEW ORLEANS.

UAC, NEW ORLEANS WILL, UPON RECEIPT OF RESULTS OF LOS ANGELES INTERVIEW WITH STEIN , INTERVIEW RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL IN DEPTH FOR ANY KNOWLEDGE HE MAY POSSESS CONCERNING RAY, STEIN AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS PERTINENT TO INSTANT MATTER. WILL ALSO DISPLAY TO ESQUIVEL, PHOTOGRAPHS OF RAY, STEIN AND OTHER LOGICAL INDIVIDUALS.

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IS THIS THE END OF MESSAGE

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11:01 PM DEFERRED 2-5-69 FMK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1487) AND NEW ORLEANS (157-10653)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 3 P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES PHONE CALL TO NEW ORLEANS FEBRUARY FIVE INSTANT.

DAVE LARSEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER, ADVISED FEBRUARY FIVE INSTANT THAT DURING APRIL SIX EIGHT WHEN SEARCH WAS BEING MADE TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE JAMES EARL RAY, HE INTERVIEWED CHARLES STEIN, RE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY. STEIN ATTEMPTED TO SELL FOR ABOUT TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO LARSEN AND FELLOW REPORTER JERRY COHEN, A PIECE OF PAPER WHICH STEIN STATED BORE RAY'S HANDWRITING. PAPER WAS SLIP USED IN MOTELS TO RECORD MESSAGES FOR GUEST WHEN AWAY FROM ROOM.

STEIN ALLEGEDLY CAME INTO POSSESSION OF PAPER WHEN RAY, DURING TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS FROM LOS ANGELES IN DECEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, GAVE STEIN PHONE NUMBER IN NEW ORLEANS ~~WHERE~~ HE COULD BE CONTACTED RE RETURN TO LOS ANGELES.

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RAY WROTE THE PHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE AND GAVE IT TO STEIN. ON THE REVERSE SIDE WAS A HANDWRITTEN MESSAGE "CALL GREYHOUND BUS STATION". LARSEN STATED HE IMITATED THE HANDWRITING AND COMPARED IT TO COPY OF RAY'S HANDWRITING HE LOCATED AT THE INTERNATIONAL DANCE SCHOOL, LONG BEACH. FROM OBSERVATION, LARSEN BELIEVES HANDWRITING TO BE IDENTICAL TO RAY'S. STEIN ADVISED LARSEN HE DID NOT WANT TO GIVE PAPER TO AUTHORITIES SINCE HE DID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED AND IF LARSEN DID NOT BUY IT HE WOULD DESTROY IT.

LARSEN STATED HE MADE CALL TO FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE WHICH WAS THE NUMBER OF THE LOUISANA STATE POLICE BARRACKS IN NEW ORLEANS. HE STATED HE DID NOT FEEL RAY WOULD BE ASSOCIATING WITH ANYONE AT THE STATE POLICE BARRACKS AND WANTED NO MORE OF IT.

COHEN IS PRESENTLY IN NEW ORLEANS TO COVER THE CLAY SHAW TRIAL. COHEN DETERMINED THAT THERE IS A STATE TROOPER RAUL V. ESQUIBEL ASSIGNED TO THIS BARRACKS.

LARSEN STATED HE RECALLS IN READING WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE'S ACCOUNT OF RAY'S LIFE IN "LOOK MAGAZINE", THAT RAY

HAD MADE A RENDEZVOUS WITH A RAUL AT A GREYHOUND BUS STATION AND THOUGHT THE FOREGOING MAYBE OF SIGNIFICANCE.

LOS ANGELES WILL ATTEMPT TO LOCATED CHARLES STEIN TO DETERMINE IF HE STILL HAS PAPER IN HIS POSSESSION.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD DETERMINE CORRECT SUBSCRIBER TO PHONE NUMBER AND IDENTIFY RAUL V. ESQUIBEL. NEW ORLEANS SHOULD COMPARE THIS PHONE NUMBER WITH PHONE NUMBER OF MOTEL WHERE RAY STAYED IN NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER ONE NINE SIX SEVEN, TO DETERMINE IF NUMBERS HAVE ANY SIMILARITY.

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FBI WASH DC

2-6-69

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

By return airtel advise the Bureau the current results of investigation being conducted by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in their continuing efforts to identify "Raoul."

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through [redacted])

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NOTE: Based upon articles which appeared in "Look" magazine as written by William Bradford Huie, we have requested the RCMP, through our Legat Ottawa, to conduct appropriate investigation. The RCMP is continuing their efforts to identify "Raoul," and we are requesting Legat Ottawa in this communication to advise us of the current results of investigation conducted by the RCMP. It is noted that the RCMP has been endeavoring to locate the co-owner of a tavern in Montreal, Canada, where Ray was alleged to have met "Raoul." The co-owner was on vacation in Puerto Rico and due to return to Montreal some time during January, 1969.

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11:27PM DEFERRED 2/7/69 REF

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1487), NEW ORLEANS (157-10653)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TELS FEBRUARY FIVE AND SIX LAST.

RECORDS PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, REVEAL PHONE NUMBER FOUR EIGHT TWO DASH FIVE SEVEN FIVE ONE NOT IN USE IN LOS ANGELES AREA DURING ONE NINE SIX SEVEN AND ONE NINE SIX EIGHT AND NOT A CURRENT ISSUED NUMBER.

INQUIRY IN VICINITY SAINT FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES, REVEAL CHARLES STEIN LAST OBSERVED IN HOLLYWOOD AREA ABOUT SIX DAYS AGO WALKING BAREFOOTED ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD DURING RAIN STORM.

MARIE MARTIN, STEIN'S COUSIN, EMPLOYMENT DETERMINED. MARTIN EXPECTED BACK LOS ANGELES AREA FEBRUARY TEN NEXT. STOPS LEFT WITH EMPLOYER AND OTHER CONTACTS OF STEIN AND MARTIN TO HAVE THEM CALL LOS ANGELES OFFICE.

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BUREAU, MEMPHIS, AND NEW ORLEANS WILL BE ADVISED OF CONTACT WITH MARTIN RE WHEREABOUTS OF STEIN AND INTERVIEW WITH STEIN WHEN LOCATED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1987) AND
NEW ORLEANS (137-10673)

FROM: LOS ANGELES (44-1574) 2P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL FEBRUARY FIVE LAST AND NO TEL FEBRUARY SIX INSTANT.

REVIEW OF LA MURKIN FILE REVEALS CHARLES STEIN RESIDED WITH SISTER, RITA RODE, FIVE SIX SIX SIX FRANKLIN AVENUE, LOS ANGELES, DURING PERTINENT PERIOD OF INVESTIGATION. SUBSEQUENTLY BOTH MOVED. REVIEW OF TOLL CALLS FROM RODE'S HOME REVEAL CALLS TO NEW ORLEANS ON FEBRUARY TWELVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT TO NINE FOUR SEVEN - [redacted] AND ON FEBRUARY TWENTY ONE - TWENTY THREE AND APRIL FOUR, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT TO NINE FOUR FIVE - [redacted]

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REVIEW OF TOLL CALLS FROM LOS ANGELES PHONE OF ERIC S. GALT REVEAL NO CALLS MADE TO NEW ORLEANS.

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NOVEMBER TWELVE, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT ISSUE OF "LOOK" MAGAZINE, PAGE ONE ONE TWO CONTAINS UNDER ITEM SIX A PROPOSITION RAUL MADE TO RAY. RAY WAS GIVEN A NEW ORLEANS PHONE NUMBER BY RAUL WHICH IS WHAT DAVE LARSEN, LOS ANGELES TIMES, PROBABLY REFERRED TO DURING INTERVIEW FEBRUARY FIVE LAST AS CONTAINED IN RE LOS ANGELES TEL.

LOS ANGELES CONTINUES EFFORTS TO LOCATE CHARLES STEIN FOR INTERVIEW.

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2-10-69

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Information has come to the Bureau's attention that James Earl Ray claims to have committed an armed robbery of a food store in Montreal during his visit in 1967, and robbed another food store in Montreal after the King assassination.

It is noted that it has been established that Ray was in Montreal, Canada, from July 17, 1967, through approximately August 17, 1967. It is also noted that according to the Bureau's information, Ray arrived in Toronto, Canada, on April 8, 1968, and departed Toronto, Canada, en route to London on May 6, 1968. His daily whereabouts from April 8, 1968, to May 6, 1968, has not been fully established.

Legat, Ottawa should provide this information to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and determine if any unsolved armed robberies of food stores exist during these pertinent periods in which Ray could be the subject.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

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NOTE:

William Bradford Huie, author, who has been writing series of articles concerning the life of James Earl Ray which appeared in "Look" magazine, was interviewed by Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. It was learned during this interview that Huie claims that Ray admitted to Huie he committed an armed robbery of a food store in Montreal during a visit in 1967, and Ray told Huie that he robbed another food store in Montreal after the' King assassination and prior to his flight to London.

We are instructing Legat to provide the information to the RCMP and determine if such robberies were possibly committed by Ray.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 2/10/69

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (44-387)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

[redacted] Oceanside, California, telephonically contacted the Oceanside Resident Agency on 2/4/69, stating she wished to furnish some information in the strictest confidence. [redacted] advised she knew that JAMES EARL RAY had been on a boat that went to Catalina Island on March 20, 1967, as she had seen his picture in LIFE Magazine and recognized it as a man she had seen on the boat.

[redacted] was contacted in person 2/7/69 at which time she related that in March, 1967, she, her son, and a sister-in-law, [redacted] Corona, California, had traveled from San Pedro to Catalina Island on the steamship which is advertised as the "Great White Steamship to Catalina." As best she could recall, the date was 3/20/67, which was over a year before KING was killed.

On the way to Catalina Island, she noticed a man wearing a brown suit that looked as if he had slept in it, a bow tie (dark in color), and a brown hat and white shirt. He was tanned as if he had been in the sun.

On the way back from the Catalina Island, she was sitting on the second deck and observed this same man walking and weaving and appearing drunk. Several of the people in the area where she was sitting remarked about the man and a young girl remarked that an officer on the ship had told the girl that the man did not get off the ship at Catalina.

During the return voyage, a band was playing and there was dancing. This man approached [redacted] and remarked that the two of them could possibly show the

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youngsters how to dance the dances. [redacted] declined and looked into his eyes which were a cold blue and noticed that the pupils were not dilated and that he was not drunk. At the time, she wondered why he would be acting drunk if he were not.

After the ship docked back at San Pedro, [redacted] noticed the man get into a white 1966 Mustang with a black interior and a black strip on the door. She recalled his car as she had looked at that type before she herself purchased another style of a 1966 Mustang.

When she read the Life Magazine article regarding RAY in 1968, [redacted] realized that the man she had seen on the boat over a year before was RAY, and she realized that he had been in possession of a white 1966 Mustang prior to the time the newspapers and magazines stated he did.

[redacted] explained she has had medical problems since 1965 and was taking codene at the time of the boat trip; however, this did not impare her memory of the events. After the trip, she was in the hospital for approximately six months and still takes pain medication to date. She stated she did not "want to get involved" and that is why she never made mention of this matter before now. [redacted] advised she is employed by the Pacific Telephone Company in Oceanside, and has recently moved to Oceanside for health reasons.

[redacted] stated she is certain the man she observed on the steamship in March, 1967, was RAY as she has seen the photographs of him in the news. The only reason she wanted to mention this matter to the FBI was that she wanted to get the information to the FBI that RAY went to Catalina and had a white Mustang in 1967 in the Los Angeles area. She could furnish no further information in this matter.

The above information is furnished for information purposes to the Bureau and office of origin. No further contact is contemplated with [redacted] at San Diego.

February 7, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The attached is the results of an interview of William Bradford Huie, author, conducted by Mr. Phil Canale, State Attorney General, Shelby County, who is prosecuting the case in state court. Huie is to appear before a Shelby County Grand Jury at Memphis today.

The attached also states that five petitions filed on behalf of Ray are to be argued before Judge Battle today. The petitions include authority to take depositions out of state (SAC Frank Hitt, Atlanta and Fingerprint examiner George Bonebrake listed), permission for Huie to confer with Ray, and permission to take photographs of Ray.

This is being closely followed. The investigation suggested by Memphis is being ordered.

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FBI

Date: 2/5/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
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Mr. Sullivan
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of five petitions which are to be argued 2/7/69 before Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE regarding instant matter.

On 2/5/69 State Attorney General PHIL CANALE, Shelby County, Tenn., advised that on 2/4/69 he and members of his staff conferred with WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE in HUIE's hotel room at Memphis, Tenn. HUIE is to be served with a subpoena and is to appear before a Shelby County Grand Jury at Memphis on 2/7/69.

HUIE advised Mr. CANALE that he has no interest in JAMES EARL RAY whatsoever except as a businessman and as a citizen desirous of uncovering and exposing any possible co-conspirators. He said he desires to confer with RAY in hopes of having RAY plead guilty and then testifying against his co-conspirators as a witness for the prosecution. Mr. CANALE said that HUIE gives the impression that he is firmly convinced of RAY's guilt as the murderer of MARTIN LUTHER KING; however, HUIE seems to be genuinely persuaded that others were involved with RAY. Mr. CANALE noted that HUIE readily admits that he has no real evidence of a conspiracy and HUIE admits that he has caught RAY in a number of falsehoods. HUIE is convinced that RAY's story of going over the wall in his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary is not true and RAY has admitted that the story he told HUIE about the armed robbery of a house of prostitution in Montreal is also a lie. RAY now admits that he committed an armed robbery of a food store in

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Montreal during a visit there in 1967, and he has told HUIE that he robbed another food store in Montreal after the murder and during his flight from Memphis to England. HUIE furnished no additional details and it is presumed that RAY furnished him no additional details regarding these robberies. HUIE advised Mr. CANALE that RAY came to Memphis on 4/3/68, stayed in a motel at Memphis that night, and on 4/4/68 purchased binoculars from a local store. HUIE admits that RAY rented a room in a rooming house and then brought the rifle which was later recovered to the rooming house. He said RAY claims to have been sitting in a white Mustang outside the rooming house when the fatal shot was fired. RAY has told HUIE that an unnamed individual ran out of the rooming house, jumped into the rear seat of the Mustang, pulled a sheet over his head, and RAY then fled the scene in the Mustang. HUIE admitted that RAY has told more than one story concerning the reason he rented the room in the rooming house, but HUIE leaves no doubt that he believes RAY pulled the trigger on the murder weapon.

HUIE stated that following the murder RAY drove to Birmingham, talked with an unnamed individual in Birmingham that same night, and then drove to Atlanta. From Atlanta he went to Gary, Indiana, where he met his brother, JERRY RAY. The subject then went to Toronto and from Toronto to Montreal where he stayed for about nine days prior to leaving for London.

HUIE volunteered the information that RAY had gone to Acapulco, Mexico, prior to the murder and while in Acapulco had made a call to unnamed person or persons at Corpus Christi, Texas. According to HUIE, Mexican police had later come to the hotel and had examined his registration card. HUIE also mentioned that the green bedspread abandoned with the rifle in Memphis had come from some place in California.

HUIE characterized RAY as an individual who is starved for public recognition. He said that RAY and his brothers are most disappointed that the public has not rallied to the subject's support. He said they and the subject had been convinced that GEORGE WALLACE would be successful in his bid for the presidency and they were much disappointed in the outcome of the national election.

While HUIE has furnished no positive information which would indicate a conspiracy, it is suggested that the Bureau request the Legat, Mexico, to conduct investigation in Acapulco in an effort to identify any telephone calls the subject might have made from there. It is also suggested that Legat, Canada, contact Montreal police to determine if they can identify the food store robberies in which subject was involved.

The Bureau will be promptly advised as to whether or not motions being made by the defense are granted.

2-10-69

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Mexico City (173-1)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)— 5546

MURKIN

Information has come to the Bureau's attention that James Earl Ray, while in Acapulco, Mexico, allegedly made a telephone call to Corpus Christi, Texas. It was also alleged that the Mexican police came to the hotel and had examined his registration card.

It is noted that investigation conducted by you established that Ray entered Mexico on October 7, 1967, at Nuevo Laredo and registered in Hotel San Francisco, Acapulco on October 10, 1967, as Eric S. Galt. According to the hotel manager, they were unable to locate the registration card on Ray and, therefore, a limited amount of information was obtained.

Legat, Mexico should contact the appropriate authorities to determine if such a telephone call was made and if the Mexican police examined the register.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA [redacted])

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NOTE:

William Bradford Huie, author, who has been writing series of articles concerning the life of James Earl Ray which appeared in "Look" magazine, was interviewed by Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. It was learned during this interview that Huie claims that Ray told him he made a telephone call in Acapulco, Mexico, to Corpus Christi, Texas. According to Huie, Ray also stated that the Mexican police came to the hotel and examined his registration card.

We previously knew that Ray registered at the Hotel San Francisco in Acapulco, however, they could only provide us limited information as the registration records were destroyed. We are requesting Legat Mexico, through proper authorities, to conduct the appropriate investigation.

February 8, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached relates to the arrest of William Bradford Huie on orders of Judge Preston W. Battle, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. Huie has written articles for "Look" magazine regarding James Earl Ray and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The petitions refer to those filed on behalf of Ray concerning taking of depositions out of the state, request of Huie to confer with Ray and request to take photographs of Ray.

You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE, NATIONALLY KNOWN AUTHOR WHO HAS
RITTEN ARTICLES FOR "LOOK" MAGAZINE CONCERNING JAMES EARL
AY, THE MURDERER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.,
PPEARED BEFORE SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, GRAND JURY
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UBLISHED BY HIM CONCERNING THE KING MURDER WHICH PUBLICTION
AS IN DIRECT VIOLATION OF A NO PUBLICITY ORDER WHICH HAD
REVIOUSLY BEEN ISSUED BY THE TRIAL JUDGE IN WHOSE COURT RAY WILL
E TRIED. HUIE POSTED ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND AND WAS RELEASED.
NDER TENNESSEE LAW, CONTEMPT IS A MISDEMEANOR AND CARRIES A
AXIMUM FINE OF FIFTY DOLLARS AND TEN DAYS IN JAIL.

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RESULTS OF MOTIONS ARGUED FEBRUARY SEVEN INSTANT IN RAY CASE
BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. P.

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Date: 2/10/69

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Via AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Louisville airtel, 2/5/69.

This is to advise that Memphis indices contain nothing concerning JAMES R. CORTEZ mentioned in reairtel.

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FBI

Date: 2/7/69

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype 2/5/69; and New Orleans teletype 2/6/69.

Lt. Col. BEN F. RAGUSA, Assistant Superintendent, Louisiana State Police, advised 2/7/69, that Trooper RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL had regular days off on 8/4,10,24,27 & 31/67. Further, ESQUIVEL was off 8/6 & 7/67 due to a death in the family.

RAGUSA also stated the records show ESQUIVEL worked an eight-hour shift on 3/22/68.

In view of the foregoing, New Orleans is taking no further action in this matter UACB.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (Info)
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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re Los Angeles teletype, 2/5/69; and New Orleans teletype, 2/6/69.

Lt. Colonel BEN F. RAGUSA, Assistant Superintendent, Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that Trooper 1st Class RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL is assigned to LSP Troop B at New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that in August of 1967 Trooper ESQUIVEL was at that time also assigned to Troop B at New Orleans. He advised that Trooper ESQUIVEL worked as follows during the month of August, 1967:

August 1, 2, and 3: on duty: 7:00 AM - 3:00 p.m.

August 4: day off

August 5: on duty; 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 6 and 7: off duty due to a death in his family

August 8 and 9: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 10: off duty

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August 11, through 23: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 24: off duty

August 25 and 26: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 27: off duty

August 28, 29, and 30: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 31: off duty

RAGUSA advised that during August, 1967, Trooper ESQUIVEL was assigned to duties in different areas of the Troop B LSP area as he was filling in for other troopers on their days off. He advised that during August, 1967, Trooper ESQUIVEL worked in the New Orleans area.

RAGUSA advised that on March 22, 1968, Trooper ESQUIVEL worked an eight-hour shift on that date.

In view of the above work schedule for Trooper ESQUIVEL no further action is being taken in this matter at New Orleans UACB, and ESQUIVEL will not be interviewed.

February 12, 1969

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

As a result of articles appearing in various newspapers and from information supplied to us, we have been conducting investigation to determine if any possible conspiracy exists. We have transmitted the results of the investigation to the Civil Rights Division of the Department and we have requested permission to disseminate the results to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is prosecuting the state case.

The attached is permission to furnish copies of reports to Mr. Canale. This is being done.

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Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: FEB 11 1969

FROM : Jerris Leonard
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

JL:DRO:msp

DJ 144-72-662
41-157-147

SUBJECT: Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached is a list of reports and letterhead memoranda that you have transmitted to this Division in connection with the James Earl Ray case. Please furnish copies of each of the following reports to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Tennessee.

Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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ATTACHMENT

Date of Memo	Title
1/ 6/69	RCMP Report of 12/11/68
1/ 8/69	Washington D. C., Letterhead Memorandum of 12/31/68
1/14/69	Springfield, Letterhead Memorandum of 1/10/69
1/17/69	RCMP Report of 1/2/69
1/29/69	Philadelphia, Letterhead Memorandum of 1/21/69
1/29/69	Philadelphia, Letterhead Memorandum of 1/23/69
2/ 3/69	Atlanta, Letterhead Memorandum of 1/31/69
2/ 3/69	Memphis, Letterhead Memorandum of 1/31/69

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SAC, Memphis (44-1987) 2/13/69

Director, FBI (44-38861)

1 - Mr. Long

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You should disseminate a copy of each of the below listed documents to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee. Two of each are enclosed for your utilization.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police report dated 12/11/68

Washington, D. C., letterhead memorandum dated 12/31/68

Springfield letterhead memorandum dated 1/10/69

Royal Canadian Mounted Police report dated 1/2/69

Philadelphia letterhead memorandum dated 1/21/69

Atlanta letterhead memorandum dated 1/31/69

Memphis letterhead memorandum dated 1/31/69

You should orally furnish information contained in the below listed document to Mr. Canale. Dissemination of the document itself could possibly disclose the identity of the individual furnishing part of the information.

Philadelphia letterhead memorandum dated 1/23/69

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This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Based upon articles appearing in various newspapers in the United States and based upon information furnished to us, we have been conducting investigation to determine if a conspiracy exists in this case. We have received the results of investigation requested by us and have furnished the results to the Department, and in each instance asked the Department if they desired these reports furnished to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, who is prosecuting the state's case. Our investigation thus far does not include any facts that would support the allegation that a conspiracy exists.

The Department by memorandum requests the listed reports be furnished Mr. Canale, and Memphis being instructed accordingly.

See attached memorandum from the Department captioned, "Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

The Philadelphia letterhead memorandum dated 1-23-69, was classified confidential. In view of this, this matter was discussed with Mr. D. Robert Owen of the Department and he stated that in light of this, the information in this letterhead memorandum should be furnished to Mr. Canale orally.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

December 31, 1968

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

JAMES EARL RAY, Aka

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

Information set forth below covers investigation conducted at Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico and Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, pertaining to activities of captioned individual who, as ERIC S. GALT, visited Mexico during October and November, 1967.

AT ACAPULCO, GUERRERO

On November 11, 1968, a confidential source abroad advised that on that date LUIS LUNA DEL CASTILLO, Desk Clerk, Hotel San Francisco, 92 Miguel Aleman, made available records which showed that ERIC S. GALT registered at that hotel, alone, on October 10, 1967. He occupied Room 202 at the rate of 75 pesos ($6 U.S.) per day. He listed his nationality as "U.S." and his home address as "Alabama". LUIS LUNA stated that he had no recollection of this individual.

This same source advised that on November 11, 1968, Mrs. ROSARIO DEL CASTILLO, owner of Hotel San Francisco, stated that she had been in contact with the accountant for the hotel in an effort to locate the actual registration card for GALT. This card, she said, would list the guest's home address and the description of his automobile and would also bear his signature. She said the accountant was unable to locate the card and that it was believed to have been destroyed. Mrs. DEL CASTILLO also stated that she had spoken with several of the hotel employees and that none of them were able to recognize photographs of JAMES EARL RAY. She also made available her copy for October 10, 1967, of a report made daily to the Mexican Government, which lists subject's arrival on that date.

The source also advised on November 11, 1968, that a thorough review had been made of the hotel's guest list for October, 1967, and that there was no guest listed with the name of "RAOUL" or any similar name.

On November 21, 1968, a second confidential source abroad advised that efforts had been made to find a registration for ERIC S. GALT in other hotels and motels in Acapulco but that these efforts had been unsuccessful to date. This source pointed out that few hotels in Acapulco have an orderly method or system of record-keeping and that it is usually impossible to establish with certainty, from records, that a particular individual has been a guest in one of these hotels.

On December 11, 1968, the second source reported that hotels and motels in Acapulco are required to make daily reports to the Federal Office of Tourism listing their guests, as well as arrival and departure dates. An official of this office advised the source that a check had been made of all records available to him for the month of October, 1967, and that no listing was found for GALT or the other names used by him in the reports furnished by any hotel or motel for the month of October, 1967. This official acknowledged, however, that these reports were probably not complete for 1967, since the office had recently changed its location and there was still not room for all the files and records which should be maintained by this agency.

The source also advised on December 11, 1968, that inquiries had been made throughout the tourist zone of Acapulco and also in the houses of prostitution and that no one was located who could remember subject from his photographs.

AT GUADALAJARA, JALISCO

On November 13, 1968, a third confidential source abroad advised that records of the Pancho Villa Motel, Avenida Revolucion 1867, had been checked on that date. They showed that ERIC S. GALT registered there on October 15, 1967, alone, and occupied Room 3. He listed himself as a U.S. citizen with address 2608 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama, and his occupation as "employed by publisher". The source said that there was no time of departure shown in the records. GALT paid 40 pesos ($3.20 U.S.) for the room. The source also found a second registration card for "ERIC S. GOLT, 26-08 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama" showing a registration on October 18, 1967. Again, there was no departure date shown for this registration.

This source determined that the girl who worked as a maid during that period was CARMEN IBARRA OCHOA. She was interviewed and said that she remembered nothing about the subject. The source advised that the doorman during that period, GREGORIO DEL REAL ROMERO, was no longer employed by the Motel.

On November 15, 1968, the third source advised that the owner of the Pancho Villa Motel, ELPIDIO VELAZQUEZ, had returned to Guadalajara after being out of the city for several days. VELAZQUEZ stated that he could not recall the subject or recognize his picture. Mrs. VELAZQUEZ, the owner's wife, stated that she recalled subject from a photograph with sunglasses which was taken in Mexico in 1967. She said, however, that he did not wear glasses while at the motel. She remembered that he had a car but could not describe it.

Mrs. VELAZQUEZ said that when subject arrived at the motel he was complaining of a toothache. She said she recommended a doctor. The next day she became concerned when he did not come out of his room and she rapped on his door. He answered that he was all right and was about to check out. She stated that he must have done so before 2 p.m., October 16, 1967, because he was not charged for another day. She stated that he arrived at the motel again on the morning of October 18, 1967, and departed before 2 p.m. on October 19, 1967. She recalled that he was alone at the motel on both occasions. She said she did not recall his luggage but that he wore a white sport shirt with short sleeves and brown trousers.

The third source reported that he interviewed Dr. OSCAR GOMEZ PALOFOX, Madero 975, on November 15, 1968. Dr. PALOFOX stated that he recalled a house call which he made to the Pancho Villa Motel but he could not recognize subject's photograph. He said that the man he treated had an abscessed molar and that he had injected tetrafinicol, a penicillin-type drug, to kill the infection. He recommended to the patient that he go to the Hospital Militar and ask them to recommend a dentist. He said that he made this call to the motel at about 1 or 2 p.m. on October 15, 1967.

On November 17, 1968, the third source advised that he had learned that the former doorman of the Pancho Villa Motel had reportedly returned to his home village of Valparaiso, Zacatecas. On November 24, 1968, the source advised that he had tried to locate GREGORIO DEL REAL ROMERO in Valparaiso,

Zatecas but had determined that DEL REAL has not been seen there for several months. His relatives told the source that they believed he had gone to the United States to seek employment but that they did not know how he could be contacted.

MEXICAN GOVERNMENT RECORDS

On November 11, 1968, a fourth confidential source abroad advised that an official of the Inspection Service of Mexican Immigration in Mexico City had advised that border crossing records are maintained permanently on file in Mexico City. He said that these records had been exhaustively searched in April, 1968, without locating information to confirm the departure of ERIC STARVO GALT from Mexico. He did find a record that GALT entered Mexico on October 7, 1967, at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, and was issued tourist card #7475449. He stated that a further review of records, during November, 1968, still failed to locate information establishing that GALT or JOHN L. RAYNE departed Mexico at Tijuana, Baja California, in November, 1967.

On November 18, 1968, a fifth confidential source abroad advised that an official of the Mexican Federal Automobile Registration Bureau had stated on that date that the temporary permit issued to GALT's car at Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, in October, 1967, had been cancelled, indicating that the car had left Mexico. This official said that he was directing a communication to the Chief of Mexican Customs at Tijuana, Baja California, requesting certification as to the departure of the car from Mexico and the date.

On December 18, 1968, the fifth source advised that the same official stated on that date that he had still not received confirmation from the border concerning the departure from Mexico of the 1966 Mustang which GALT was driving when he entered Mexico on October 7, 1967.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Springfield, Illinois
January 10, 1969

JAMES EARL RAY

Henry Stumm, [redacted] Alton, Illinois, was interviewed on January 8, 1969 by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

Mr. Stumm stated that he worked at the Leather Tannery in Hartford, Illinois operated by the Brown Shoe Company of St. Louis, Missouri for close to thirty years. He stated that during that period of time he met a great many employees, however, he does not specifically recall ever having met James Earl Ray. He stated that he had been contacted by newspapers and magazine writers as well as novelists who are interested in developing information concerning James Earl Ray, however, he stated that he has not entertained them nor does he intend to entertain them in any way. He stated that their contacts with him and allegations made by them concerning his association with James Earl Ray have upset him to the point where he is close to a nervous breakdown. He stated tnat in order to preclude any further physical upset to him, he has engaged an attorney whom he identified as Ralph Smith of Alton, Illinois, to represent him in any matters arising from this case.

Mr. Stumm stated that two separate allegations have been made to his knowledge concerning his acquaintance or alleged acquaintance with James Earl Ray. He said that some of the news media contacting him have suggested that he, Stumm, during World War II, was sympathetic to Germany and constantly preached Nazi philosophy and further suggested that he gave James Earl Ray a copy of Adolph Hilter's book, Mein Kampf. He also stated that another suggestion to him was that he had met frequently in a cafe in Alton with James Earl Ray and had discussed Nazi philosophy "in a hushed manner".

Mr. Stumm stated that both of these allegations were completely false; that he has never owned a copy of Mein Kampf and that he never frequented any cafe in Alton.

He went on to say that during the period of time he worked at the tannery in Hartford, Illinois, he went back and

forth to work with Ted Fensterman and Albert Kolk, both of whom lived in his neighborhood in Alton. He said that he has never owned or driven a motor vehicle and does not know how to drive a motor vehicle. He said, however, that both Fensterman and Kolk did drive and alternated driving their cars to work. He said they were kind enough to drive him with them and it was their routine to come straight home after work.

Mr. Stumm concluded by stating that he entered the United States from Germany in 1928 and became a citizen in 1936. He said that he is proud to be an American citizen and has always maintained a pro-American attitude with regard to politics. He stated that his work record and his neighbors would vouch for him in this regard.

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WASHINGTON--NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON IS ONE OF SEVEN BOARD MEMBERS OF A NEW NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS WHICH IS BEING FORMED HERE.

FERNAND PENSTERWALD, 47, OF ARLINGTON, VA., ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER, SAID THE COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE IS "TO EMBARRASS OR FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE INVESTIGATIONS THEY HAVE BEEN PUTTING OFF SINCE NOV. 22, 1963."

THAT WAS THE DATE OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION IN DALLAS.

PENSTERWALD, WHO SAID HE WAS SETTING UP AN OFFICE WHICH WOULD OPERATE IN WASHINGTON, LEFT THE SENATE EARLIER THIS WEEK AFTER 12 YEARS AS COUNSEL FOR SEVERAL COMMITTEES.

"THE COMMITTEE WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE THREE BEST KNOWN ASSASSINATIONS -- PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY AND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING -- BUT WILL LEAVE ITS OPTIONS OPEN ON SOME OTHER RATHER MYSTERIOUS DEATHS," HE SAID.

"OUR POSITION IS THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY IN DALLAS. THERE WERE STRONG FOOTPRINTS OF A CONSPIRACY IN MEMPHIS WHERE DR. KING WAS SHOT AND NOBODY REALLY KNOWS MUCH ABOUT WHAT WENT ON IN LOS ANGELES (WHERE SENATOR KENNEDY WAS SLAIN) BUT WE INTEND TO LOOK."

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE HOPED TO FIND PRIVATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HIRE A PROFESSIONAL STAFF FOR ITS INVESTIGATIONS.

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS, SAID PENSTERWALD, INCLUDE BILL TURNER OF SAN FRANCISCO, A [illegible] RICHARD SPRAGUE OF [illegible], N.Y., A COUNSEL [illegible] COOK, ENGLEWOOD, N.J., AUTHOR; LLOYD [illegible] A NEW YORK UNITARIAN MINISTER; BILLINGS OLIVER, NEW ORLEANS, AND PAUL [illegible] ONE MORE BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE NAMED LATER, PENSTERWALD SAID.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Bishop

DATE: 1-6-69

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS

SYNOPSIS:

UPI release of 1-3-69 announced the formation of National Committee to Investigate Assassinations. Board members of the committee include Bernard Fensterwald; Jim Garrison, New Orleans District Attorney; William Turner, former FBI Agent; Fred J. Cook, author; Richard Sprague, a computer expert; Lloyd Tupling, Washington, D. C.; and Paris Flammonde, author of a book on assassinations, soon to be released. The Director has asked for a memorandum on Fensterwald, Sprague, Tupling and Flammonde.

Fensterwald, former Chief Counsel to Senator Long's committee on wiretapping was subject of applicant-type inquiries conducted by Bureau in 1949 and 1959. The names of Fensterwald's mother and sister appeared on a list of delegates and members in 1942 of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. While employed by the State Department in 1956, Fensterwald and his mother traveled to the Soviet Union.

We have had considerable contact with Fensterwald over the past four years as Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure (the Long committee). In these contacts Fensterwald has clearly shown he is unscrupulous, untrustworthy and anti-FBI. He frequently sought to involve the FBI in wiretapping probes by Long's committee and in January, 1966, in connection with hearings in San Francisco Fensterwald indicated that ex-Agent William Turner would be one of the witnesses he intended to call in connection with FBI wiretapping. Mr. DeLoach briefed Fensterwald and Senator Long as to Turner's unsavory background. Turner is another board member of the assassination committee.

ENCLOSURE

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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1 - Mr. Rosen

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M. A. Jones to Bishop memo
RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS

In December, 1965, it was obvious that Fensterwald had sent information to Fred Cook, longtime FBI critic, for article in "The Nation" by Cook dealing with wiretapping by Government agencies. Cook quoted Fensterwald as stating, "The thing that has impressed me most is the ease with which Federal agents can lie under oath."

Mr. DeLoach maintained close personal liaison with Senator Long regarding his committee hearings and it was necessary on occasion to contact him regarding letters written over Long's signature to the Bureau requesting certain information. One such instance was in December, 1967, regarding FBI contacts with credit unions. Long stated we should ignore the letter and he would instruct Fensterwald to "keep hands off" the FBI. On same occasion Senator Long advised Mr. DeLoach that Fensterwald had "shot off his mouth too much" in connection with two articles in "Life" magazine dealing with Senator Long which allegedly had been "planted" by Bobby Kennedy.

Fensterwald, who will be Executive Director of assassination committee, left his post as Chief Counsel for the Long committee last month, apparently when Long resigned as Senator in order to give his successor seniority when the present Senate went into session.

No information in Bufiles concerning Paris Flammonde.

No pertinent information in Bufiles concerning Lloyd Tupling who may be identical with individual who was on staff of Senator Richard L. Neuberger in 1954.

Richard Sprague may be identical with individual who contacted Senator Robert F. Kennedy's office in early 1968 regarding his theory that more than one individual had fired shots at President Kennedy when he was assassinated. Sprague had reportedly assisted other individuals who share his views and who were otherwise critical of the Warren Commission findings.

From the above lineup, including Garrison and Turner, it is obvious that we can expect anti-FBI sentiments from such a group.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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M. A. Jones to Bishop memo
RE: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO
INVESTIGATE ASSASSINATIONS

DETAILS:

A UPI release on January 3, 1969, announced the formation of a new National Committee to Investigate Assassinations. According to Bernard Fensterwald, 47, of Arlington, Virginia, a board member, the committee's purpose is "to embarrass or force the Government to make investigations they have been putting off since November 22, 1963." According to Fensterwald, the committee will concentrate on the assassinations of President Kennedy, Senator Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King. In addition to Fensterwald, other members were identified as Jim Garrison, New Orleans District Attorney; William Turner, former FBI Agent; Fred J. Cook, author; Richard Sprague, Hartsdale, New York, a computer expert; Lloyd Tupling, associated with the Sierra Club, Washington, D. C.; and Paris Flammonde, a New York writer who is the author of a book on assassinations, which is soon to be released.

The Director has asked for a memorandum on Fensterwald, Sprague, Tupling and Flammonde.

Bernard Fensterwald: Fensterwald was born on August 2, 1921, at Nashville, Tennessee. He received the B. S. degree from Harvard College in 1942 and the LL. B. degree from Harvard Law School in 1949. He received the M. A. degree in 1950 from the School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D. C.

Fensterwald was the subject of applicant-type inquiries conducted by the Bureau in 1949 and 1959. While generally favorable, the names of Mr. Fensterwald's mother and sister appeared on a list of delegates and members of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, at a meeting held on April 19-21, 1942, at Nashville, Tennessee. Fensterwald and his mother traveled to the Soviet Union in June, 1956, for a three-week vacation visit. At that time, Fensterwald was employed as a lawyer by the United States Department of State.

Fensterwald has been employed on the staffs of a number of Senate committees. In 1953 Fensterwald was employed by the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights (Henning Committee) and was involved in

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a request to the Bureau from this subcommittee for a list of instances wherein we had furnished information to members of Congress. Senator Henning subsequently advised the Bureau that Fensterwald's requests to the Bureau had been improper. Over the past four years we have had considerable contact with Bernard Fensterwald as Chief Counsel of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure (the Long Committee). In these contacts with Fensterwald it was clearly evident he was unscrupulous, untrustworthy and anti-FBI. He frequently endeavored to draw the FBI into conflicts around the country by his requests of various telephone companies and other sources who might possibly have information of wiretaps and other technical surveillances by the FBI. In January, 1966, in connection with Fensterwald's hearings in San Francisco he indicated that ex-Agent William Turner would be one of the witnesses he intended to call in connection with the extent of FBI wiretapping. Mr. DeLoach briefed Fensterwald and Senator Long who was present at the time of the discussion with Fensterwald as to Turner's unsavory background. Fensterwald indicated he would take a second look at Turner in view of the information furnished by Mr. DeLoach. (Turner is reportedly another board member of the assassination committee)

"The Nation" magazine in December, 1965, carried an article by Fred J. Cook dealing with wiretapping by Government agencies, including the FBI. It was obvious Cook, a longtime FBI critic, had obtained the information for his article from Fensterwald whom he quoted several times. Typical of many of Fensterwald's utterances in connection with his assignment as Chief Counsel of Senator Long's committee was the statement, in "The Nation" magazine article, "The thing that has impressed me most is the ease with which Federal agents can lie under oath."

Mr. DeLoach maintained close personal liaison with Senator Long concerning the work of the FBI as it might pertain to inquiries conducted by his committee. On occasions letters directed to the FBI requesting certain information were handled orally by Mr. DeLoach with Senator Long who indicated that Fensterwald had prepared the letters. One such instance was in December, 1967, in connection with FBI contacts with credit unions. On that occasion, Senator Long stated we should ignore the letter and he would instruct Fensterwald to "keep hands off" the FBI. On the same occasion

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Senator Long told Mr. DeLoach that Fensterwald has "shot off his mouth too much" in connection with two articles in "Life" magazine dealing with Senator Long which allegedly had been "planted" by Bobby Kennedy. According to the "Washington Post" of 1-3-69, Fensterwald will be the Executive Director of captioned committee. It is noted he left his post as Chief Counsel for the Long committee approximately a week ago, apparently when Long resigned as Senator in order to give his successor seniority when the present Senate went into session. (77-44206)

Paris Flammonde: Bureau files contain no information identifiable with Paris Flammonde.

Lloyd Tupling: During 1954, W. Lloyd Tupling was appointed the Information Officer of the staff of Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic Senator of Oregon. One Lloyd Tupling, University News Bureau, Eugene, Oregon, was listed as a member of the "Society of America's Friends of the Mexican People" as of 8-13-38. This group is no longer in existence and was not investigated by the FBI, although indications were that the group was sympathetic to the communist cause. During May, 1950, one Lloyd Tupling was the publisher of "The State-Wide Newspaper," a weekly published in Boise, Idaho. (100-179915-23)

Richard Sprague: In a Rosen to Mr. DeLoach memo dated 3-26-63, captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 11-23-63, Dallas, Texas," it was noted that Richard E. Sprague had written to Joseph F. Dolan, Administrative Assistant to Senator Robert F. Kennedy, enclosing a number of photographs taken at the assassination site, and also stating that he was a proponent of the theory that more than one individual was firing shots at President Kennedy when he was assassinated. Bureau, Dallas and New York files contained no information on Sprague at that time, and New York was instructed to conduct a credit and criminal inquiry on him in an attempt to identify him, and these checks were negative.

A review was made of books written by critics of the Warren Commission to determine if Sprague might have collaborated with them. In Josiah Thompson's book, "Six Seconds in Dallas," he acknowledges assistance from one "Richard Sprague" not further identified. Sylvia Meagher, author of "Accessories After the Fact," a severe critique of the Warren Commission,

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FBI, CIA, Secret Service, and Dallas Police Department, acknowledges the assistance of Richard E. Sprague stating, "I am grateful to Richard E. Sprague for making available a list compiled by him of photographs and films which seem to have been overlooked entirely by the Warren Commission and these investigative agencies."

Sprague wrote us on 7-9-68 along the same vein he had written Mr. Dolan, indicating he had important photographs of the assassination which should be reviewed by us, and also enclosed a research monograph relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. By letter of 7-18-68, we advised Mr. Sprague that the information in his monograph, as well as the photographs, were previously furnished the Bureau by the office of former Senator Robert F. Kennedy. Our files reveal no additional pertinent data concerning Sprague. (62-109060-6520)

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), MEMPHIS (44-1487), NEW ORLEANS (157-10653)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574). 2P

MURKIN

RE LA TEL FEBRUARY SEVEN LAST.

MARIE MARTIN, LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY TWELVE INSTANT. STATED CHARLIE STEIN CONTINUES TO HAVE NO PERMANENT RESIDENCE, BUT OCCASIONALLY VISITS HER RESIDENCE. MARTIN STATED SHE WOULD HAVE STEIN CALL LOS ANGELES OFFICE ON NEXT CONTACT.

MARTIN DESCRIBED STEIN AS "HAVING A RAPIDLY DETERIORATIG MENTAL STATE" AND STATED STEIN WAS DISCHARGED FROM MILITARY SERVICE FOR MENTAL REASONS. [redacted]

[redacted]

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MARTIN ADVISED STEIN TELEPHONED DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN MEMPHIS, REQUESTING PERMISSION TO TELEGRAPH JAMES EARL RAY IN PRISON, WHICH PERMISSION WAS GRANTED.

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STEIN DID TELEGRAPH RAY REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO USE INFORMATION RE HIS ASSOCIATION WITH RAY IN BOOK STEIN ALLEGEDLY WRITING ABOUT RAY. RAY TO DATE HAS NOT RESPONDED. MARTIN STATED STEIN INTENDS TO EMBELLISH ON THE FACTS WITH LIES IN ORDER TO MAKE BOOK GOOD SELLER.

MARTIN STATED STEIN IS OF OPINION CONNECTION EXISTS IN ASSASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, BUT SHE KNOWS OF NO INFORMATION STEIN HAS TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS OPINION.

MARTIN STATED SHE HAS BEEN ARRESTED ON SEVEN FELONY CHARGES INVOLVING NARCOTICS AND FORGERY SINCE JANUARY ONE SIXTY NINE AND KEEPS HER WHEREABOUTS SECRETIVE FROM ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INCLUDING FBI.

LOS ANGELES WILL INTERVIEW STEIN PROMPTLY UPON HIS CONTACT WITH LOS ANGELES OFFICE. INQUIRIES CONTINUE.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Birmingham (44-1740)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 2-8-69.

Information has come to the Bureau's attention that James Earl Ray claims that a Doctor Schwartz (phonetic) treated Ray while he was in Birmingham, Alabama. It is noted that investigation has determined that Ray was in Birmingham, Alabama, from August 26, 1967, to approximately October 6, 1967, and again on March 29 through March 31, 1968.

Conduct appropriate investigation regarding the association of Doctor Schwartz with James Earl Ray. This matter must be completely resolved.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 2-13-69, captioned, "Murkin" REL:jms.

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 2/7/69, motions made by the defense were argued in the court of Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Memphis, Tennessee. The results of these are as follows:

1. MOTION TO REQUIRE THE RETURN OF A STATE'S SUBPOENA TO THE CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT

This motion pertains to the fact that subpoenas for witnesses who had been subpoenaed to testify in the trial that was to start on 11/12/68 have not been returned to the clerk of the court. These are being held by the District Attorney General's Office and it is the contention of the defense that these executed subpoenas are a matter of public record and the names of the witnesses should, therefore, be available to the defense. The defense has previously been furnished a list of persons who might be called in this case; however, this list for exceeds the number of persons for whom subpoenas were actually issued. Judge BATTLE has reserved decision in this matter until such time as he has had an opportunity to fully research the law on what disposition is to be made of these subpoenas.

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2. MOTION TO PERMIT A CONFERENCE WITH WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE

Defense attorney PERCY FOREMAN argued that subject RAY has entered into certain contractural agreements with HUIE prior to the time that FOREMAN became RAY's lawyer. He now feels it is necessary for him to advise RAY regarding his dealings with HUIE and he states this can only be done if HUIE is allowed to accompany FOREMAN while he visits RAY in his cell. Judge BATTLE denied permission for this conference stating that he does not trust HUIE to follow the orders of the court regarding publicity in this case.

3. MOTION TO PERMIT THE TAKING OF EXCLUSIVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DEFENDANT

The defense has argued that they have been offered $3,000 to $5,000 for a series of exclusive photos of subject RAY. The defense contends that this sum of money is necessary to the subject's defense and have requested that a photographer of their choosing be allowed to take photos of RAY which would in turn be sold by defense counsel. Judge BATTLE denied this motion stating the court would not let itself be drawn into any scheme whereby RAY might be photographed for personal gain. He offered, however, to allow the sheriff's photographer to take photos of RAY which with the court's approval could be distributed to all news media desiring same. These photos are to be made only if defense cousel is agreeable.

4. PETITION TO AUTHORIZE DEFENDANT TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS OUT OF STATE

The defense has argued that they have no funds with which to arrange for the interviews of out-of-state witnesses and they request that the state make funds available for this purpose. The defense has indicated they desire SAC FRANK HITT of the Atlanta Division and Mr. J. D. GARNER, 107 14th Street, Northeast, Atlanta, Georgia, be interviewed

regarding the admissibility of evidence. It is pointed out that GARNER is the operator of the rooming house where RAY resided in Atlanta. Judge BATTLE revused to allow depositions to be taken from HITT and GARNER but stated he was agreeable to having HITT and GARNER appear in his court for a pre-trial suppression hearing. The date of this is to be decided by the defense counsel and the prosecution.

Executive Assistant Attorney General ROBERT DWYER has stated he has no reason to believe the search conducted at GARNER's rooming house was illegal and he does not feel that the motion to suppress will be granted.

Judge BATTLE also denied depositions from U. L. BAKER, PETER CHERPES, CLYDE R. MANASCO, Reverend ANDREW J. YOUNG, and GEORGE BONEBREAK as these are all persons who have been subpoenaed by the prosecution and whom defense counsel will ultimately have an opportunity to cross examine. Regarding the other persons named in this petition, Judge BATTLE has stated he will rule on each individual name after having been given in writing an affidavit explaining fully why defense counsel desires such a deposition. At the urging of Mr. FOREMAN, it was also ruled that these affidavits shall not be made available to the prosecution.

Mr. ROBERT DWYER advised that his secretary is making a transcript of WILLIAM BRADFORD HUIE's testimony before the Shelby County Grand Jury and that this testimony will be made available to this office on a highly confidential basis. He said that in a conversation with HUIE, HUIE volunteered certain additional information that was not given to the Grand Jury. This is as follows:

A Dr. SCHWARTZ (phonetic) treated RAY while RAY was in Birmingham, Alabama. RAY and a "fat" bartender in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, were dealing in marijuana and RAY brought a sizable quantity of marijuana with him to California. RAY

spent the night of 4/2/68 in a motel somewhere in Mississippi. The female employee of the Canadian Government with whom RAY was intimate has told HUIE that RAY was very outspoken in his dislike of Negroes and made numerous remarks in this regard.

Mr. DWYER has stated he has no particular interest in further investigation of these facts except for the statements made by RAY to the woman in Canada. He has stated it would greatly aid his case in proving a motive if this woman could be prevailed upon to come to Memphis and testify to the statements made by RAY. He has requested that we determine if possible what statements RAY made that she could testify to and also determine her willingness to testify.

2-14-69

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) 5556

MURKIN

ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 2-8-69.

In your referenced communication you advised that in state court on February 7, 1969, before Judge W. Preston Battle, a petition to authorize defendant to take depositions out of state was argued. The defense, during this argument, indicated that they desired SAC Hitt, Atlanta Office, and J. D. Garner (operator of rooming house where Ray resided Atlanta, Georgia) be interviewed regarding the admissibility of evidence. During this argument, Judge Battle refused to allow depositions be taken from SAC Hitt and J. D. Garner, but the Judge stated he was agreeable to have SAC Hitt and J. D. Garner appear in his court for a pretrial suppression hearing. You advised on February 11, 1969, no motion has been filed to suppress the evidence obtained from this rooming house by our Agents.

If and when such motion to suppress is filed, you should obtain a copy of same and immediately forward it to the Bureau for review. You should also furnish a copy of the motion to the Atlanta Office for their review.

Keep the Bureau fully advised of all developments along the above lines.

1 - Atlanta (44-2386) (for info)

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 2-13-69, captioned, "Murkin" REL:jms.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: February 13, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SYNOPSIS:

Motions filed by attorneys for James Earl Ray in state court were acted upon by Judge W. Preston Battle on February 7, 1969. He has reserved decision to require the return of a states' subpoena to the Clerk of the Criminal Court; he denied motion to permit conference between William Bradford Huie and Ray and denied motion to permit the taking of exclusive photographs of the defendant; and denied depositions to be taken out of state from some individuals, however, he is agreeable to having SAC Hitt of Atlanta and Atlanta rooming house operator appear in a pre-trial suppression hearing. (Ray stayed in Garner's rooming house in Atlanta, and search was conducted by consent of Garner.) No motion to suppress has been filed to date. Huie's testimony before Shelby County Grand Jury will be made available to us on a confidential basis. We received additional information from local prosecutor, who learned it from Huie, concerning Ray's alleged treatment by a Doctor Schwartz in Birmingham and his dealing in marijuana in Mexico. Memphis authorities desire female employee of Canadian Government interviewed concerning Ray's statements regarding Negroes in an effort to establish his anti-Negro sentiments and her willingness to testify.

ACTION: If approved,

1. We will instruct Memphis that if and when such motion to suppress is filed, a copy should be obtained and the Atlanta Office will be instructed to furnish full details covering all points set out in motion to suppress;

2. The Birmingham Office will be instructed to conduct appropriate investigation regarding Doctor Schwartz;

3. Legat Mexico will be instructed to request the appropriate authorities to determine if Ray was dealing in marijuana in Mexico; and

4. Legat Ottawa will be instructed to request the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to interview female employee of the Canadian Government regarding Ray's statements to her and determine her willingness to come to Memphis and testify.

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DETAILS:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attorneys for James Earl Ray argued motions in the court of Judge W. Preston Battle, Memphis, Tennessee, on February 7, 1969. The motions and the results thereof are as follows:

1. Motion to require the return of state's subpoena to the Clerk of the Criminal Court: It is noted that subpoenas for witnesses who had been requested to testify in the state trial previously scheduled for November 12, 1968, were not returned to the clerk of the court, but were being held in State Attorney General's office. Judge Battle reserved decision until such time as he has an opportunity to fully research the law.

2. Motion to permit a conference with William Bradford Huie: Judge Battle denied permission for the conference of James Earl Ray and William Bradford Huie, stating he does not trust Huie to follow the orders of the court regarding publicity in this case.

3. Motion to permit the taking of exclusive photographs of the defendant: It is noted that the defense has been offered $3,000 to $5,000 for a series of exclusive photographs of Ray. The Judge denied this motion stating the court would not let itself be drawn into any scheme; however, he offered to allow the sheriff's photographer to take photographs of Ray, which with the court's approval, could be distributed to all news media desiring same.

4. Petition to authorize defendant to take deposition out of state: It is noted that a listing of various individuals is made. Included in this listing is SAC Frank Hitt of Atlanta, and Latent Fingerprint examiner George Bonebrake assigned to Washington, D. C. Judge Battle denied deposition from fingerprint examiner George Bonebrake and a few other individuals and stated he would rule on the other remaining individuals after having been given in writing an affidavit explaining fully why the defense counsel requires depositions.

During this argument, the defense indicated they desired that SAC, Frank Hitt, Atlanta Office, and Mr. J D. Garner (operator of rooming house where Ray resided in Atlanta, Georgia) be interviewed regarding the admissibility of evidence. Judge Battle refused to allow depositions be taken from SAC Hitt and Garner, but stated he was agreeable to have Hitt and Garner

appear in his court for a pretrial suppression hearing. Mr. Robert Dwyer, Executive Assistant to the State Attorney General, Shelby County, stated he has no reason to believe the search conducted at Garner's rooming house was illegal, and he does not feel that the motion to suppress will be granted. The SAC in Memphis has advised that to date no motion has been filed to suppress the evidence obtained from this rooming house by our Agents. Search was conducted by consent of Garner.

Mr. Robert Dwyer advised that his secretary is making a transcript of William Bradford Huie's testimony before the Shelby County Grand Jury on February 7, 1969, and this testimony will be made available to us on a highly confidential basis.

Mr. Dwyer stated that in a conversation with Mr. Huie, Huie claims he was told by Ray that a Doctor Schwartz treated Ray while Ray was in Birmingham, Alabama; Ray and a "fat" bartender in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, were dealing in marijuana and Ray brought a sizeable quantity of marijuana with him to California; and Ray spent the night of April 2, 1968, in a motel somewhere in Mississippi.

Dwyer also stated that a female employee of the Canadian Government, with whom Ray was intimate, told Huie that Ray was very outspoken in his dislike for Negroes and made various remarks in this regard. It is noted that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police interviewed this female employee of the Canadian Government; however, no mention was made of Ray's dislike of Negroes. Mr. Dwyer requested that we have the female employee of the Canadian Government contacted to determine if Ray actually made anti-Negro statements to her, and determine her willingness to come to Memphis and testify.

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Date: 2/11/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

ReBuairtel 2/4/69 directing Memphis to interview Rev. JAMES LAWSON.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 3 copies of an FD-302 reflecting interview of Rev. LAWSON on 2/11/69 at Memphis.

Information furnished by Rev. LAWSON regarding the transfer of the 2 Negro firemen and the Negro police officer from the fire station near the Lorraine Motel just prior to the murder of KING has been covered in Memphis LHM dated 11/21/68, which LHM also reflected the interview of [redacted] by Mr. J. HAROLD FLANNERY of the Justice Dept. LAWSON furnished no new information and it is not felt that this matter warrants further inquiry.

It is the opinion of the interviewing Agents that LAWSON is a dangerous rabble rousing individual not worthy of being considered a leader of any group. He openly admits distrust of the police and of the FBI. He admits to having no facts but does not seem embarrassed to openly advocate his theory that KING's murder resulted from a conspiracy. He mentioned the story that was told early in this investigation by JOHN MC FERREN regarding his having overheard a conversation in a local vegetable market which conversation would indicate that the market owner, [redacted] and persons from New Orleans were part of the murder conspiracy. As the Bureau is well aware, MC FERREN's story has been thoroughly investigated and has been found to be entirely without substance.

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3 - Memphis (2 - 44-1987)
(1 - 170-98-Rev. JAMES M. LAWSON)

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LAWSON was advised that the Bureau would be most interested in receiving any additional information which might come into his possession. In view of LAWSON's attitude toward the Bureau, it is suggested that we initiate no further contact with LAWSON if it can possibly be avoided.

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Date 2/11/69

Rev. JAMES M. LAWSON, JR., Pastor, Centenary Methodist Church, 584 East McLemore Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, advised that he has no actual evidence of a conspiracy in the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING; however, he feels that certain occurrences around the time of the murder may have some significance.

Rev. LAWSON said that on about April 2 or April 3, 1968, a Negro fireman, FLOYD E. NEWSUM, was transferred from the firestation near the Lorraine Motel to another station that was already fully manned. He also said that another Negro fireman, name unknown, was transferred from that same station to another station on either Tuesday or Wednesday night before KING was murdered on Thursday afternoon. He said this second fireman was transferred in the middle of his shift and was transferred "out of rotation".

Rev. LAWSON explained "out of rotation" as follows:

When a fireman is assigned to a piece of equipment he remains in that assignment until all the men already assigned to it have been transferred. In other words, the last man assigned is the last man transferred.

Rev. LAWSON stated also that a Negro police officer, Detective E. E. REDDITT, who had been assigned to the same fire station to provide protection for Dr. KING, had been removed from the station sometime prior to the murder.

Rev. LAWSON stated he has made no attempt to verify any of this information except for his interview with FLOYD NEWSUM.

On 2/11/69 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 44-1987

SA JOE C. HESTER &
by SA ROBERT F. BOYLE:JCH:cjs Date dictated 2/11/69

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TO DIRECTOR (44-38861) MEMPHIS (44-1487) NEW ORLEANS (157-653)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574) (3P)

MURKIN

RE LOS ANGELES TEL DATED FEBRUARY TWELVE LAST.

CHARLES STEIN INTERVIEWED FEBRUARY THIRTEEN INSTANT AND FURNISHED FOLLOWING:

ON APRIL NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT, HE WAS CONTACTED BY LOS ANGELES TIMES REPORTER LARSON DURING WHICH THEY DISCUSSED MEMO SLIP STEIN HAD, WHICH HE ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED FROM JAMES EARL RAY. SLIP HAD ADDRESS OF STEIN'S SISTER MARIE LEE WHERE STEIN STAYED DURING THE STEIN-RAY TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS IN DECEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN. SLIP ALSO HAD A PHONE NUMBER WHICH HE CAN NOT NOW RECALL. AT THAT

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TIME STEIN FELT PHONE NUMBER MIGHT BE FOR LOCATION OF RAY AND THAT IT WOULD BE OF GREAT FINANCIAL VALUE. LARSON OFFERED STEIN FIFTEEN OR TWENTY DOLLARS FOR SLIP WHICH STEIN FELT WAS NOT ENOUGH MONEY. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION WITH LARSON STEIN SPENT HIS LAST DOLLAR TO CALL THE PHONE NUMBER WHICH WAS ON THE SLIP IN NEW ORLEANS. INDIVIDUAL ANSWERING PHONE IDENTIFIED THE NUMBER AS THE GREY HOUND BUS STATION.

STEIN SAID THAT RAY WAS EAGER TO LEAVE NEW ORLEANS BUT STEIN WANTED TO STAY A DAY OR TWO LONGER. STEIN SUGGESTED THAT THEY CHECK WEATHER CONDITION PRIOR TO DEPARTING NEW ORLEANS FOR LOS ANGELES SINCE THEY ENCOUNTERED SNOW STORM EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS. STEIN SAID RAY CALLED FIRE STATION WHO SUGGESTED HE CALL GREY HOUND BUS DEPOT FOR WEATHER INFORMATION WHICH RAY DID AND MADE NOTATION ON MEMO SLIP.

STEIN STATED HE CAN NOT LOCATE THIS SLIP SINCE HE HAS MOVED SEVERAL TIMES SINCE HE ORIGINALLY CAME IN POSSESSION OF IT AND IS NOW LIVING ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS WITH FRIENDS.

STEIN SAID HE IS EAGER TO GO TO MEMPHIS AND INTENDS TO TAKE A CAMERA OR A PHOTOGRAPHER WITH HIM TO RECORD HIS ACTIONS AND AS A WITNESS IN RAY TRIAL SINCE HE INTENDS TO WRITE A BOOK ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES IN THIS CASE. STEIN

SAID HE WILL EMBELLISH HIS STORY TO MAKE BOOK A GOOD SELL AND TO PROFIT FINANCIALLY FROM IT.

STEIN WAS CAUTIONED NOT TO EMBELLISH OR DISTORT ANY CONTACT WITH THE FBI.

STEIN SAID HE NEVER HEARD RAY MENTION ANYONE BY THE NAME OF RAUL. HE SAID HE KNOWS OF NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ASSINATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY, OR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STEIN SAID NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JAMES GARRISON HAD CONTACTED HIS SISTER MARIE LEE IN NEW ORLEANS ASKING TO HAVE STEIN CONTACT GARRISON. STEIN SAID HE MADE TWO ATTEMPTS TO CALL GARRISON COLLECT BUT CALLS WERE NOT COMPLETED.

STEIN ALSO ADVISED HE HAD CALLED DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN MEMPHIS TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO TELEGRAPH RAY IN PRISON FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS. STEIN SAID THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY "TOOK THE FIFTH AMENDMENT" AND WHILE NOT GRANTED, STEIN DID TELEGRAPH RAY AND HAS NO ANSWER FROM HIM TO DATE.

ALTHOUGH STEIN APPEARED LUCID DURING INTERVIEW, HE DID ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS DIGRESS INTO REALM OF METAPHYSICAL THOUGHT CONCERNING THE CONTINUOUS CREATIONS OF MANY NEW CHRISTS.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Information has come to the Bureau's attention that Claire Keating (female employee of the Canadian Government) allegedly made remarks to William Bradford Huie during their interview that James Earl Ray was very outspoken in his dislike for Negroes and made various remarks in this regard.

It is noted that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) previously interviewed Claire Keating and it was determined that she was intimate with Ray on several occasions. In this interview with her no mention was made by Ray to her regarding his anti-Negro sentiments.

Legat Ottawa should request the RCMP to interview Claire Keating concerning the statements allegedly made to her by Ray regarding his anti-Negro sentiments. Legat Ottawa should also request the RCMP to ascertain the willingness of her to come to Memphis and testify. The arrangements for her to come to Memphis and testify will be handled by the Memphis authorities through the RCMP.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

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1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA [redacted])

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 2-13-69, captioned "Murkin" REL:jms.

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AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat, Mexico City (173-1)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Information has come to the Bureau's attention that James Earl Ray and a "fat" bartender in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, were allegedly dealing in marijuana and Ray brought a sizeable quantity of marijuana with him to California.

It is noted that investigation conducted by you established that Ray entered Mexico on October 7, 1967, at Nuevo Laredo and registered in Hotel San Francisco Acapulco, on October 10, 1967, as Eric S. Galt. It is further noted that in the past, you have determined that Ray made inquiry at various places in Mexico as to where he could possibly purchase marijuana.

Legat Mexico City should contact the appropriate authorities to determine if Ray was dealing in marijuana in Mexico as alleged. This investigation could result in the establishment of Ray's source of funds.

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1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info) REC-90 44-5560

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA [redacted])

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memorandum dated 2-13-69, captioned "Murkin" REL:jms.

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FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 2-12-69

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Via Airtel REGISTERED (Priority)

To: Director, FBI (44-38861)

From: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)(P)

Subject: MURKIN

ReBUairtel 2-6-69.

The Bureau is referred to RCMP report dated 1-24-69, at Montreal, Quebec, in which it is pointed out that all efforts to identify Raoul met with negative results (see paragraph five of report).

5 - Bureau
1 cc - Liaison Direct
1 cc - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - OTT
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Special Agent in Charge

FD-36 (Rev. 5-22-64)

FBI

Date: 2/13/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a jury list which was furnished to the Memphis Office this date by Executive Assistant State Attorney General ROBERT K. DWYER.

Bureau permission is requested to have these names searched both at the Bureau and in the Memphis Office in order that any pertinent information may be given to Mr. DWYER by appropriate blind memoranda.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a petition filed by the subject RAY's attorney, PERCY FOREMAN, requesting that the aliases GALT, WILLARD, and LOHMEYER be stricken from the Tennessee indictment against the subject. This motion was filed 11/12/68, however, Mr. DWYER did not receive a copy of it until about 2/10/69. This motion is to be argued before Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE on 2/14/69.

"ENCLOSURE ATTACHED"

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3 - Bureau (Encs. 4)
2 - Memphis

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Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted]

Bailey, Douglas

Ballard, James W.

Boocroft, T. T.

Bonnett, Larry W.

Bonnett, Wm. R.

Benz, Stephen J. Jr.

Bizzell, Roy D.

Black, Amos G. Jr.

Blackwell, John W.

Brog, Victor

Brooks, Samuel

Brown, Michael Charles

Brown, Stephen

Bruce, Jerre B.

Butler, John M.

Campbell, Ben

Carlota, Gus

Chandler, Aaron

Christie, Fred

Coburn, Norman J. Jr.

Cox, Lit P.

Cain, Eugene

Cotten, Jeff H.

Cotton, Orvil L. Jr.

Counselhour, Richard Lee

Cross, Perry

Dalstrom, Joseph A.

Davis, Wm. J.

Dolsing, Richard E.

Dow, Joseph H.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DIVISION THREE

Filed: Nov. 12, 196.
J. B. Blackwell, C.
By C. E. Kistler

STATE OF TENNESSEE		
Vs.		Nos. 16,645 and
JAMES EARL RAY		16,819

TO SAID HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, James Earl Ray, Defendant in the above styled and numbered cause, and files this his SUGGESTION OF PROPER NAME, and says:

I.

That his propor and legel name is JAMES EARL RAY.

II.

That the indictments in the above styled cases carries additional alleged aliases, to-wit: "Alias Eric StarvoGalt, alia John Williard, Alias Harvey Lehmeyer".

III.

That the use of the above aliases in the charging part of the indictment is projudicial and inflammatory, and Defendant prays that they be stricken and not read to the jury nor ether wise referred to in the future hearings on or trial of either of the above cases.

Percy Foreman

Percy Foreman, Attorney for Defendant.

James Earl Ray

James Earl Ray, Defendant.

November 12, 1968.

GRANTED

Refused and exception reserved.

_____

Judge.

Jury Panel
2-[redacted]9

Favre, Alden A.
Fields, James H.
Ford, Harlow L.

Gary, Albert E. Jr.
Gilbert, Harrison
Gill, Chester C.
Gillespie, Elijah
Gladney, Louis
Goodyear, Wm. H.
Gray, Martin L.

Hall, Wm. E.
Harris, McKinley
Harris, Thomas Jr.
Hatch, James W. Jr.
Hawkes, Russell C.
Hawkins, Walter F.
Hoffman, Charlie C.
Hill, Edgar
Howard, J. Paul

Johnson, Nick
Joynt, Jerry D.

Koe, James O.

Littleton, Charles T.
Love, Robt. L.
Lund, Monroe

Mabone, James
Mannaco, Estes
Manley, Claude A.
Mann, Albert S.
Manley, Wilson
Maney, Pete W.

Jury Panel
2-24-69

Mayo, David R.

Mays, Stonewall

McGehee, Paul Z.

Mitchell, Clarence O.

Noland, Woodrow L.

Nunis, Troy E.

Nunnally, Andy L.

Owens, Willie

Pate, James R.

Patterson, Jerry R.

Pendleton, Grady

Pierotti, Benito E.

Porter, James L.

~~Powell, John D.~~ dr letter

Robertson, Norbert

Rodgers, Claude W.

St. Pierre, Robert S.

Scott, Willie C.

Shaw, Johnny

Spencer, Louis A.

Stokes, Johnnie C.

Stovall, Joe Jr.

Szuhay, Orie

Tapp, Millard B.

Taylor, Troy

Tennial, Louis D.

Thorpe, Dave

Thomas, Bennie L.

Thomas, Cornial

Thompson, Mrs. Fannie

Jury Panel
2-24-69

Wallace, Bobby C.

Wallace, Leo L.

Walsh, Geo. Edward

Waters, Gordon L.

Weddle, Earl M.

Wilkins, Robt. H.

Williams, Ben

Williamson, Miller

Wright, Earl

Wright, Geo. R.

Young, John E.

[redacted]

TO SAID HONORABLE COURT:

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I.

That his proper and legal name is JAMES EARL RAY.

II.

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III.

That the use of the above aliases in the charging part of the indictment is prejudicial and inflammatory, and Defendant prays that they be stricken and not read to the jury nor otherwise referred to in the future hearings on or trial of either of the above cases.

Percy Foreman

Percy Foreman, Attorney for Defendant.

James Earl Ray

James Earl Ray, Defendant.

November 12, 1968.

GRANTED

Refused and exception reserved.

_____

Judge.

FBI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

3:25PM CST DEFERRED 2-15-69 PGD

TO: DIRECTOR (44-38861)

FROM: MEMPHIS (44-1987) 1P

MURKIN.

RE MEMPHIS AIRTEL TO BUREAU FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST ENCLOSING A LIST OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS FOR THE TRIAL OF JAMES EARL RAY.

THIS TRIAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL SEVEN NEXT; THEREFORE, THE JURY LIST ENCLOSED WITH REFERENCED AIRTEL WILL BE OBSOLETE AND NOT BE USED IN SELECTING THE JURY FOR THE TRIAL ON APRIL SEVEN NEXT.

BUREAU DISREGARD REQUEST TO SEARCH NAMES ON THE JURY LIST FURNISHED.

MEMPHIS WILL FORWARD ANOTHER JURY LIST TO BE SEARCHED THROUGH BUREAU INDICES WHEN SAME BECOMES AVAILABLE. P.

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cc,

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attached sets forth that the local trial previously scheduled to start 3-3-69, has been postponed until 4-7-69.

Department being advised.

EJM:jms

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

FEB 14 1969

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

DI WASH DC

FBI MEMPHIS

140PM URGENT 2-14-69 LLH

TO DIRECTOR 44-38861

FROM MEMPHIS 44-1987 1P

MURKIN

DURING A HEARING HELD ON MOTIONS PREVIOUSLY FILED HELD THIS DATE IN THE COURTROOM OF W. PRESTON BATTLE, SHELBY COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE, MEMPHIS, TENN., PERCY FOREMAN, COUNSEL FOR JAMES EARL RAY, FILED A "MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE," AND IN OPEN COURT FOREMAN REQUESTED A NINETY-DAY CONTINUANCE FROM MARCH THREE NEXT. JUDGE BATTLE, ON HEARING ARGUMENTS BY PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE, GRANTED THE DEFENSE A CONTINUANCE AND RESCHEDULED THE TRIAL OF JAMES EARL RAY TO COMMENCE MORNING OF APRIL SEVEN NEXT.

DISPOSITION OF OTHER MOTIONS ARGUED WILL BE SUBMITTED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION. P.

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FBI WASH DC

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FBI

Date: 2/8/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673)(P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re New Orleans teletype 2/6/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are six copies and for Los Angeles and Memphis two copies each of a self-explanatory LHM.

3 - Bureau (Encs 6)(RM)
2 - Los Angeles (44-1574)(Encs 2)(RM)
2 - Memphis (44-1987)(Encs 2)(RM)
2 - New Orleans
EJC/jpb
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana
February 8, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

JAMES EARL RAY

Mr. Jerry Cohen, Los Angeles Times news reporter in New Orleans, Louisiana, residing at the Cochetta Motel, Room 216, Telephone 822-1560, New Orleans, Louisiana, telephonically advised he had contacted the Los Angeles Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and had been referred to the New Orleans Office of the FBI.

Cohen advised that he and Dave Lawson of Los Angeles, California, who is also a reporter of the Los Angeles Times, had obtained from Charles Stein a telephone number within one week after the arrest of James Earl Ray.

Cohen stated that Dave Lawson had made all the notes of the conversation with Stein but that as he, Cohen, recalls it, Stein showed Lawson a piece of paper which contained a telephone number and that Lawson had copied the telephone number from Stein's piece of paper into Lawson's note.

When Stein questioned Ray concerning this telephone number, Ray had said this is where Ray got his weather report.

Cohen stated that Stein two or three days after talking to Cohen and Lawson had made a call to New Orleans and had determined this number was a number for Troop B of the Louisiana State Police located in the Greater New Orleans area.

Cohen stated that neither he nor Lawson had furnished this telephone number to the Los Angeles Office of the FBI and when questioned as to whether or not this was an oversight advised that subconsciously it had been forgotten in the hope it might materialize into a good story.

44-38861-5563

ENCLOSURE

JAMES EARL RAY

Cohen advised that he did not have the telephone number with him but had made a contact in New Orleans while here to attend the Clay Shaw trial, who had determined that there was a Louisiana State Trooper at Troop B named Raul V. Esquivel.

Cohen advised he had no further information concerning this number but that Lawson would have more complete and accurate information from his notes.

A review of the New Orleans indices show an investigation was conducted in the case captioned "TROOPER RAUL VICTOR ESQUIVEL, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE, FERDINAND JOSEPH HORIO, JR. - VICTIM, CIVIL RIGHTS." Esquivel in 1964 was described as follows:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	British Honduras
Employment	Louisiana State Police, Troop B, Metairie, Louisiana
Length of Employment	Seven years
Residence	[redacted] Metairie, Louisiana

R. L. Polk's New Orleans City Director for 1968 lists telephone number 482-5751 to State Police Department Headquarters, Troop B. This number was dialed February 6, 1969, and the trooper answering the phone stated "State Police Department Headquarters" and then upon inquiry stated that it was Troop B.

The current New Orleans Telephone Directory lists telephone number 524-0446 to the Provincial Motel, 1024 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The Provincial Motel is where Ray stayed in New Orleans in December, 1967

JAMES EARL RAY

Lieutenant Colonel Ben F. Ragusa, Assistant Superintendent, Louisiana State Police (LSP), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, advised that Trooper 1st Class Raul Victor Esquivel is assigned to LSP Troop B at New Orleans, Louisiana. He advised that in August of 1967 Trooper Esquivel was at that time also assigned to Troop B at New Orleans. He advised that Trooper Esquivel worked as follows during the month of August, 1967:

August 1, 2, and 3: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 4: day off

August 5: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 6 and 7: off duty due to a death in his family

August 8 and 9: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 10: off duty

August 11 through 23: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 24: off duty

August 25 and 26: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 27: off duty

August 28, 29, and 30: on duty; 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

August 31: off duty

Ragusa advised that during August, 1967, Trooper Esquivel was assigned to duties in different areas of the Troop B LSP area as he was filling in for other troopers on their days off. He advised that during August, 1967, Trooper Esquivel worked in the New Orleans area

JAMES EARL RAY

Ragusa advised that on March 22, 1968, Trooper Esquivel worked an eight-hour shift on that date.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

TRUE COPY

Union, Ontario, Canada.
February 3, 1969

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I.
The Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Washington, District of Columbia,
The United States of America

Dear Director Mr. John Edgar Hoover (The Federal Bureau of Investigation):

I write this letter to you Mr. Hoover because I am certain that the accused: James Earl Raye is not the man who used a rifle to shoot (Dr.) Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.,; but that it was rather a full brother of his a multiple birth who used a rifle to shoot the Late Martin Luther King Jr., which shooting resulted in Mr. King's death.

I think that "Mrs. King" was expecting a baby at the time of the shooting and that the father (physical) was the man who used the rifle to shoot The Late Mr. King Jr. (Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.) (who was an adopted son.)

It is possible to suppose that "Mrs. King." told the Late Martin Luther King Jr., to go out on the portch (second floor portch) where he was standing when he was shot.

"Mrs. King," wife of the Late (Dr.) Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., lived in (the city of) St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, for a time; with the name [redacted] ---------- she was a portrait painter and she had some of her paintings shown in a display of Art, at The St. Thomas Public Library on Mondamin Street, in the city of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, at that time her [redacted] address was [redacted] St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

The father of the baby (an adopted brother) is shown in one of the two newspaper clippings enclosed.

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The mother of the baby ("Mrs. King") is shown in the other clipping.

I write this true letter with hope that if [illegible] wise possible to do so it may save the life of an innocent man in this instance.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]
Union, Ontario, Canada.

NO ACTION NECESSARY AT PRESENT

2-ENCLOSURES
ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Union, c. marie, Canada.
February 3, 1969.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover. Director F.B.I.
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, District of Columbia,
The United States of America.

Dear Director Mr. John Edgar Hoover (The Federal Bureau of Investigation)

I write this letter to you Mr. Hoover because I am certain that the accused: James Earl Ray is not the man who used a rifle to shoot (Dr.) Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., but that it was rather a full brother, a multiple birth who used a rifle to shoot the Late Martin Luther King Jr. which shooting resulted in Mr. King's death.

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I think that "Mrs. King" was expecting a baby at the time of the shooting and that the father (physical) was the man who used the rifle to shoot the Late M. King Jr. (Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.) [who was an adopted son.]

2 ENCLOSURE

cc: Mrs (see next page.)

SAC

CORRESPONDENCE

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The father of the baby (an adopted brother) is shown in one of the two newspaper clippings enclosed.

The mother of the baby ("Mrs King") is shown in the other clipping.

I write this true letter with hope that if not otherwise possible it may save

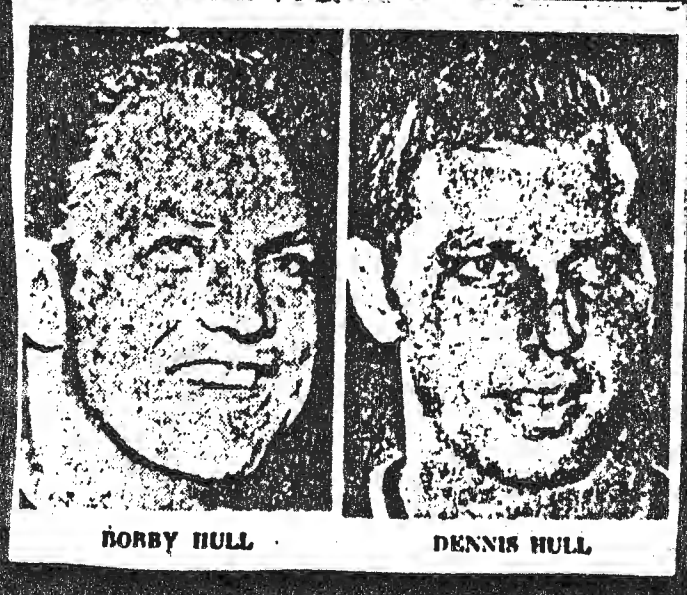
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the use of an ~~interest~~ claim, now in this instance.

Yours Sincerely,

[redacted]

Avon, Ontario, Canada.



BOBBY HULL DENNIS HULL



Fire brings grief

—By George Blumson of The Free Press

Irene Morais clutches Teresa Morais and weeps uncontrollably following a fire Monday night in a frame house at 110 Adelaide St. S. in London. The fire, believed to have started with an explosion in the basement, sent Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Reis and a third person to hospital. The house was believed to have been occupied by at least three Portuguese-speaking related families. Language difficulties hindered initial police and fire department investigations of the fire. 44-3391-5566

2-14-69

1 - Mr. Long

AIRTEL

To: Legat, Ottawa (44-4)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) REC 14 -5566

MURKIN

Enclosed are four true copies of a letter received at the Bureau from [redacted] General Delivery, Union, Ontario, Canada, together with four copies of enclosure to his letter.

You should provide a copy of [redacted] letter and the enclosure to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) and ascertain what information the RCMP has concerning [redacted] Furnish the results of your check with the RCMP to the Bureau and take no further action.

Bureau files indicate that in May of 1960 and again in August of 1961, individual by the name [redacted] of [redacted] West Union, Ontario, Canada, wrote a letter to the Bureau informing the Bureau of the death of his mother and the death of his father. He also furnished information regarding his early childhood. In his letter of May, 1960, he furnished information which could have been a violation within the jurisdiction of the Post Office Department. We forwarded this letter to the postal authorities for appropriate handling.

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COMM-FBI

Enclosures (8)

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info) (Enc. 2)

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA [redacted]

REL:jms
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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO. . .

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NOTE:

[redacted] wrote a letter to the Bureau stating he is certain that James Earl Ray is not the man who shot Martin Luther King, but the person responsible was a full brother of a multiple birth. He further states that Mrs. King was expecting a baby at the time of the shooting and that the father is a man who used the rifle to shoot Martin Luther King, Jr. [redacted] also states that Mrs. King lived in Ontario, Canada, and he states that the mother of the baby is shown in a clipping enclosed to his letter. Legat Ottawa is being instructed to contact the RCMP to determine what information they have concerning [redacted] and furnish them a copy of [redacted] letter, as well as the enclosure to his letter. It appears that [redacted] is mentally unstable and his letter does not require a response, therefore, no acknowledgement is necessary.

FBI

Date: 2/11/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (88-72) (P)

MURKIN

ReBuairtel 1/31/69.

On 2/10/69 Chief Inspector KEN THOMPSON, New Scotland Yard, London, advised as follows:

IAN COLVIN was telephonically contacted by THOMPSON on 2/9/69. COLVIN advised he was due to leave for a two-week trip to the Persian Gulf and could not spare time for a personal interview. He said the only additional piece of evidence he might possess is either a card or letter RAY wrote to himfrom prison. COLVIN had written to RAY in prison offering to visit him. RAY's response was in effect that he did not want to see COLVIN. Otherwise COLVIN had nothing to add to his previous statement.

COLVIN is most willing to travel to Memphis and testify. He asks because of his work commitments that he be advised as soon as possible as to what dates he would be expected to appear. On his return to England, on or about 2/24/69, he will see if he can find the communication RAY sent to him. He will advise THOMPSON if he finds it.

3 - Bureau
1 - Liaison (direct)
1 - London
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

2-18-69

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) — 5567

MURKIN

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ReMEairtel to the Bureau dated 1-23-69.

By airtel dated 2-11-69, Legat London advises as follows:

"On 2-10-69 Chief Inspector Ken Thompson, New Scotland Yard, London, advised as follows:

"Ian Colvin was telephonically contacted by Thompson on 2-9-69. Colvin advised he was due to leave for a two-week trip to the Persian Gulf and could not spare time for a personal interview. He said the only additional piece of evidence he might possess is either a card or letter Ray wrote to him from prison. Colvin had written to Ray in prison offering to visit him. Ray's response was in effect nothing to add to his previous statement.

"Colvin is most willing to travel to Memphis and testify. He asks because of his work commitments that he be advised as soon as possible as to what dates he would be expected to appear. On his return to England, on or about 2-24-69, he will see if he can find the communication Ray sent to him. He will advise Thompson if he finds it."

You should provide the above information to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee.

REL:jms (4)

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RECORD UNIT

NOTE:

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The office of the State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, is prosecuting the state's case against James Earl Ray. This case is scheduled for trial in Memphis, on April 7, 1969. In preparation of the state's trial Mr. Robert K. Dwyer, Executive Assistant to the State Attorney General, requested that Mr. Ian Colvin, a reporter for the "Daily Telegraph," London, England, be re-interviewed concerning the contact with him by Ray, and Colvin's willingness to come to Memphis to testify at the trial.

SAC, Memphis, has advised that Mr. Dwyer did not have the opportunity to interview Mr. Colvin and he would desire to determine if Mr. Colvin can recall any additional conversation he had with Ray beyond that previously furnished by Colvin to New Scotland Yard authorities.

Legat London was instructed to make the appropriate arrangements to interview Colvin in accordance with the request of Memphis authorities. Colvin was interviewed and the results of this interview are being furnished to Memphis with instructions to furnish information to Mr. Canale the State Attorney General.

It is noted that Mr. Colvin was re-interviewed to determine if he can recall any conversation with James Earl Ray beyond that information previously furnished to New Scotland Yard. Ray contacted Mr. Colvin in June, 1968, and requested assistance in joining an army of white mercenaries.

February 18, 1969

AIRMAIL

1 - Mr. Long

[redacted]

Limerick, Ireland

Dear [redacted]

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter received at this Bureau on February 14, 1969.

In view of the fact that the State of Tennessee is prosecuting James Earl Ray, a copy of your letter has been transmitted to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, 157 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38103.

In the event you have any further questions, you may desire to communicate directly with Mr. Canale.

Sincerely yours,

REC 27 44-38861-5568

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

19 FEB 19 1969

2 - Memphis
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NOTE:

The Bureau is in receipt of a letter from [redacted] in which he is making a claim for the reward offered for the information leading to the capture of James Earl Ray (Ray apprehended by New Scotland Yard authorities June 8, 1968). A combination of $50,000 in reward was offered by two Memphis newspapers for the arrest and conviction of the assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr.

In view of the fact that state of Tennessee is prosecuting the case (trial now scheduled for 4-7-69) [redacted] is being advised that this matter is being referred to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is prosecuting the state's case.

Bureau indices reflect that one [redacted] was an informant for a period of approximately one month in 1937. Based upon available information, it is not known if these two individuals are identical.

2-18-69

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861) REC 11 -5389

MURKIN

Enclosed you will find two true copies of a letter received at this Bureau from one [redacted] of Limerick, Ireland. You will also find two copies of the Bureau's acknowledgment of his letter.

You should provide a copy of [redacted] letter to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., State Attorney General, Shelby County, Memphis, Tennessee, together with a copy of Bureau's reply to [redacted]

For your information Bureau indices indicate that for approximately one month in 1937, one [redacted] was an informant of the Bureau. Due to limited information it is not known if these two [redacted] are identical.

Enclosures (4)

REL:jms
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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO. . .

MAILED 21
FEB 18 1969
COMM-FBI

MAR 3 - 1969
MAIL ROOM TELETYPE UNIT

NOTE:

Bureau received a letter from [redacted] of Limerick, Ireland, and in his letter he states he is claiming the reward offered for the assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is noted that two newspapers offered a $50,000 reward for the arrest and conviction of the assassin of Martin Luther King, Jr. We wrote a letter to [redacted] advising him that in view of the fact that the state of Tennessee is prosecuting this case, a copy of his letter is being transmitted to Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr., who is handling prosecution.

Memphis in this communication is being instructed to furnish a copy of [redacted] letter to Mr. Canale, as well as a copy of our response to [redacted]

TRUE COPY

[redacted]
Limerick, Ireland
10th. Feb '68

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I hereby wish to make a claim on the reward offered for information leading to the capture of James Earl Ray the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King.

I base this claim on the fact that having recognised Ray and other brutal looking Americans in London I did publicaly state in diverse places in that city, that the man wanted by the F.B.I. in that world-wide search was in hiding in the capital before he was captured. I made this claim at this late date due to the fact that I wished to remain anonymous, until my name was published prominintly in a British newspaper of international recognition (re Sunday Express 2nd Feb '68) for identifying another American criminal in connection with the Domench Dossier,

Please do not misunderstand, as people will vouch for this, and the fact that I caused quite a stir amongst civilians in the metropolis of London by announcing what I knew to be true. This could in fact have led to Ray making for the continent hence his capture at London Airport as no doubt my observations reached the British police, who know of me in connection with the above -- mentioned case and the fact that I was seen at London airport watching departures just a few days previous to the famous capture.

Trusting that this communication reaches you, and finds you in the very best of health I remain yours sincerly

[redacted]

P.S.

If you require any further information please let me know. I can assure you of my continued assistance in tracking down these foul murderers.

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[redacted]

44-38861-5569

22 FEB 20 1969

[redacted]

Limerick. Ireland
19th. Feb '68.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

I hereby wish to make a claim on the reward offered for information leading to the capture of James Earl Ray the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King.

I base this claim on the fact that having recognised Ray and other local looking Americans in London I did publicly state in diverse places in that city, that the man wanted by the F.B.I. in that world-wide search was in hiding in the capital before he was captured

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FBI

Date: 2/18/69

Transmit the following in _____ (Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-1987)

FROM: SAC, WFO (44-703) (RUC)

MURKIN
(OO:ME)

RelSairtel to Bureau, 2/5/69.

Review of WFO files [redacted] reveals no information to the effect that CORTEZ was in Memphis, Tennessee, at the time of the murder of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. [redacted]

CORTEZ stated he arrived in WDC on Friday, 4/5/68, [redacted] from Kansas City, Kansas, where he (CORTEZ) was living (address not indicated). CORTEZ indicated previous employment at Allis-Chalmers, Independence, Missouri [redacted] His occupation was listed as a bricklayer.

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(3) - Bureau
2 - Memphis (44-1987)
1 - Louisville (44-947)(Info)
1 - WFO

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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

FEB 28 1969

In view of the above, no additional investigation is being conducted by WFO

Leads at Kansas City concerning verification of CORTEZ's presence within the Kansas City area is being left to the discretion of the OO.

Information copy of this communication is being furnished to Louisville in view of their interest in this case.

FBI

Date: 2/17/69

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)

Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-10673) (RUC)

MURKIN

Re New Orleans airtel and LHM dated 2/8/69 and Los Angeles teletype, 2/13/69.

In view of information contained in referenced LHM which sets forth work schedule of Trooper RAUL VICTOR ESQUIBEL, Louisiana State Police, and clarifying information contained in referenced Los Angeles teletype, New Orleans is taking no further action, UACB.

1 - Bureau
2 - Memphis
2 - New Orleans
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Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

2-18-69

AIRTEL

1 - Mr. Long

To: Legat Bonn

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Re Bureau airtel to Legat Bonn 1-9-69.

By return communication advise status of your efforts to discreetly determine if the publication authored by Joachim Joesten concerning James Earl Ray and the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., is available on a no cost basis.

1 - Memphis (44-1987) (for info)

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared through SA Graham Day)

REL:jms
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NOTE: The Department by memorandum requested that we obtain a copy of publication by Joachim Joesten for their investigative file. We instructed Legat Bonn to determine if copy of publication available on a no cost basis, and if so transmit same to Bureau. This communication is to instruct Legat Bonn to advise us of the status of this matter.

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COMM-FBI

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2-18-69

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

MURKIN

Information has been received that the trial of James Earl Ray has been postponed until April 7, 1969, to enable the defense attorneys to more fully prepare their case.

In view of the new trial date, you are requested to determine and advise the Bureau, attention Identification Division, of status of hearing involving Fingerprint Examiner George J. Bonebrake set for April 11, 1969.

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GSA GEN. REG. NO. 27

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: February 18, 1969

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan 1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Long 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Gandy

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Attorneys for James Earl Ray argued motions in the court of Judge W. Preston Battle, Memphis, Tennessee, on February 14, 1969. The motions and the results thereof are as follows:

1. Motion to require the return of state's subpoena to the Clerk of the Criminal Court: It is noted that subpoenas for witnesses who had been requested to testify in the state trial previously scheduled for November 12, 1968, were not returned to the clerk of the court, but were being held in the State Attorney General's Office. Judge Battle ruled that the executed subpoenas must be returned to the clerk as they are not to be made matter of public record and only attorneys for the defense are to be made aware of the prosecution witnesses.

2. Motion to delete from the indictment the aliases Eric Starvo Galt, John Willard and Harvey Lohmeyer: Judge Battle denied this motion, stating that the defendant Ray was responsible for the use of these aliases and the prosecution had indicated they would present evidence to prove such use.

REC. 30 61-5574

3. Motion to designate court reporters and provide for compensation by the State of Tennessee: Judge Battle denied this motion but agreed to allow Percy Foreman (Ray's Attorney) to have a live reporter in the courtroom provided this reporter is compensated by the defense.

4. Motion to require District Attorney General to prepare and present to the court proposed stipulations as to the undisputed testimony of witnesses: Judge Battle denied this, stating that he does not desire to coerce the prosecution into agreeing to the stipulation of testimony.

ACTION: For information. You will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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FBI

Date: 2/14/69

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AIRTEL _____
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies each of three motions having to do with a continuance; with the designation of court reporters; and with stipulations as to the undisputed testimony of witnesses.

On 2/14/69, motions made by the defense were argued before Judge W. PRESTON BATTLE, Memphis, Tenn. The results are as follows:

1. MOTION TO REQUIRE THE RETURN OF A STATE'S SUBPOENA TO THE CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT

This motion relates to defense attorneys' desire to know the identity of the individuals already subpoenaed by the prosecution for the trial of JAMES EARL RAY. The prosecution has thus far avoided having the executed subpoenas returned to the Clerk of the Court, and the prosecution contends that they do not desire the news media to learn the identity of witnesses under subpoena. Judge BATTLE has now ruled that the executed subpoenas must be returned to the Clerk, however, they are not to be made a matter of public record and only attorneys for the defense are to be made aware of the prosecution's witnesses. After defense attorneys have examined the subpoenas, they are to be given to Judge BATTLE for safekeeping. Copies of this motion have previously been furnished the Bureau.

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

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3 - Bureau (Encs. 6)
2 - Memphis

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Sent _____ M Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

2. MOTION TO DELETE FROM THE INDICTMENT THE ALIASES ERIC STARVO GALT, JOHN WILLARD, AND HARVEY LOHMEYER.

On 2/14/69, Judge BATTLE denied this motion, stating that the defendant RAY was responsible for the use of these aliases and that the prosecution had indicated they would present evidence to prove such use. It had been the contention of the defense that the reading of the indictment with these aliases to the jury would be prejudicial and inflammatory. Copies of this motion have previously been furnished the Bureau.

3. MOTION TO DESIGNATE COURT REPORTERS AND PROVIDE FOR COMPENSATION BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

It is customary in Tennessee courts to have testimony taken by a mechanical recording rather than by a live court reporter. Such is the practice in Judge BATTLE's court. The defense has argued that such taking of testimony is not reliable and has requested the court to designate and to provide compensation for a live reporter. On 2/14/69, Judge BATTLE denied this motion but agreed to allow FOREMAN to have a live reporter in the courtroom provided this reporter is compensated by the defense.

4. MOTION TO REQUIRE DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PREPARE AND PRESENT TO THE COURT PROPOSED STIPULATIONS AS TO THE UNDISPUTED TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES

The defense has argued that the prosecution is in possession of written FBI reports and is aware of the testimony that will be given by various witnesses who have been subpoenaed both from out of state and from outside this country. The defense desires that these be made available to them and states that in many instances the defense will agree to stipulation of testimony by certain witnesses, thus making it unnecessary to have them brought at State expense to Memphis. The prosecution contends that this is merely an attempt by the defense to discover in advance the testimony to be given by prosecution witnesses.

Judge BATTLE denied this, stating that he does not desire to coerce the prosecution into agreeing to the stipulation of testimony.

SHELBY CRIMINAL

v.

Hon. W. Preston Battle, Judge

STATE OF TENNESSEE

For Plaintiff in Error:

Harry U. Scruggs, Jr.
J. E. Madden
M. A.Hinds
Memphis, Tennessee

For the State:

Edgar P. Calhoun
Assistant Attorney General
Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General

O P I N I O N

Kernes was convicted of carrying a pistol and fined $50.00 and sentenced to eleven (11) months and twenty-nine (29) days in the Shelby County Workhouse in one case, and sentenced to serve two years in the State penitentiary in another case for the possession of burglary tools. From these two convictions he has seasonably appealed, briefs have been filed, arguments heard, and, after reading this record and considering the matter, we think the record is in such a garbled condition that it is impossible to tell heads or tails about the situation so that it would be fair to either the defendant or the State to render a decision thereon. For this reason the judgments below are reversed and the cause is remanded for a new trial.

Briefly, these two cases were tried together, the defendant, Kernes, being indicted in Case No. 4724 for carrying a pistol, and Kernes and a man named James W. Tutor were jointly indicted in Case No. 4725 for possessing burglary tools. In the record there is also a copy of another indictment which charges a man named Thelma Roy Tutor with possessing burglary tools. This indictment is No. 4836. The minutes of the court indicate that cases 4724 and 4725 were tried jointly in the present proceedings. The bill of exceptions shows that Kernes entered pleas to both 4724 and 4725. The bill of exceptions does not show that the co-defendant entered a plea to the indictment in 4725, but the technical record does show that both defendants were on trial.

This statement is relevant because the entire record shows that Thelma Roy Tutor was on trial in Case No. 4725, when as a matter of fact James W.Tutor was named in the indictment. After the State had presented its case both Thelma Roy Tutor and James W. Tutor testified for the defense. A clerk of the court testified that it was James W. Tutor who was actually named in the indictment. Upon motion of the defendant for a directed verdict as toThelma Roy Tutor, the trial judge granted a mistrial as to Thelma Roy Tutor but did not direct a verdict.

The bill of exceptions is styled a "narrative bill of exceptions" on the cover page, although as a matter of fact it is

in question and answer form. There are places in the record where it appears that the court reporter experienced difficulty with his recording equipment. This information is stated because, as we have said before, the record is in such a garbled condition one reading it can't tell anything about it.

For these reasons we do not deem it advisable or necessary to comment on the various assignments made in this record. In looking at it in one way, clearly, there was no justification for a search wherein a pistol was found, nor is there any evidence to show that this defendant was guilty of possessing these burglary tools, but the record might be looked at from a different standpoint and there might be other evidence which is left out which caused the trial judge to rule as he did. It is shown that the jury was out when most of the evidence along different lines was given. There is nothing in this record to show any incidents when the jury was in whether there was sufficient evidence to convict this man. It is for this reason that the case is reversed and remanded for a new trial.

Hamilton S. Burnett, Chief Justice.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DIVISION III

STATE OF TENNESSEE

VS. NO. 16645

JAMES EARL RAY,

Defendant.

MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Comes now James Earl Ray, the Defendant, and moves the Court for an additional continuance in support of which he would respectfully represent and show the court:

(1) On November 12, 1968, this Court continued this cause until March 3, 1969, having estimated that 101 days should be sufficient time for preparation. That on December 23, 1968, and until January 20, 1969, Chief Counsel for the Defendant, Percy Foreman, was continuously confined to bed with pneumonia, except for a two-day period. That he had a relapse after two days and spent an additional twelve days confined to bed. Thus losing more than 27 days of the original 101 days allowed by the Court for preparation. On January 20th and continuously thereafter, until the date of this report and the filing of this motion, said Counsel for the Defendant has spent from Sunday evening through Friday night in Memphis, Tennessee, working exclusively on preparation for the trial of this case. He proposes so doing until the case is ready for trial.

(2) Likewise, Defendant has applied for permission to take depositions of material witnesses in other states and he anticipates taking of such depositions will be permitted in some instances. The mechanics of taking said depositions, if so permitted, will consume at least 30 days from the entry of the order of their being taken, which, alone, would extend beyond the date of March 3, 1969.

(3) In addition, although Counsel for this Defendant has assidiously pursued an effort to obtain depositions, affidavits, exhibits, and statements, made the basis for the extradition of Defendant, from London, England, to Memphis, Tennessee, he has not been successful.

On November 12, 1968, this Honorable Court directed Arthur J. Hanes, Esquire, former attorney for the defendant, to deliver his files and investigative reports to Percy FForeman, his successor as defense counsel, and, although said Percy FForeman called on the said Arthur Hanes at his office in Birmingham, Alabama, the following Monday to receive such files, the same were not forthcoming. The said Percy Foreman requested said files and investigative reports of the said Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., in the Courtroom on November 12, 1968, immediately upon the Court stating fromm the Bench his mandate that such files and reports be surrendered to the successor attorney. The said Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., had therefore been paid $30,000 by and at the request of the Defendant, and said files and investigative reports had been accumulated through the expenditure of this money derived fromi this Defendant.

The only writing, report or exhibit of any kind obtained by Percy Foreman from Arthur J. Hanes on his visit to Mr. Hanes' office in Birmingham about the 18th of November, 1968, were pencilled notes reproduced by photocopy of an alleged recording of a police broadcast made in Memphis about 6:00 p.m. on April 4, 1968.

Upon reporting this fact to this Honorable Court, a written order was entered by the Court and served on Arthur J. Hanes, Sr., whereupon, the said Percy Foreman received photocopy of approximately 19 pages, more or less, of interviews with witnesses, most of which interviews consisted solely of impeaching testimony.

Approximately seven to ten days ago, through the intervention and offices of William Bradford Huie, a writer, and friend of Arthfur J. Hanes, Sr., the said Percy Foreman was able to obtain an additional 150 pages, more or less of investigatory effort, which, for the first time, was furnished information upon which to base an investigation.

(4) However, no part of the material mentioned in the first paragraph (3) hereinabove were included in any portions of the files turned over to said Percy Foreman, either directly or through William Bradford Huie.

There is attached hereto a photocopy of a letter dated February 10, 1969, from Michael D. Eugene, 25 Rowsley Avenue, Hendon, N.W. 4, London, England, the attorney who represented James Earl Ray at his extradition hearing in July of 1968, which states categorically that on November 1, 1968, all of this material matter was sent Mr. Hanes from London, England, to Birmingham, Alabama, to-with

> "It is obvious from your letter that your main concern relates to the first bundle of documents, referred to above, and also the greater part of-the depositions. Copies of these documents were forwarded by me to Mr. Hanes on or about the 1st November last. I did not send a covering letter as it was quite apparent from Mr. Hanes urgent request, that he required these documents with the utmost expedition and I merely sent him a complimentary slip. I therefore regret that I cannot be more specific as far as the date is concerned but I am satisfied that it was around the aforesaid period. This is an extremely bulky collection of documents and in all, they number over two hundred pages."

There is also attached hereto a photocopy of the first page of a letter written by present counsel for Defendant to Michael D. Eugene.

A proper preparation of this case, requires that the London depositions, affidavits, exhibits, and testimony be available tof Counsel for Defendant in order that he may brief the law of extradition and the Treaties

between the United States and Great Britain, so as to file any preliminary motions revealed as necessary by such testimony from depositions and affidavits as may be included in the 200 pages referred to in Michael D. Eugene's letter of February 10, 1969.

Forreach and all of the foregoing reasons and because investigators of the Public Defender's Office, Shelby County, have not completed and will not be able to complete an adequate investigation and interview of witnesses, so as to be prepared for trial on March 3rd, this Defendant respectfully prays the Court to grant an additional continuance for such length of time as the Court may deem proper,

JAMES EARL RAY

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for Shelby County, Tennessee, on this day personally appeared James Early Ray, through, being by me first duly sworn, on oath, says:

The foregoing allegations in the aforesaid motion for a continuance are true.

JAMES EARL RAY

Subscribed and sworn to at Memphis, Tennessee, this 14th day of February, 1969.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

01-203 0707

25, ROWSLEY AVENUE,
HENDON, N.W.4

10th February, 1969

Dear Mr. Foreman,

The reason for my not having replied to your letter of the 31st January is due to my having been away from the office for the past few days and having just returned.

I am therefore replying to you immediately as, obviously, there is some urgency in your request.

The times of your telephone calls to my office and the substance of the conversations between us are confirmed by me.

In order to clarify any confusion that may have arisen with regard to the character of the documents relating to the trial proceedings in London, I would inform you of the following.

These documents may, for the sake of convenience, be divided into three parts.

Firstly, there is the bundle of documents which comprises the Affidavits of approximately twenty Prosecution witnesses (including Bonebrake's), various exhibits attached thereto and also other documents such as the requisition from the United States Ambassador to London, the Certificate of Detention, the autopsy report on Martin Luther King and his death certificate, and also other documents too numerous to detail. These documents form the basis of the Prosecution case in the London Extradition Proceedings and were served on my firm prior to the Hearing.

The second category of documents are those which comprise the oral evidence taken at the aforesaid hearings and which we term "depositions". Included in these would be the oral statements of Ray, to which you refer in your letter. In English proceedings, only the answers of the witness or defendant are noted in the depositions and no note is ever taken of the questions asked.

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26, ROWSLEY AVENUE,
HENDON, N.W.4

The third category of documents is simply the transcription of the London hearing which I obtained from the Press Associations Special Service and to which, again, you refer in your letter as being in your possession.

It is obvious from your letter that your main concern relates to the first bundle of documents, referred to above, and also the greater part of the depositions. Copies of these documents were forwarded by me to Mr. Hanes on or about the 1st November last. I did not send a covering letter as it was quite apparent from Mr. Hanes urgent request, that he required these documents with the utmost expedition and I merely sent him a complimentary slip. I therefore regret that I cannot be more specific as far as the date is concerned but I am satisfied that it was around the aforesaid period. This is an extremely bulky collection of documents - in all, they number over two hundred pages.

I acknowledge receipt of your cheque in the sum of £14.5s. but unfortunately there appears to have been some sort of clerical error. The equivalent English remuneration for 285 dollars is £118.15s. The balance that I would therefore be obliged to receive is £104.10s. Upon receipt of this sum I shall despatch the required documents by Express Airmail.

I would additionally inform you that there are several letters in my possession relating to this case, the contents of which you may find interesting. Unfortunately, as these were addressed to my firm, I cannot relinquish them but I confirm that I shall bring them with me to show you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael D. Eugene.

Percy Foreman Esquire,
C/O Room 1125,
Sheraton Peabody Hotel,
Memphis, Tennessee,
U.S.A.

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Sheraton - P eabody
Memphis, Tennessee
Room 1125
February 14, 1969

Michael D. Eugeno, Esq.,
Attorney, Counselor and
Barrister,
25 Rowsley, A venue.

Dear Mr. Eugene:

Your letter of the 10th reached me this (Friday) morning.

The mistake in the amount of remittance was that of the banker at the Union Planters National Bank. I have this day written him an additional check $250.00 (the first one was $34.05). A cashier's check for L104.los is enclosed herewith. I am s ure the documents, testimony and deposi - tions will come forward without delay.

You are correct in that we need:

(1) The aff idavits of the 20 prosecuting witnesses furnished you in advance of the hearing. These include that of Mr. Bonebrake. Also, 19 others. Also exhibits attached thereto, requisition from the United States Ambassador to London, the Certificate of detention, autoposy of Martin Luther King, his death certificate and others too numerous to mention.

(2) A transcription of the oral evidence taken at the extradition hearing in London, when James Earl Ray was ordered into the custody of the United States authorities.

All the above you state you sent Mr. Arthur J. Hanes Sr., on November 1st, without a covering letter. Mr. Hanes has never furnished us a single sheet of any of the above. Nor did he give us the Press Association Special Service account of the hearing. But we did receive a copy of this latter from a writer, William Bradford Huie, about 10 days ago. He stated that he obtained it from Arthur J. Hanes Sr., the preceding Saturday afternoon, upon agreeing to pay him an additional $5,000.00.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
)
VS)
) No. _____
JAMES EARL RAY, ETC.,)
)
Defendant.)

AFFIDAVIT OF VERNON N. SHORT

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
) ss
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

Vernon N. Short, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a Notary Public at Large for the State of Tennessee and is currently practicing his skill of shorthand (court) reporting in the free-lance field in Memphis and Shelby County, Tennessee, and has been actively engaged in that locale since May 1957.

That he is a member in good standing of the national, state, and local shorthand reporting associations and is currently vice-president of the Memphis & Shelby County Shorthand Reporters Association.

That as of this date, February 5, 1969, there are a minimum of fifteen (15) shorthand reporters actively engaged in the free-lance field of court and general

reporting in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, who are available for employment in court reporting.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.

VERNON M. [illegible]

STATE OF TENNESSEE)
)
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this fifth day of February, 1969.

[illegible]
Notary Public at Large
State of Tennessee

My commission expires February [illegible], 1970.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DIVISION III

STATE OF TENNESSEE	)	
Vs.	)	Nos. 16,645 and 16,619
JAMES EARL RAY	)	

MOTION TO REQUIRE DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PREPARE AND PRESENT TO THE COURT PROPOSED STIPULATIONS AS TO THE UNDISPUTED TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES

TO SAID HONORABLE COURT:

COMES now, James Earl Ray, Defendant, acting herein by and through his attorneys of record, and files this his motion to require the prosecuting attorneys in this case to prepare and present to the Court and to said attorneys for the defense a proposed stipulation of the testimony of all witnesses residing outside Shelby County, Tennessee, whose names have been furnished said attorneys for the defense as possible witnesses for the prosecution, in support of which motion said Defendant would respectfully show the Court:

I.

The office of the District Attorney General has heretofore, pursuant to and order of the Court so to do, furnished defense counsel with the names of some 360 or more witnesses as possible witnesses to be called and offered as witnesses for the prosecution at the trial of the above case or cases.

A very large number of these witnesses reside abroad or in other States than Tennessee. The expense of bringing said witnesses and their maintenance during this trial could conceivably cost the taxpayers of Shelby County and the State of Tennessee as much as a half million ($500,000.00) dollars, that could be better spent for other needful purposes.

Because, Defendant says, from magazine and newspaper articles available to him and his attorneys, purporting to reflect his travels, contacts and activities in distant states and foreign countries, most, if not all such reports will not be de-

nied and this Defendant and his attorneys are willing to stipulate either to the fact or the testimony of such absent witnesses, so as to save the expense of their transportation and maintenance as witnesses throughout the trial of this case. Defendant says that if the prosecution insists on the bringing of said witnesses in person, that his attorneys can not, in good conscience, agree to their release and return to their distant homes until the conclu - sion of the trial, and therefore their maintenance may cover a period of three to six months, more or less.

II.

Defendant further says the presentation of said witnesses in person, rather than by stipulation ad prayed for herein, will unduly delay, impede and waste the time of this Honorable Court, needlessly and wastefully. That there is not physical possibility of this case terminating in less than four months, if the prosecution persists in the personal presentation of said witnesses. Furthermmre, such an extended trial is calculated to so confuse a lay jury as to prevent the proper consideration by the jury of the pertinent and essential facts and testimony to the issues raised by the pleadings.

III.

Defendant says that it is not meet nor proper that the time of jurors who might be selected in this case be consumed for weeks on end by undisputed and immaterial testimony that can be made available and received into evidence by stipulation. Nor is it fair to the treasury of Shelby County that the processes of justice be strained and penalized, when such can be avoided by stipulation.

IV.

Defendant says that such witnesses whose testimony can be stipulated come from: England, Canada, Portugal, California Alabama, Washington, Georgia and elsewhere and the law requires the advance to them of ten cents ($.10¢) per mile each way plus living expenses while in attendance on the Court.

V.

Defendant says that this motion is filed herein approximately one month before any of said witnesses will have left their homes and thereby obligated Shelby County, Tennessee, for the payment of their travel and living expenses, and in ample time for the preparation, presentation and consideration of the proposal to stipulate and for the entering into said stipulation.

Furthermore, that the prosecution has in its possession a detailed report of the interviews of such witnesses by the agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and by its own investigators and is well aware of what their testimony will be and the preparation of such proposed stipulations will not unduly inconvenience the prosecution, and that for every penny of expense incident to the preparation of such stipulation, approximately $1,000.00 can be saved the taxpayers of Shelby County, Tennessee.

V.

This Defendant and his attorneys verily believe that every word of testimony that could be available from 99.99% of said witnesses, in person, can be stipulated and made a part of the record thereby.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Defendant prays that an order enter directing the District Attorney General and his assistants attorney general to prepare and present to this Court within five days of the presentation of this motion a proposed stipulation as to the testimony of each and every witness it has furnished Defense Counsel, who reside beyond the limits of Shelby County, Tennessee, to the end that such proposed stipulations or as much thereof as may be undisputed be entered into in advance by the Defendant and his attorneys, before the financial expense and drain on Shelby County's treasury shall occur, as Defendant, in duty bound, will ever pray.

James Earl Ray

JAMES EARL RAY.

Of counsel:

Percy Foreman

PUBLIC DEFENDERS.

O R D E R

On this the ____ day of February, A.D., 1969, the fore - going Motion to Require the District Attorney General and prosecuting attorneys to prepare and present proposed stipulations as to the testimony of witnesses residing beyond Shelby County, Tennennee, was presented to and considered by the Court, and the Court having considered the same, and believing the administration of justice would be facilitated and the trial expedited by such stipulations, as proposed by the Defendant and his counsel, it is, accordingly:

GRANTED as more particularly appears by an order to that effect this day entered herein

OVERRULED and REFUSED, to which action of the Court in overruling and refusing to grant said motion the Defendant then and there in open court excepted, and said motion, together with this order thereon and Defendants exception to the action of the Court in overruling and refusing said motion are here-now ordered filed as a part of the record of this case.

W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

DIVISION III

STATE OF TENNESSEE	)	
Vs.	)	NOS. 16645 and 16819
JAMES EARL RAY	)	

MOTION TO DESIGNATE COURT REPORTERS AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR COMPENSATION BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE

TO SAID HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, James Earl Ray, Defendant in the above styled and numbered causes and files this Motion to Designate Court Reporters and to enter an order that will provide for the payment of their fees by the State of Tennessee; and, in support of said motion would respectfully show the Court as follows, to-wit:

I.

Said Defendant has heretofore testified in open court to the fact that he is an indigent person and has been so adjudicated by this Court; and, pursuant to said finding this Court has appointed the Public Defender of Shelby County to act as counsel for said Defendant. Co-counsel, Percy Foreman, admitted for the purpose of appearing in the above cases has received no fee and does not contemplate that he will receive any such fee.for his appearance herein.

II.

This motion is filed pursuant to the provisions of the Tennessee Code of Criminal Procedure, Articles 40-2029 through 40-2043, inclusive, the same being Chapter 221 of the Sessions Laws of the Legislature of the State of Tennessee, Acts of 1965, which give the Court the power and authority to grant all of the relief herein prayed for, and, in the opinion of the attorneys for this Defendant, make the granting of such relief mandatory.

III.

Defendant says that Shelby County, Tennessee is a prin

of approximately 1,000,000 or more inhabitants and having within its territorial area at lease several dozen eminently qualified Court Reporters, including but not limited to more than two dozen such who are available for appointment by this Court as Reporter and Auxiliary Reporter to act as such in the above styled cases and as herein prayed for.

Therefore, Shelby County, Tennessee does not come within the provisions of Article 40-2042 of the Tennessee Code of Criminal procedure which article authorizes the use of 'recording equipment' in lieu of a qualified Court Reporter in remote counties where no qualified Court Reporter is available to record the proceedings. Shelby County has an abundance of such qualified reporters, and due proc ess of law provided by the Constitutions of the State of Tennessee and of the United States of America justify and require the appointment of such qualified reporter to record the proceedings in the above styled cases against this Defendant.

IV.

However, the general practice prevailing for the recording of proceedings in the trials of felony criminal cases in Shelby County, Tennessee, and which will prevail in this case in the event of the overruling of this motion, is to have such proceedings 'recorded' on a mechanical dictating machine by a deputy clerk of the Court, which the Statutes of the State of Tennessee authorizes only in Counties in which a judge can truthfully certify 'that no qualified court reporter is available to record the proc eedings'.

Defendant says that the purported recording of the proceedings by such mechanical device is inadequate, inaccurate, haphazard, and completely unreliable. That Defendant is charged in one of the above cases with m urder with malice aforethought for which one of the alternate punishments is Death. That he has the Constitutional right of appeal in the event of conviction, which carries with it the right to have a truly accurate record of the proceedings below for the guidance of the appellate tribunal in reviewing his trial below, and, as above pleaded, any derogation or infringement of

that right by failing to provide a qualified court reporter would be and is a deprivation of the right of the Defendant to 'effective representation of counsel' as well as of due process of law, guaranteed under the Constitutions aforesaid of the United States of America and of the State of Tennessee.

V.

Defendant says that daily copy of the proceedings will be needed for his effective representation by counsel and that such will require alternate court reporters working in relays to prepare such copy. That it is a physical impossibility for one reporter to carry the load of taking a day's testimony and then transcribing it before the succeeding day. That this Court has the authority under 40-2032, T.C.C.P to appoint such auxiliary reporters as the exigencies of the case may require and that at least one and perhaps two such auxiliary reporters should be appointed, and their compensation as well as that of the first such reporter should be provided for and should be paid by the State of Tennessee.

VI.

This Defendant is informed and believes and upon such information alleges as a fact that various news agencies, reproducing equipment companies and other commercial enterprises, either for commercial profit of for the advertising value to be derived therefrom, have contracted and agreed to furnish numerous office personnel, agents, representatives, operators and others to duplicate, disseminate, merchandise and sell the proceedings on a daily basis to news media, writers, wire services and other curious and or interested persons, firms and corporations, as such proceedings of the trial of this case may be or become available from the mechanical recording devices that would be used should this motion be denied.

Defendant says that money changers in the temple of justice are not contemplated by the spirit or letter of the law of Tennessee. That such a course of commercializing the dissemination of the proceedings of this Honorable Court would

subject this Court to the impossible task of supervision with legally unauthorized employees of the various letter services, duplicating machine people, transcribers, recorders, out of the presence of the Court and beyond the Court's control, all in violation of the spirit and the letter of the law as laid down in articles 40-2029 through 40-2043, aforesaid, and especially of article 40-2038 which provides:

> "The reporters shall be subject to the supervision of the appointing judge in the performance of their duties, INCLUDING DEALINGS WITH THE PARTIES REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS **********" (emphasis added).

And, in this connection, Defendant is informed and believes that the expressed demand for copies of said daily transcript is so widely based that a proper control by the Court and the limitation of the right to produce and sell such daily copy to the court appointed court reporter and auxiliary reporters can make daily copy available at little or not additional expense to the State of Tennessee. At least, that such can be available as daily copy within the cost of what would be the normal cost of such daily proceedings if produced in due time and not as daily copy rates.

VII.

This Defendant says that he is without funds with which to engage, employ and compensate such duly appointed reporter and such auxiliary reporters hereinabove requested.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Defendant prays the Court to nominate and appoint a qualified Court Reporter and such auxiliary court reporters as may to the Court seem necessary and to enter an order providing for their compensation by the State of Tennessee, as provided by law, and, also, that the Court enter an order providing that such duly appointed court reporters and auxiliary court reporters, as a unit, and they only shall have the right to sell and or offer for sale transcripts of the daily proceedings, and that no copies of such proceedings shall be duplicated and circulated by any original purchaser of such a copy of a transcript of any daily proceedings by any person, firm or corporation or agent thereof, except such [illegible] court

reporters, without permission to duplicate said original transcript of daily proceedings having been applied for in writing to this Court and without a hearing having been had on such application to duplicate and without an order first having been entered of record by the Court so permitting such duplication, and for such other and further orders with reference to the reporting, duplicating and dissemination of such prodeedings as the court my deem firt, suitable and proper, as said Defendant, in duty bound, will ever pray.

James Earl Ray

JAMES EARL RAY, Defendant

STATE OF TENNESSEE |

COUNTY OF SHELBY |

SUBSCRIBED AND swworn to before me the undersigned Notary Public in and for Shelby County, Tennessee, by JAMES EARL RAY, known to me, this _____ day of February, A. D., 1969.

Notary Public in and for
Shelby County, Tennessee.

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Hugh Stanton, Sr.

Hugh Stanton, Jr.,

PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
SHELBY CO., TENNESSEE.

Percy Foreman, Attorney at Law

Of counsel.

O R D E R

On this the _____ day of February, A.D., 1969, was duly presented the foregoing Defendant's Motion to nominate and appoint qualified reporters and auxiliary court reporters and to fix their compensation and provide their payment by the State of Tenneessee and to enter an order controlling the sale, dissemination, cirulation and reproducing of daily copy of the Court proceedings and forbidding same by any one other than the duly appointed Court Reporters and duly appointed auxiliary reporters, as a unit, and said motion was duly considered by the Court, and the Court being of the opinion that same should be granted, it is, accordingly:

GRANTED in all things as more particularly appears by an order this day entered herein.

OVERRULED and DENIED, to which action of the Court in overruling said motion the Defendant then and there in open Court excepted, and said motion, together with this ruling thereon and Defendant's exception thereto is here now ordered filed as a part of the record of this case.

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W. PRESTON BATTLE, Judge